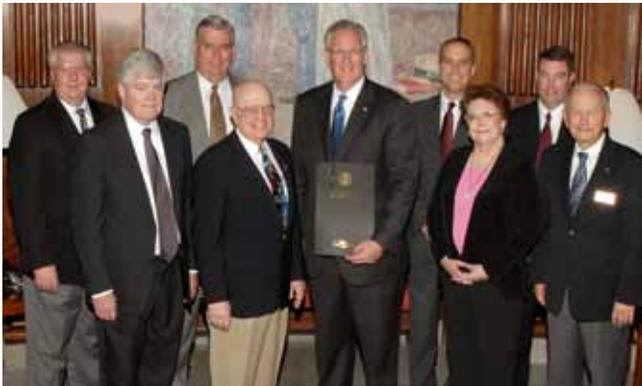




Governor Nixon Declares March General Aviation Appreciation Month

Members from the Alliance for Aviation Across America, the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the Missouri Pilots Association, the Missouri Aviation Advisory Committee, the Missouri Airport Managers' Association, the Missouri State Aviation Council and the Missouri Department of Transportation – Aviation Section were on hand when Governor Jay Nixon declared March General Aviation Appreciation Month.



Left to right - Steve Stockam, Chairman State Aviation Advisory Committee; Bob Quinn, NBAA; John Evans, Vice President Missouri Airport Managers Association; Jim Morris, President, Missouri Pilots Association; Governor Jay Nixon; Joe Pestka, Missouri Department of Transportation; Carolyn Morris, State Aviation Advisory Committee; Corey Leuwake, Chairman, Missouri State Aviation Council; Bill Blake, AOPA

Selena Shilad, Executive Director of the Alliance for Aviation Across America (AAAA), stated "We welcome the news of Governor Nixon's proclamation highlighting the importance of general aviation to Missouri and thank the Missouri Pilots' Association (MPA) for its dedication to promoting general aviation. General aviation is a critical lifeline for businesses, law enforcement, charities, medical organizations and farmers across Missouri and the United States."

"Throughout Missouri and across the United States, business aviation is vital in supporting jobs and our economy, allowing business to reach their customer base and transporting essential services to communities in need," stated Ed Bolen, president and CEO of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA). "General aviation provides 1.2 million jobs and \$150 billion in economic impact here in the United States. We thank the governor for raising awareness about the impact of this industry and other issues that are important to business aviation."

James K. Coyne, president and CEO of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA), stated "General aviation's contribution to the State of Missouri and its economy is significant. This recognition of general aviation's contribution is a tremendous step forward in letting aviation businesses voice be heard."

"We thank Governor Jay Nixon for the opportunity to spotlight the economic and operational benefits of helicopters and general aviation to communities in Missouri. The unique capabilities of helicopters provide fast lifesaving services to the people of Missouri and make possible many other missions conducted on behalf of its citizens and economy," added Matthew Zuccaro, president of Helicopter Association International (HAI).

"As an aviation business headquartered in the state of Missouri, I am pleased to see Governor Jay Nixon recognize the economic impact of aviation in our state by signing this proclamation today," said Paula Derks, president of the Aircraft Electronics Association, an international trade organization located in Lee's Summit. "In Missouri, nearly 16,000 highly-skilled workers are employed by aviation-related entities, contributing nearly \$2.5 billion of economic impact to the state."

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"Safety" is the Word

If "location" is the word in the real estate industry, then "safety" must be the word in aviation. The National Transportation Safety Board reported that passenger airlines in the United States did not have a fatality in 2010. This was the third time in the past four years

where there were no deaths related to commercial passenger airlines. This is a remarkable statistic – a proud accomplishment for the aviation industry.

Keeping with the safety theme as we embark on another busy construction season for airports across the state, it is imperative that airport operators publish timely and accurate NOTAMS if an airport will be temporarily closed due to construction. Also, it is critically important to issue NOTAMS if an airport is closed due to bad weather such as a significant snowfall, flooding or storm event. The FAA publishes an Advisory Circular 150/5200-28D Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) for Airport Operators that provides good guidance on using the NOTAM system for airport condition reporting.

CIP Updates

For the airports that participate in the Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) or the State Aviation Trust Fund Program, it is important that you keep your Airport Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) updated and current. This information is kept electronically in a MoDOT - Aviation Section software program. If you have questions accessing your CIP, contact the MoDOT office for assistance.

