

DeKalb County Airport



Indiana's Airport of the Year

DeKalb County Board of Aviation

As mentioned in the last PropWash, the Wildlife/Security Fence Project is well underway with the completion anticipated by mid-December. You will notice newly installed card reader/keypads, new gate operators and the large gate controller boxes as we near completion. You will be asked to fill out a Gate Card Application, provide a copy of your drivers license, and visit the Airport Manager's office to get your picture taken. We will then issue a card/ID and you will be asked to choose a four digit code. This card/code combination will be unique to you and the system will log and track when and where you have accessed. You will not be able to access the airside of the Airport once the new system is in place until you get your new card/code. We will begin issuing cards on December 10, 2008 at 12:00 noon and from that point forward. I will also be on the Airport Saturday, December 13 from 9-5 issuing cards and will accept walk-ins anytime. I would encourage you to call (260-927-8876 or 260-226-1158) prior to arrival after December 13 to ensure that I am onsite and able to process your application. If there are major snow events on or between December 10 and the 13th I will be unavailable and forced to reschedule. We will attempt to be as flexible as possible relative to how, when and who receives this first batch of free cards. We absolutely do not want to create a hardship or any impediment to users that have a legitimate need for access. However, we absolutely do intend to make access as difficult as possible for those that otherwise should not be granted access. The application is available through the Airport Manager (260-927-8876 or 260-226-1158) or through Century Aviation (260-927-1845).

We recognize that change is sometimes difficult and this system may seem overly burdensome right now. We chose this route due to uncertainty in possible future general aviation security mandates, or recommendations, by the Transportation Security Administration, and most importantly, we secured grants that are paying all but 2.5% of the entire project. If mandates are put in place, this type of grant funding will be much more difficult to secure due to the competitive nature of the grant process so we are well ahead of the curve. In addition, due to recent advances in wireless networking and electronics in general, the system we are installing is much less expensive and easier to install than wired systems that are potentially less capable.



Century Aviation

Customer Appreciation Days



Please stop by our Holiday Open House anytime December 22nd and 23rd 7 a.m.—7 p.m. and the 24th 7 a.m.—3 p.m. Century staff will be serving food and drink all three days, and from our family to yours, wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!

PropWash

In The News...

Hoosier Air Museum News: The Hoosier Air Museum can be reached at [260-927-0443](tel:260-927-0443)

- ⇒ The museum is staffed **Monday thru Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Sunday 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. Please stop by and say howdy.
- ⇒ **Membership Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm**. Featuring a guest speaker. **Meetings are always open to the public**. Visitors welcome.

⇒ **General News:**

Since the end of September the Hoosier Warbirds and the Hoosier Air Museum have had some very interesting programs and activities. October's meeting featured Fritz Bush recounting his experiences as an F-89 fighter pilot, discussing the performance and uses of that airplane during the 1950's. The mini-helicopter was featured in the Free Fall Fair parade. Parade watchers received candy from George and Carolyn Mihavics and brochures from Jeff Bassett. Our third Texas Hold'Em Tournament was held November 1st with dedicated players competing for first prize. The 2009 tournaments are scheduled for January 10th, February 14th, March 14th and April 11th. Russ Couchman, our November speaker, led a very interesting discussion about the past, present and future of the DeKalb County Airport. We hosted a visit from a number of people sponsored by the Life Bridge Church of Fort Wayne who included us in their celebration of "Heroes, Past and Present." EAA Chapter 2 from Smith Field met in the Banquet Hall with ex-B17 pilots giving presentations of their WW II experiences. Dick Dodge, Larry Stone, George Mihavics and Phyllis Warner participated in the Military Appreciation event held recently in the Memorial Coliseum in late October. Two new names will be added to the "Indiana Plaque" in the Terminal Building honoring those who have given \$100.00 or more as a gift to the Museum. And finally, our **Annual Christmas Party** will be held on December 8th. **PLEASE JOIN US!!!** Dutch Heritage will cater the event at \$15.00 per person. Each person is bringing non-perishable items that will go to boost the diminishing supplies at the food bank. Reservation with Phyllis Warner at 260-486-4103.

VAA Chapter 37 News: VAA Chapter 37 can be reached at [260-437-7702](tel:260-437-7702)

- ⇒ For further information on Chapter 37 to include upcoming events and meetings please visit <http://www.vaa37.org/>

Century Aviation News: Century Aviation can be reached at [260-927-1845](tel:260-927-1845)



Century has had two more solo's, **Mr. Chat Wright**, November 11, 2008 (on the left), and **Mr. Jeff Fuze**, November 4, 2008 (on the right). Congratulations to both of you and we all wish you many safe and fun-filled hours of flight.



Special points of interest: The BOAC meets every third Friday at 1:00 PM. The next meeting however will be December 5, 2008. To obtain a copy of the last BOAC meeting minutes email your request to: rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us or visit <http://www.dekalbcountyairport.com/>

Please send us your ideas of things you would like to see in the newsletter. Any newsletter suggestions or comments can be sent via email to: rcouchman@co-dekalb-in.us or faxed to 260-927-8876. If you are a DeKalb County Airport Tenant, you may also send your ideas for articles in with your next payment. We thank you in advance for your articles and ideas.