



CAJ Quarterly

A Newsletter from your Board of Aviation Commissioners (BOAC)

The Maintenance Hangar— Look'n Good Inside and Out



Outside—

Powerwashing and repairs plus a new garage door and other recent repairs make it look like new.



Inside—

Extensive cleanup, paint and fixup create a clean and efficient workspace for aircraft maintenance.

The remaking of the maintenance hangar started as a minor repair and evolved into a major project! It looked like a simple fix of the 50-year-old wooden flooring in the office area. But a closer look showed that the floor had separated from the wall, the walls were rotting from moisture, and the ceiling was also rotting. Major repairs were in order! To replace a rotting wall, a new garage door was installed, allowing the Ranger or pickup truck to

be parked inside out of the weather. A new office was created with a large desk/counter area including Internet, phone center and filing cabinets, plus a small conference table and seating area. There's a new bathroom with shower and a renovated parts room with ample storage for tools and aircraft hardware.

This was a joint project in which both the Airport Board and Red Top Aviation provided funds, labor, materials and furnishings. Airport users will

benefit from this more useful building for years to come. Later, when a larger maintenance hangar is built, the current building could be an excellent corporate hangar with office space and a garage area. As such, it would continue to generate revenue to the airport.

The next time you're at the airport, stop by and take a peek at the interior of the maintenance hangar. It's amazing how fresh, clean and new it looks! ■



Planning Ahead for a Runway Extension

The next major project at the airport will be the design and planning for the runway extension. To prepare for this, the Board, Red Top Aviation and our aviation consultant, Ken Ross, have written an explanation letter and sample draft letter to all corporations currently utilizing our airport. We are requesting letters from the corporations that state the number of operations their aircraft

make during a yearly period and the importance of increasing the length of the runway from 4,500 feet to 5,500 feet. We are getting excellent feedback from the corporations as we move into the first phase in 2011. We are

anticipating the runway extension to occur in 2012. This extension will also include the parallel taxiway and a connecting taxiway between the runway extension and the taxiway.

Coupled with the Airport Weather Observation System (AWOS) and the new approaches GPS/WAAS, the extended runway should provide us with a fully capable landing area for all planes in instrument weather conditions. ■

Airport Minimum Standards Adopted

At the regularly scheduled May 13, 2010 Board meeting, the Minimum Standards document was adopted. This document contains the Rules and Regulations for all airport activity, Minimum Standards for Commercial Airport Activity and a Definitions section. Airports across the country have been adopting or updating their regulations, and the CFJ document was long overdue. Our Rules and Regulations adopted in 1978 had not been updated until now.

Many people were involved in this endeavor and similar documents from numerous airports were available either through the FAA, the Aviation Association of Indiana (AAI) or on line at various websites. This process of reading,

Coming Attraction: Aircraft Maintenance

As the remodeling of the maintenance hangar nears an end, the maintenance shop is getting ready to provide service. Red Top Aviation has lined up a maintenance staff and purchased a complete set of state-of-the-art tools, hardware and equipment. Rex Parker will be working as an airframe and powerplant (A&P) technician and Scott Martin and Dave Geevers will be doing inspection (IA) services. To schedule inspection (IA) services. To schedule service, contact Bill Cramer. It will be convenient to have aircraft maintenance, including annual inspections, repair and minor maintenance available on the airport.

reviewing and writing started late in the fall of 2009 and continued steadily through April of 2010, our collective timeline goal. Thanks to those people who put together the new Minimum Standards, reading and writing independently and as a group: Carl Harlan, Rex Parker, Bill Cramer, Brent Milhon, Ken Ross, David Peebles (city attorney), Paul Abbott, Ryan Booth and Myra Dunn. Thanks also to the Board members for their guidance and the myriad of people who wrote comments and suggestions after the draft was adopted.

You may view the Minimum Standards at the airport

Locks in Place

All the lock replacement is completed. Each hangar has either a new door lock or a padlock. If you haven't picked up your key, please stop by the terminal building or call Bill Cramer, 765-362-0707, to make

arrangements to get your key. Ask Bill to show you his key ring! He carries two keys: one for the terminal building and another for all of the other buildings. With the new locks, hangar repairs can be made more easily and, in an emergency, aircraft could be removed. Thanks for your patience in allowing this changeover to occur. ■

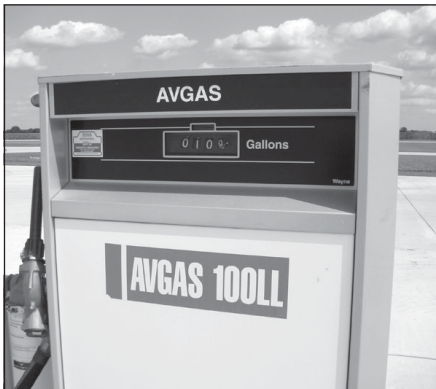
or on the City of Crawfordsville website (www.crawfordsville.net, click on Community Resources, then Airport), or you may ask Bill Cramer at the airport to make a CD for you. ■

Where's the best place to buy fuel?