Glen Stratman

I'd like to send out a big thank you and congratulations to Glen Stratman. Glen retired March 31, 2011, after working approximately 16 years in the Aviation Section and 27 years with MoDOT. Glen worked with most of the airport sponsors across the state at one time or another and was a very good airport project manager. Thanks, Glen, for all the hard work and dedicated years of service!



Glen and Jane Stratman

New Arrivals

I'd like to welcome and congratulate Mark Anderson and Elizabeth Duvall. Mark recently took over as the new aviation operations manager for the Aviation Section, and Elizabeth transferred from the MoDOT Central District Office to become an airport project manager. Welcome and congratulations, Mark and Elizabeth!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Decker".

Bales Receives National Award

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) annually recognizes individuals, offices and organizations demonstrating excellence in their field and the highest level of customer service. NATA's Industry Excellence Awards are given to exceptional individuals and organizations that have helped improve the general aviation community.

John Bales, airport director of Spirit of St. Louis Airport, is this year's recipient of the NATA Airport Executive Partnership Award, which is sponsored by Airport Business Magazine.

The Airport Executive Partnership Award recognizes an airport manager for his or her outstanding efforts to foster relationships between aviation businesses and airport operators. Recipients of the award must illustrate leadership in the "partnership" between airport operators and airport tenants. John has been the airport director at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport



since 2008. He has done an exemplary job of maintaining a customer service mentality, and at the same time promoting responsible growth and development of the airport.

John takes a partnership stance with regard to all airport tenant business dealings, and he is always willing to help with any problem. He

has successfully lobbied for state and federal funding for key infrastructure projects and also successfully introduced a Missouri House of Representatives bill establishing tax incentives to help promote aircraft maintenance operations in Missouri.

Congratulations, John!

Hannibal Regional Airport Hosts Groundbreaking Ceremony

Aviation Programs Manager David Burle and Airport Project Technician Millicent Parker joined participants in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new terminal building at the Hannibal Regional Airport. Dignitaries attending the April 27, 2011, ceremony included Hannibal Mayor Roy Hark; George Walley, Northeast Missouri Economic Development Council and Airport Commission Member; Tom Boland, Northeast Missouri Economic Development Council; Martin Meyer of Architechnics, Inc.; Airport Commission Members John Grossmeier and John Ortwerth; City Manager

Jeff LeGarce; Bob Stevenson, Hannibal Board of Public Works; and Mike Barron, FBO manager.

The new 2,560 square foot aviation terminal building will feature a public waiting and lounge area, public restrooms, flight planning area and a pilots' lounge. The new terminal building will include office areas for management and flight instructors. The building will be supported by a new entrance road and parking lot for automobiles. Construction of the building, parking lot and entrance road will cost approximately \$680,000.00.



Hannibal Regional Airport groundbreaking ceremony April 27, 2011

Midwest National Air Center

As far as airports go, the Midwest National Air Center, formally the Clay County Regional Airport, is still in its infancy. But, be prepared! This baby is quickly growing and on the move. Originally, the impetus for creating the airport was to have it serve as a GA reliever for the Kansas City International Airport and as the primary GA airport in the Northeast quadrant of the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Originally, the airport was named the Clay County Regional Airport and was equipped with a 4,000' X 75' asphalt runway. In 2003, in an effort to accommodate new businesses to the area and to accommodate larger turbine aircraft, the runway was expanded to 5,504' X 100'. Then, in 2006, things really began to come together. During this year, the airport received some much-needed funds for the installation of an ILS/DME approach system, and the airport changed its fuel sales strategies.

A lack of local demand for aviation fuel led the airport to look at capitalizing on the airport's other strengths. These included a long runway, an ILS approach, proximity to a large metro area, uncongested airspace and the location in the center of the country, making it a great fuel stop for turbine aircraft. The strategy was to lower the airport's mark-up on Jet-A, and then make up the difference in the volume of gallons sold. How-

ever, the airport quickly discovered a real problem. "Flight departments won't fly into a new unfamiliar airport if they think that there is even the slightest chance of getting poor service. No pilot wants to look bad in front of their passengers, who might also happen to be the CEO of their company," Colin McKee, the airport director states.

"Changing our name was just one of many steps that we took to convey to our customers that they would receive top-notch service at our airport", McKee adds.

