

DeKalb County Airport

Indiana's Airport of the Year

DeKalb County Board of Aviation

Airport Minimum Standards and Rules and Regs Update



The DeKalb County Board of aviation Commissioners will soon be updating the Airport's Primary Guiding Documents, the Minimum Standards and the Rules and Regulations. The Airport has changed slightly over the years since these documents were created and we need to ensure that we are reflecting the current business environment and latest, most prudent methods and models of doing business on Airports such as ours. We will contract with a consultant to help us in this endeavor.

The Minimum Standards direct the activities of business on the Airport. The document mandates such things as minimum leased space requirements, minimum equipment, authorized activities and attempts to create a fair and level playing field for all proprietors that have or wish to make an investment at the Airport.

For instance, Victory Aviation has a maintenance department that employs several individuals, has made a substantial investment in equipment and is making every effort to follow all of the Minimum Standards such as minimum staffing, total space leased, insurance and hours of operations. As such, aircraft owners should feel confident in the ability of Victory's maintenance department because they have shown that they are committed to doing business on our Airport and that they are capable of following the rules of the Airport. However, without minimum standards, an individual with no insurance, no commitment to quality or our Airport and possibly very little skill could come onto the Airport, work out of the trunk of his car and dramatically undercut Victory who is attempting to do everything right. This scenario is very bad for an Airport such as ours and it potentially puts us all at risk. This is why Minimum Standards are absolutely critical.

The Rules and Regulations detail the set of rules that everyone who uses the Airport must adhere to. It defines such things as insurance requirements for based aircraft, pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic rules, signage, owner maintenance and the list goes on.

These documents are codified as County Ordinances and are therefore enforceable just as any other ordinance might be. Both of these documents are available on our website, www.dekalbcountyairport.com in Adobe Acrobat format. They can be found near the bottom and to the left side of the page.

Prior to beginning the official redraft we would like to hear from you if you have suggestions regarding either of these two documents. We will discuss all suggestions amongst the BOAC and take them to our consultant but we cannot absolutely guarantee that all suggestions will make it to the final draft. Nonetheless, as an Airport user, I'm sure you have things that you would like to see changed and this is a great opportunity to do so. Please use any method of contacting us you are comfortable with. All of my contact information is below and on the opposite side of the newsletter you will find Brad Stump's e-mail address as well.

We will publish our first drafts on the webpage and advertise/schedule a public meeting in order to further discuss the changes we feel are appropriate to these documents with all of you. Thank you and I look forward to your comments.

Very truly,

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In The News...

Is SATS Coming to GWB?

The DeKalb County Board of Aviation Commissioners have been talking with an operator that has purchased one of the first Eclipse 500's to come off the assembly line. They are looking very carefully at DeKalb County Airport as a potential base for this aircraft. There is still a lot of debate of just how this new breed of jet will effect our industry but

Eclipse states that, "The goal of Eclipse is to bring the word "personal" into aviation, making it possible for commercial air passengers to move directly between cities on a quick, affordable and convenient basis". If they are successful in their vision, this would clearly change the way we think of small airports such as ours and possibly make traveling a lot more convenient and cost effective. We will keep you posted...



Events

Victory Aviation is organizing a Poker Run on Saturday June 10th, 2006 at 8:00 am (rain date Sunday June 11th). Should you be interested please stop by and sign up in the Terminal Lobby or call Victory at 260-927-4040.

The DeKalb County Board of Aviation Commissioners (BOAC) would like to hear your comments, good or bad, regarding the performance of the Airport in general, as well as how well you feel Airport Management and the FBO are performing and thereby meeting your expectations and needs. The BOAC is dedicated to improving the Airport however and wherever possible. Please feel free to e-mail Airport Manager Russ Couchman at rcouchman@co.dekalb.in.us or BOAC Treasurer Brad Stump at BStump@ci.auburn.in.us or you can fax your comments to our FAX number of 260-927-8876. There is also a comment box that is always available in the lobby of the Airport Terminal and you are always welcome at our monthly public meetings as noted below.

Very truly,
The DeKalb County BOAC

Special points of interest: The BOAC meets every third Friday at 12:30 PM. The next meeting however will be June 16,

2006. 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.