Our airport is the best place to buy your fuel. Here's why:

1. Good prices. In an effort to be competitive, Red Top Aviation calls other airports and checks fuel pricing on line. They want you to enjoy being at the airport, fly your airplane and know you are getting fair pricing on your fuel.

2. You get money back. The *Wings Points* program is in place. Each time you purchase fuel you earn



at least 10 points, which may be redeemed for cash. Red Top Aviation keeps track of your fuel purchases and your points. The membership is free and enrollment is fast and easy. See Bill Cramer for details.

3. You support your airport. When you buy fuel here, a portion of the price goes to support your airport. But when you buy fuel anywhere else, your airport gets nothing. ■

Runway Rehabilitation



Runway grooving improves traction and water disbursement.

The runway overlay is now completed. The final improvements include grooving the runway for better water disbursement following a rain and improved braking for larger aircraft, repainting and marking the

runway and contouring and seeding the sides of the runway and the temporary roadway used during the reconstruction of the runway. From the air, the runway is very well marked and easy to identify. ■

WAAS Approach is Here

The RNAV (GPS) approach was commissioned at the Crawfordsville Municipal Airport on June 3, 2010. The WAAS Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV) approach is established on runway 22 and 4. If you have a GPS navigation radio with WAAS capability, you may want to try the new approach. Bill Cramer has made copies of the approach and it should soon be available on Jeppesen or NOS charts. Until we have our Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) in place at CFJ, we will be using the Putnam County (Greencastle) AWOS-3 information on 118.125 for current weather information. ■

Crop Dusting Season is Approaching

With the warmer weather in April and early planting completed, the crop dusting season may get off to an earlier start this year. Also, lots of warm weather and gentle, steady rains have promoted vigorous crop growth. We can expect the aerial application season to begin around the middle of June.

As the crop dusting season unfolds, we can expect numerous ag planes in the area. The Board

is requiring all commercial aerial application operators who expect to utilize the Crawfordsville Airport to have a prearranged contract with the Board. A letter to this effect was sent to all aerial applicators in the surrounding area. Attached to the letter were the Aerial Application Operator regulations, Pages 34 and 35, and a copy of the contract. Aerial applicators must agree to operate under the regulations for com-

mercial Aerial Application Operators as outlined in the Crawfordsville Municipal Airport Minimum Standards.

However, it is imperative that we all be vigilant as we approach the airport operations area. Monitor your radio on 122.8 and announce your intentions as you near the airport. We must collectively safeguard the interests of all who use the airport. ■

Our new facilities attract visitors

The Aviation Association of Indiana (AAI) quarterly meeting attracted more than 90 participants to our airport. This was an all-day meeting that included the topics of wind ordinances, a Purdue University report on various innovative aviation research projects, aerial application, and the process of building a new terminal at CFJ. Lunch was catered by Culver's and the day was a perfect 10—blue sky, calm breezes, low humidity and cool temperatures!

The Board of the Visitors Bureau met in the conference room for the monthly meeting. They brought box lunches and, following the meeting, they toured the terminal building and the airport.

The Board of the Business and Professional Women's Organization met at the airport. Following their meeting, the group of women was given a tour and provided information about the airport by Bill Cramer.

Local pilots met for a cookout and pitch-in feast. The weather left a little to be



Leaders of aviation in the Hoosier state are welcomed by airport board president Chuck Fiedler and Mayor Charlie Coons.

desired but the conversation was lively. Moving the gathering to Jim Sherman's hangar proved to be a great idea with protection from the wind and anticipated rainy sprinkles.

We welcome groups to use the conference room and the terminal building. Just a short drive from Crawfordsville, the airport provides a different, interesting and unique setting. ■



Pilots and friends gather for a cookout at Jim Sherman's hangar despite rainy weather.

A day doesn't go by that someone stops just to check out the airport. Either flying or driving, people are hearing about progress at the airport and checking us out. In the terminal building we offer free water, ice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Bill will even make you iced tea, if you prefer! After receiving requests, we are now offering "snacks" of candy,

A friendly airport



cookies and chips for 75¢. While in the kitchen area, check out the "CFJ Cafe" logo and food promotion pictures taken at local restaurants.

We invite you to enjoy the airport and your terminal building whenever you have the opportunity. The benches on the veranda provide an excellent view of the airport and of arriving and departing aircraft. ■