Along with the new name change and a long list of other modifications, the Midwest National Air Center can now boast that the last five-year (2006 to 2010) Jet-A fuel sales average has out sold the previous five-year (2001 to 2005) average by 1,322 percent. It can also now call itself home to four jets, two turboprops and a maintenance-base for Executive Air Shares, which is a fractional aircraft company that specializes in the Embraer Phenom 100 and 300 aircraft.

"There is no doubt in my mind that these aircraft wouldn't have based here if it weren't for our fuel prices," McKee states.

When asked if he thought all of the changes were worth all of the difficult growing pains, McKee states: "It's been a real challenge to get here, but there is no

doubt in my mind that it was worth it." He also adds "We couldn't have gotten to this point without the tremendous amount of help from our Airport Advisory Board and the open mindedness of the county commissioners and administrator. It has been a pleasure to work with these individuals, and I feel very fortunate to be able to work here."

For more information about the Midwest National Air Center, contact Airport Director, Colin McKee, A.A.E, IACE, at 816-407-3390.



Missouri's Airport Pavement Management System Getting an Update

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is updating the state's airport pavement management system (APMS). Last updated in 2006, the APMS provides the airports, state and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the pavement information and analytical tools needed to help identify



pavement needs, optimize the selection of projects and treatments over a multi-year period and evaluate the long-term impacts of their project priorities.

Additionally, the project provides individual airports with a majority of the information needed to remain in compliance with Public Law 103-305 and Grant Assurance #11 regarding pavement maintenance management.

To complete the project, MoDOT has hired the consulting firm Applied Pavement Technology, Inc. (APTech). APTech will be assisted by Lochner-BWR

Divison and Gertis, Lester, Dameron and Associates, Inc.

In the spring and summer, APTech crews will conduct field inspections of the project airports to collect current pavement condition data using the pavement condition index (PCI) procedure. APTech crews are experienced with these types of inspections and will make sure not to disrupt normal activity at the airports.

In addition to visual inspections using PCI procedures, APTech will complete structural evaluations of runway pavements on more than a dozen runways using a falling weight deflectometer (FWD). FWD data will be used to determine the structural capacity of these pavements and report the pavement classification number (PCN).

When combined with pavement inventory and geometry information, pavement condition and strength data form the foundation for subsequent pavement analysis and planning activities. It is anticipated that the current APMS update will be completed by the end of this year.

For more information, contact Joe Pestka with MoDOT at Joseph.Pestka@modot.mo.gov or Margaret (Maggie) Covalt with APTech at mcovalt@appliedpavement.com.

Three Missouri Airports Receive Small Community Air Service Grant

A \$210,000 federal grant awarded to the Missouri Department of Transportation will help air service marketing efforts take off at three Missouri regional airports.

The money will be split between the Columbia, Joplin and Waynesville regional airports for marketing campaigns and outreach to travel agents in an effort to build greater awareness of the services offered at each airport and, as a result, increase passenger numbers. The promotions will occur over the next 12-18 months.

The grant is one of 19 awarded nationwide under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Small Community Air Service Development Program. This program began in 2002 and provides money toward grant projects for small community airports that provide air service. This is the fifth year Missouri airports have received funds from this program.

State Aviation Advisory Committee Member Spotlight

We are featuring Mark VanLoh in this issue of the ShowMe Flyer. Mark is one of fourteen members currently serving on the State's Aviation Advisory Committee.

As director of aviation for the Kansas City Aviation Department, Mark oversees all aspects of the management, development, operation and maintenance of Kansas City International Airport and Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport. Mark is responsible for more than 500 employees and annual revenues over \$100 million.

Prior to his tenure in Kansas City, Mark served with the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority where he had been president and chief executive officer since 2001. Before his position in Chattanooga, Mark was commissioner of airports for Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1998 to 2001. Before taking the top position in Cleveland, Mark served as the director of airports for the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority in Toledo, Ohio, and the director of aviation for the Greater Rockford Airport Authority in Rockford, Illinois.



Along with experience at a number of commercial service airports, Mark also has experience and a great working knowledge of general aviation airports. Under his leadership and the direction of Airport Manager Mike Roper, Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport recently com-

pleted \$70 million worth of capital improvements.

