



CFJ Quarterly

A newsletter from your Board of Aviation Commissioners

Hooray for our team!

It takes teamwork to run a complex operation like our airport. And what a team we have!

Previously, we hired a company to manage our airport. They supplied the team. But we are now city managed, so we've been assembling some of the best people in this area to take on the airport responsibility. And it's a big responsibility: They have to deal with very valuable equipment, provide service to many visitors and local people, and control finances so the airport continues to generate income for the city.



We have a great team in place at our airport. In this issue, you'll meet the team members, so you'll know who's keeping the aerial door to Crawfordsville wide open. **CFJ**

Our Team

Office staff

These are the people who make that good first impression for visitors. They're the smiling, courteous folks who welcome individuals and groups. They also arrange meetings of community organizations when needed. They care for the airport grounds and oversee daily operations. They're the airport managers, doing whatever is needed to keep our busy, modern airport operating smoothly.



Flight instructors

Our instructors are ready for your first flight or advanced training. Each of our Certified Flight Instructors has thousands of hours of experience and is licensed to instruct in many of the areas of piloting, from basic beginning flight to advanced ratings like instrument and multi-engine flying. Our instructors can accommodate each student's unique schedule, flying in mornings, evenings or weekends.



Maintenance

Airplanes need to be kept in top mechanical condition, and our maintenance people are well qualified to accomplish that. Every technician on our staff is fully licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration. All are licensed pilots, which gives them a very sympathetic perspective on assuring the highest degree of safety. Pilots from other airports often bring their aircraft here to be maintained by our maintenance technicians.



Airport board and management

Our airport is overseen by a Board of Aviation Commissioners (BOAC), five individuals who serve by appointment by the Mayor of Crawfordsville. There is also an *ex officio* member, who is a member of the city council and acts as liaison to the BOAC. The board is also advised by a professional engineer as required by the FAA. Our board members are enthusiastic and active volunteers, and all of them are pilots.



CFJ is the three-letter identification code for the Crawfordsville Municipal Airport.

Office Staff



Bill Cramer is the airport manager. He has just one job responsibility: everything at the airport! He greets visitors, arranges rental cars, supervises

maintenance of airport facilities and whatever needs to be done. In winter he has stayed up all night plowing snow to keep the airport open. Bill lives in Martinsville and is surrounded by females--a wife, four daughters, two granddaughters, a female dog, and one grandson. He was airport manager for the former management company, Red Top Aviation. When Red Top departed, he stayed here in Crawfordsville. He says our airport is a great place to work.



Chris Priebe is the airport assistant manager. He shares in keeping everything at the airport running smoothly. He's a Crawfordsville native and went to

Crawfordsville High School and Indiana State University. An enthusiastic private pilot, Chris enjoys spending time in the air. He says our airport is a great place to fly out of and to work. He shares a business with his wife making and selling pumpkin rolls, which have been tested by airport staff and deemed exceedingly scrumptious. He also has fun keeping bees.



Willie Gleason works in airport maintenance on weekends. He helps the airport sparkle with mowed grass, clean taxiways, and a spiffy terminal building. When he's not

at our airport, he also works as a Jail Operations Sergeant for Montgomery County and as a deputy town marshal in Waynetown. He's a graduate of North Montgomery High School. Willie enjoys aviation and is adept at flying radio controlled airplanes. He likes to hunt and knows how to find lost valuables with a metal detector. He says the airport is a great place to work, and the people are awesome.



Christian Brown shares the weekend airport maintenance duties, doing whatever is necessary to keep up with visitors from air and land.

He also works in law enforcement as Jail Operations Sergeant at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Besides that, he's a deputy town marshal in Waynetown. And we hear he's a pretty good softball player. He says of the airport, "It is amazing."



Shelley Jones is an administrative assistant, working mainly in the terminal building in bookkeeping, payroll and many other activities. She's a graduate of Crawfordsville

High School with many unique job experiences: She has washed and waxed airplanes, and once served as a nanny. Now she adds her talent for keeping things organized. She has one word for our airport: "Stellar."



Ben Brown works in airport maintenance. You're likely to see him on weekends, keeping the grounds neat and trim and making sure the facility is fully in operation.

Ben is a graduate of Sugar Creek Academy and likes to do target shooting, sports and other outdoor activities. He likes that our airport is clean and very well maintained.

Flight Instructors



Jeff Hampton is an extremely experienced pilot. He has a lot of letters after his name: CFII, CFIA and Multi-engine. He has flown many types of aircraft, and maintains his

own grass landing strip at his residence. He can provide many types of flight instruction: initial primary training for new pilots, more advanced training for commercial pilots, instrument flight training, multi-engine training, biennial flight reviews and night familiarization.



Mark Jack is a certified flight instructor with ratings for commercial, Instrument and Multi-engine. Did high school in Pennsylvania. Says, "I love the

airport, how clean it is and organized."

Dave Gevers is a certified flight instructor at the Crawfordsville Municipal Airport. He is also the head of aircraft maintenance and is listed in that section on the opposite page.



