



The Fort Worth Aviator

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U.S. AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS TO HIGHLIGHT 2008 FORT WORTH ALLIANCE AIR SHOW

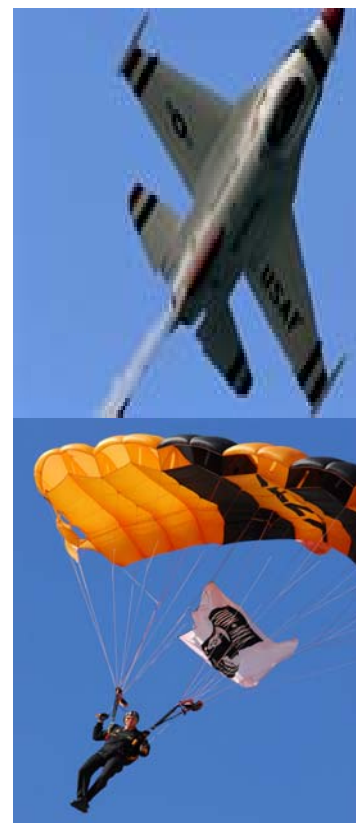
The 2008 Fort Worth Alliance Air Show presented by Breitling, featuring this year's only North Texas performance by a major U.S. military jet team, will be held on October 11-12, 2008. Highlighted by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

This year's performers also include the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Gene Soucy with wing walker Teresa Stokes, Manfred Radius's unique glider aerobatics, and the Shockwave Jet Truck. "The free admission,

children's activities and the exciting performances, highlighted by the Thunderbirds, make the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show a tremendous community event, particularly for families," said Tim Ward, president of Alliance Air Productions.

For a list of performers, parking information, exhibit and sponsorship rates, visit www.AllianceAirShow.com

Alliance Airport is managed by Alliance Aviation Services, a subsidiary of Hillwood, the developer of Alliance Texas.



WELCOME NEW ACTING MEACHAM AIRPORT MANAGER

"I want tenants to be proud of doing business at Meacham Airport"

Mark Folden joined the City in the Economic and Community Development Department in April of 2007. Prior to joining the City of Fort Worth, Mark held positions as Director of Research and Director of Business Development for the Economic Development Division of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. While in Arlington,

Mark served on the Planning Advisory Committee for the master plan update for Arlington Municipal Airport.

Mark holds Masters degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington (Business Administration Operations Management) and the University of Southern Mississippi (Economic Development). He holds a Bachelor's

Degree from the University of North Dakota (Geography).

Mark is a native of North Dakota, growing up on a farm near Minot Air Force Base within sight of B52's flying overhead. His wife Tricia is a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana and is a staff attorney with the Texas 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Kent Penney
Airport Systems
Director

First, let me welcome you to the inaugural issue of the Fort Worth Aviation Newsletter. We want this publication to be very informative to all of our customers at the City of Fort Worth airports. Let me take the opportunity with this first issue to let you know who I am and what I am focused on as your Airport Systems Director.

I grew up in the Metroplex in Richardson, Texas and attended college at Baylor University for a bachelor's degree and the University of North Texas for my masters. When I was in school I focused on training to get into city management and followed that career path with my first job. I worked as an Administrative Assistant for the City of Alliance, Nebraska where my city manager assigned the airport as one of my duties. I grew so attracted to the 'airport business' that I followed an aviation career path. After serving as Airport Manager for the Alliance Municipal Airport, I worked as the Airport Manager for the North Platte Regional Airport, Nebraska, and then as Director of the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. After fifteen years in Nebraska, I served a few years as Airport Director for the Fort Smith Regional Airport, Arkansas prior to coming to Fort Worth as the Airport Systems Director.

Now that I have given you the list of where I have been for the past 20 years, what does this mean to you? It means I understand how both airports and local government work and will put that to use in overseeing the airfields. I have led two master plans and one state system plan and thoroughly enjoy helping layout an airport in such a way that all aviation users can benefit. My background helps me to work with partner departments and others to simplify and streamline bureaucracy. I also make the most of every opportunity to tell the stories of what aviation does. Aviation is one component of the economy that is often misunderstood but one that cannot be taken for granted. I will be an advocate on behalf of the City's Airports as well as on our Customers' behalf.

This publication will be sent on a quarterly basis and is intended to share information with all our airport's customers. Please help us with content such as upcoming events, new people to your business, or anything else to help us better share information. You may forward ideas to me at kent.penney@fortworthgov.org or to our editor, Diana Lama at aviationwebmail@fortworthgov.org.

SAFE AIRPORTS START WITH PEOPLE

Safety of people and property has always been top priority. It was said many years ago of air transportation that it is not inherently dangerous but very unforgiving of mistakes. Mistakes start with decision and decisions start with people. The staff of our airports takes their safety roles seriously and this includes everyone.

There are two key groups of our airport staff who are on the front line of safety. These are the maintenance personnel and operations personnel. The maintenance staff is each day working in the airfield environment on pavement, grounds

and electrical systems. They understand that conducting the work safely and completing it in a manner that is safe for aircraft activity is their first priority.

The operations staff is the group that is relatively unknown to the casual observer. Please note, at Meacham Airport the security officers have handled the role of operations. These security officers are going to be recognized from this point forward as operations officers. They will still provide the same time coverage and security focus as a part of their operations role.

In regards to the work of operations personnel, the operations officers and supervisors are consistently dealing with a changing environment. They assure that as changes occur the airport remains safe and in regulatory compliance. These changes can be markings, lighting, aircraft incidents, construction, towers and any variety of things that occur each day. The operations staff evaluates these changes and assures the airport remains safe during and after the issue occurs.

