



BOBBY'S BEEN HERE 25 YEARS !

Bobby Toenjes completed his 25th year of airport employment on Monday, July 23rd and was recognized that afternoon during a surprise cake and coffee celebration.

Bobby joined the airport staff right out of high school in the summer of 1982 and quickly became a valued member of the maintenance team. He worked his way up through the maintenance supervisor position to become the airport's Maintenance Manager in August 2004.

He's made many improvements to our facilities and to our customer service since taking the maintenance leadership position. We are fortunate to have him and happy that he has many more years ahead of him here.

Next time you see him, give him a pat on the back and a hearty congratulations and thanks for his quarter-century of service.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO...

"Mrs. Diane Earhart-King"

If you don't know Diane, you probably know her voice from our ATC tower. Diane's another long-time member of our airport team with almost 25 years controlling our air traffic.

She married Steve King in a unique US-British ceremony on July 7th (Lucky 777!)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 2: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Meeting, Upstairs Hgr 1, 7:30 pm

Aug. 7: EAA Meeting, Hgr 1, Upstairs, 7:00 pm

Aug. 31 – Sept. 3: Air Show at Spirit of St. Louis Airport (Rumor is this will be the last year for their air show)

Sept. 2: Runway 12L/30R Closed 8:30 – 11:00 pm due to fireworks at the Grizzlies' ballpark

Sept. 3: Labor Day—Airport Office Closed

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

ATC Tower: The contractor is on schedule to complete construction and turn the tower over to the FAA within the next couple of weeks. The FAA will then occupy the administrative base building and begin installation and testing of the communications equipment. The tower is scheduled to be fully operational May 28, 2008.

Taxiway A-4: A new taxiway connecting runway 12L with the east ramp will be under construction later this month to be completed before winter. This new taxiway will eliminate a safety hazard resulting from an optical illusion that has led pilots to taxi into the mud in the past. Unfortunately, during most of

the construction period, runway 12L/30R will be closed.

Midcoast Employee Parking Lots: Midcoast completed construction of two new employee parking lots to relieve parking congestion in their maintenance complex.

Midcoast Hangar 22: Midcoast broke ground on their largest hangar yet—a \$17.5 million 145,000 sq. ft. facility designed for Boeing 757-sized aircraft located at the far east end of their campus. This new hangar will be oriented 90 degrees from their other hangars and will include a ramp that can be shared with a future hangar that could be built as a mirror image. (See location below.)

Martin Aviation Group: A 65-acre development on the south side of the airport has been in the news recently and their billboard is visible from I-255. The project is now in the design and marketing phase. Construction could begin in Spring 2008.

Runway Projects: A 1,500 ft. extension of runway 12L/30R followed by widening and strengthening of 12R/30L are being designed and awaiting federal funding. Let your congresspersons know we need these critical infrastructure projects.