The program began in 2005 and included a \$28 million project to resurface both airport runways and add EMAS to the runway safety areas, a \$20 million hangar project, \$17 million for runway safety area improvements and \$1 million for a new general aviation terminal.

The hangar project removed 40 old T-hangars and replaced them with 96 new units, including 12 box hangars with radiant floor heating. This project included 20 acres of support pavement, an "avgas" self-fueling station and an aircraft wash structure. The general aviation terminal provides amenities for pilot flight planning, showers, office and lounging. This new development provides an attractive facility with added aircraft storage capacity and services.



State Aviation Day



Over 400 people participated in State Aviation Day held at the State Capital in Jefferson City on March 29, 2011.

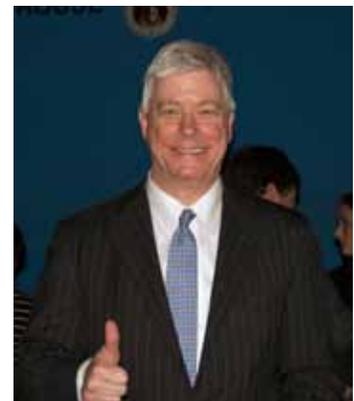
Lee's Summit and MoDOT representatives discuss aviation issues.



Jim and Carolyn Morris with State Representative Michael Brown

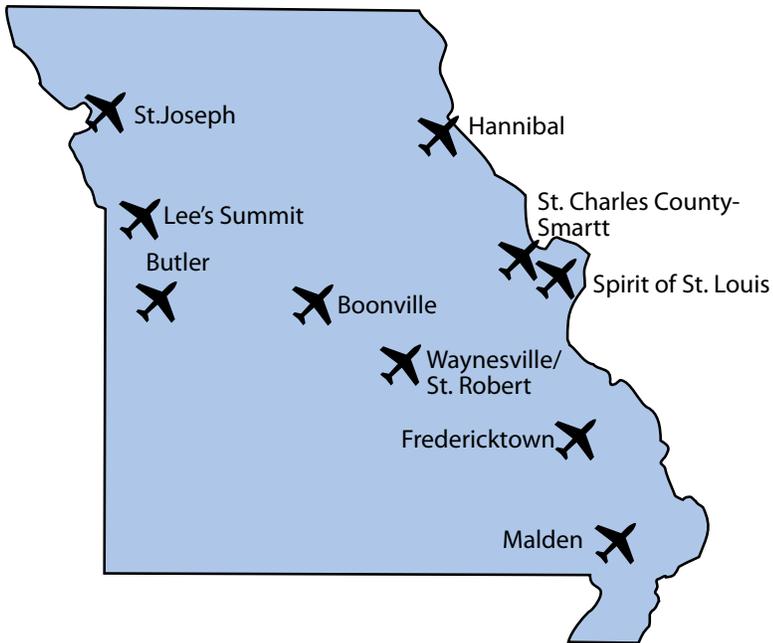


Participants gather for a photo during State Aviation Day.



Lt. Governor Peter Kinder gives the thumbs-up to State Aviation Day.

Projects Under Construction



Boonville

Construct taxiways

Butler

Pavement maintenance

Fredericktown

Terminal building

Hannibal

Terminal building

Lee's Summit

Airfield pavement maintenance

Malden

Runway and apron pavement maintenance

St. Charles County – Smartt

Construct taxiways and hangar

St. Joseph

Taxiway Alpha rehabilitation

Spirit of St. Louis

Ground Run-up Enclosure

Spirit of St. Louis

Localizer relocation

Waynesville/St. Robert

Terminal building



St. Joseph - Taxiway Alpha rehabilitation

Projects In Design



Bolivar

Airfield pavement maintenance

Brookfield/Marceline

AWOS

Cameron

Terminal area expansion

Chillicothe

Land acquisition

Clinton

New runway

Clay County

AWOS

Cuba

Land acquisition

Lamar

New runway

Lee's Summit

Runway extension

Lewis County

Land acquisition

Maryville

Fuel system

Macon

Runway extension

Nevada

Apron rehabilitation

Perryville

RSA grading

Poplar Bluff

Rehabilitate apron

Sedalia

Runway rehabilitation

Sikeston

Relocate parallel taxiway and rehabilitate runway edge lighting

Trenton

RSA grading, entrance road

Warsaw

Runway extension

West Plains

Terminal building

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