Initial and recurrent training for maintenance and opera-

tions staff is taking place on a regular basis. Four of our staff have attended off site schools this year in San Antonio and Kansas City to focus on Airport Operations and Safety training. In addition, recurrent training has been completed for all staff and arrangements are being made to work with other airports and the Federal Aviation Administration to enhance our training of both operations and maintenance personnel. Our staff's eyes, ears, and decisions are essential to your safety and we take that responsibility seriously.

Airport Watch: A Safety Priority

Please make certain the gates remain closed after you enter or exit to prevent unauthorized persons from gaining access onto the Airport Properties. If you notice unusual activity or persons at the airports, please call the police.

MAYOR'S AVIATION MUSEUM TASK FORCE

On March 25, 2008, the Fort Worth City Council approved an agreement with Lord Cultural Resources for phase one of the development of the Aviation Museum Strategic Plan which included facilitating and conducting a one-half day strategic visioning workshop and creating a Vision and Concept Report.

Lord Cultural Resources met with the Task Force in March of 2008 to discuss their preliminary thinking about the concept for a new Aviation Museum. The

consultants presented an overview of market and financial context for museums with specific reference to aviation museums, as well as a power point presentation of trends in aviation museums to provide a framework for the discussion.

Based on the Vision and Concept Report received from the Consultants, the Task Force recommended that the City enter into a professional services

agreement for phase two and phase three of the Strategic Plan for an Aviation Museum. Phase two will include monthly meetings with the task force, thorough analysis of current aviation facilities including aviation museum collections that already exist, evaluating possible sites for a museum and plans for the operations of the museum. Phase three will consist of capital cost estimates, attendance, revenue and expense projections and a



recommended implementation for a critical path.

A final report is expected to be completed sometime in October of 2008.

MEACHAM 16/34 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Progress continues in preparation for the Runway 16/34 project at Meacham Airport.

Improvements being made to the runway include grading of the runway safety area to meet FAA standards, sealing of joints between concrete slabs, and replacement of slabs on the south end of the runway to eliminate pavement unevenness.

Other work being undertaken

includes repair to pavement in apron areas throughout the airport and the addition of 25 foot shoulders on each side of the runway.

During the Runway 16-34 closure phase the airport will be configured to use Taxiway 'A' as a VFR runway identified as Runway 15-33. Runway 16-34 will be converted to a taxiway available during the daytime and identified as Taxiway 'Z'.

The latest schedule is targeting this fall to begin work on aprons and March to April to begin work on the runway. The final schedule will depend upon the timing of the bidding process and the contractor's mobilization availability.

All work under the current scope and schedule is anticipated to be complete by July 2009.

SPINKS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UPDATE

Spinks is undergoing several private development and capital improvement projects. Final plans for the Spinks Infrastructure Project have been approved and the project is scheduled to start this fall. The project will include reconstruction of the east airport entrance road, reconstruction of three taxiways on the northeast side, an additional 75,000

square feet of parking apron on the west side, and four new taxiway guidance signs along Taxiway 'B'. The \$2.3 million project is estimated to take six months to complete once construction starts.

Currently, four private hangar projects are in various stages at the airport. Once completed, the airport will have over 100,000

square feet of additional hangar space. Several more private hangar projects are scheduled to begin this year. These projects benefit the airport by providing space for additional based aircraft and help increase airport revenue that may be used for future capital improvement projects.



COWTOWN WARBIRD ROUNDUP

The 5th Annual Cowtown Warbird Roundup was held May 30th-31st at Meacham International Airport with the theme “*Memorial Day – A Salute to Our Veterans Past, Present, and Future.*” Over 50 classic and current warbirds attended this year’s event. The annual event gave the community an opportunity to meet flight crews and inspect warbirds close up. New this year were several antique aircraft on display and a Fun Run on the airport runways and taxiways. Other activities included warbird and airplane rides, a skydiving demonstration, visits from local car clubs and motorcycle groups, briefings on various aspects of military aviation and the history of aviation in Fort Worth, and displays by non-profit groups and aviation related vendors. Our thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors that made this year’s event one of the most successful to date.



TOWER TALK SAFETY TIPS FROM DEBORAH CHAPRONIERE AT MEACHAM AIRPORT

Be sure to read back all hold short instructions, including the runway number. This applies to both aircraft and vehicles.

We currently have 2 controllers in training, and are expecting at least 2 more later this summer. This, combined with the addition of new flight school students is a perfect opportunity to increase our listening skills and our overall awareness. Please stay vigilant, and let’s all look out for each other.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I pay my rent?

City of Fort Worth Aviation Dept, Attn.: Leah Jipp
4201 N. Main St, Suite 200
Fort Worth, TX 76106

When is rent due?

Rent is due on or before the tenth of each month.

Can I pay my rent online?

Currently we do not have an online payment program.

What other forms of payment are accepted?

Rent and deposits may be paid by check, money order, cashier’s check, or a major credit card (MasterCard or Visa).

What is the fee for returned checks?

A \$25 fee will be charged for any returned check.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Aviation Advisory Board Meeting

3rd Thursday of each month 4:00 p.m.

Meacham Airport Conference Room

4201 N. Main St, Suite 200

Mayor’s Aviation Museum Task Force Meeting

August 7, 2008 8:00am to -2:30pm

Fort Worth Convention Center Room 104

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