Brian Harris is a certified flight instructor with lots of aviation experience. He has over 4,700 hours of flying time. He has flown into 41 states, plus Canada, Mexico

and the Bahamas. Besides flight instruction, Brian has done aerial banner towing, airplane delivery, freight, and passenger charter. He likes biking, jogging and working on cars. He says the airport has "great facilities and great people! Everyone is always super friendly and helpful!"

Aircraft Maintenance



Dave Gevers is head of aircraft maintenance. His skill in aircraft technology is widely recognized. He recently designed an airplane for commercial manufacture and

he holds numerous patents on aircraft. He is a popular speaker on aviation topics, maintains a personal library of 2,200 books on aviation and maintains a database of over 60,000 makes and models of aircraft. In addition to his many, many other accomplishments and honors, he is a veteran of military service with the U. S. Army in Viet Nam.



Bob Allen has 20 years working as an FAA licensed A&P aircraft technician. He has the additional qualification as an IA, authorized to inspect the work of other

technicians. He's a pilot and has completed running two full marathons, plus several half marathons.



Dan Finney has many years' experience doing aircraft maintenance work at Crawfordsville and in other locations. He is an FAA licensed Airframe and

Powerplant technician (A&P) whose job it is to make sure aircraft are sound, safe and airworthy.

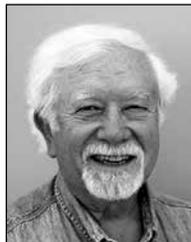
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John York - Pilot, Owner/Operator of Culver's restaurant of Crawfordsville, graduate of Southmont High School, flew out of our airport years ago and says, "I believe we have one of the most modern and top notch facilities in the country."

Steve Rasmussen - Pilot, family dentist, started flying at age 16, plays tennis and golf, a snow skier, loves to travel, especially when he can use his own airplane. Says, "Our airport is a diamond in the rough. Our community should be proud of what we have."

Russ Stath - Pilot, retired from a career in engineering. Purdue graduate. Loves photography and being at the airport. Says the airport is a "huge financial asset to the city and county."

Myra Dunn Abbott - Pilot, retired educator, has flown to every state except Hawaii. Has flown throughout Mexico and Canada and in New Zealand and England. Graduate of Butler University. Says, "I have been fortunate to see incredible changes at the airport. We have moved from a local pilot's airport to a facility that routinely provides service to corporate jets and encourages business development. Our airport expansion and plans for future growth bode well for our community."

Randy Coakes - Pilot, recently earned his instrument rating and is working on a commercial pilot rating. A veteran of the U. S. Navy where he flew in a P-3 Orion airplane hunting submarines. He says our airport is "a terrific asset for the community."

Andy Biddle - Former president of the Crawfordsville Common Council, acts as liaison to the airport board. Attended Waynetown High School and Vincennes University. Says, "For a city the size of Crawfordsville, we have an 'awesome' municipal airport."

Ken Ross - Serves as airport engineer, meeting with the board to provide expertise on the many specialized issues our airport has to handle. Says, "Crawfordsville has the most beautiful General Aviation terminal in Indiana and has one of the best dedicated and involved boards that I have ever seen."



Andy Biddle
City Council Liaison



Ken Ross
Engineer Advisor

Cutest Cargo Comes to Crawfordsville

A Cessna 172, piloted by Dean Brown, with self-designated "flight attendant" Kurt Waugh, flew from Somerset, Kentucky to the Crawfordsville airport. A Piper Malibu flown by Christopher Frederick flew from the Chicago area and met them. Out of the Cessna 172 tumbled four five-week-old baby Labrador puppies followed by their mother!

These pilots donate their time and airplanes and fly for Pilots 'n Paws, an animal rescue group dedicated to saving lives and finding good homes for pets that have been mistreated.

Kurt and Dean hail from the western part of Indiana, and



Dean's plane is based at Wilson Field. Christopher is based at Valparaiso. Lucky for us, the midpoint is our airport.

We romped and played with the puppies in the grass outside the terminal. They were so cute and their mother very patient as we cuddled, petted and soothed her offspring.

There were bets inside the terminal from several observers that all four puppies might not be delivered to Chicago (at least one might escape and remain here!).

It was really hard to say good-bye to such happy little ones. However, we handed them over and they gingerly went into the cage for their second flight of the day toward their new homes. ☐☐



1....2....3.... Grants in Progress!

Money for airport improvements boosts our local economy

We are in an extraordinary position of being involved in three FAA grants at this time. In late 2014, we began the planning to extend our runway and taxiway from 4,500 feet to 5,500 feet. The runway extension began in June, 2015 and was opened in October. We are now in the final stages of completing the grass seeding and cleanup of the excavating before closing out the grant of \$2.4 million. Our local portion, paid

by the airport from hangar rent, tree harvesting and crop ground rental, was \$120,000.

We just received a grant to begin the partial payoff process of our terminal building project. This grant for \$166,666 will be applied to our loan at Hoosier Heartland State Bank. The grant should be completed and closed by the end of the summer. Our local portion of this grant is \$8,333.

We have just received notice of grant approval for installing LED medium intensity taxiway lighting (MITL). This grant will include installing LED lighting the entire length of the taxiway. We currently have reflectors that were temporarily installed. This grant is for \$659,774 and our local portion will be \$39,586. Installation may begin late fall or early spring of 2017. ☐☐