

DeKalb County Airport

Indiana's Airport of the Year

DeKalb County Board of Aviation

AAI Launches Website

Please visit the new Aviation Association of Indiana (AAI) website. The site is still under construction and design so check back often for updated content. Should you have any comments or suggestions please let us know and we will most certainly pass this information on to AAI. You will find them at www.aviationindiana.org.



Snow Season Comes To An End

As most of you know DeKalb County Airport added some very substantial equipment to their snow removal arsenal this year. This was primarily due to the ILS and our requirement to be more responsive in snow removal operations. If we had continued with a contractor we could have conceivably spent 2-3 times what we had in the past and this would have come directly out of the Airport's annual operating budget. As comparisons go, in the 2004-2005 snow season prior to the ILS being active we spent over \$10,000 directly out of the Airport's operating budget. In the 2005-2006 season we spent around \$3000 to include additional fuel and labor and we were able to clear even the smallest snow before it turned into hard pack or ice. Bottom line... rather than spending 3x more, we cut costs by 1/3.

A little levity...

Overheard while being vectored to the ILS 10 at KMSY the other day:

Approach: Jet 123, maintain 9,000.

Jet 123: Um, ok, we're gonna go through it.

Approach: That's ok, climb and maintain 10,000.

Jet 123: Uh, we're on our way back down to 9,000, now.

Approach: Well, 10 is available, you're welcome to climb and maintain 10,000.

Jet 123: Why are you doing this to us?

Approach: Well, I'm trying to separate you from traffic behind you, if that's OK.

Jet 123: That's fine, but we just zero-g'd an aircraft with a US Senator aboard. We'd rather not squash him, now.

[pause]

Approach: If I'd known that, I'd have sent you back down to 5,000 first.

PropWash In The News...

EAA's VAA Chapter 37 soon to be housed in A-Hangar at GWB

The Experimental Aviation Association, Vintage Aircraft Association Chapter 37 is in negotiations with the DeKalb County Board of Aviation Commissioners (BOAC) to lease the 5000 square foot A-Hangar recently vacated by Victory Aviation. The Airport is currently acquiring bids in an effort to determine costs associated with rehabilitating the exterior and several other issues to make the hangar more habitable. The VAA Chapter 37 has stated that they are looking forward to completing negotiations and occupying the facility. They plan on offering several events and other services in an effort to promote their organization and the Airport within the community. The BOAC feels as though the Airport and the VAA 37 will compliment each other and together will be able to further promote aviation interest and awareness within the local area. The VAA 37 meets every 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Airport Terminal.

Events

Victory Aviation is hosting an FAA Wings Program on Saturday May 13, 2006 at 10:00am.

Victory is also organizing a Poker Run on Saturday June 10th, 2006 at 8:00 am (rain date Sunday June 11th). Should you be interested in either event 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 will be April 21, 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.