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**GATE CARD CHANGEOVER**

The total re-issue and replacement of vehicle gate access cards is underway now and must be completed by Dec. 11. See other side for additional information about the gate card change process.

**ILS OUTAGE UPDATE**

Our Instrument Landing System has been restricted to 600/1 for several months due to interference from the new ATC tower. The FAA has tried several solutions but none have solved the problem. We now have "the fix" but it will take more time to implement.

The localizer antenna must be enlarged from the standard 8-element array to a new 14-element array. This involves turning off the current system, pouring additional concrete piers, installing new underground cabling, and conducting a new round of flight certification testing. The whole process will take 4-6 weeks and cannot begin until the various components have been delivered.

Our best guess is the localizer will be out of service during the month of March, but that date may change. Once returned to service, full capability for ILS approaches to 200 / ½ should be restored.

**FAA FUNDING DELAYED**

The FAA, TSA and other key agencies are currently operating under a "continuing resolution" that extends aviation taxes and the airport improvement program through December 14th. Although Congress recently approved the FAA and Department of Transportation funding bill for fiscal year 2008, the President is expected to veto it because it provides \$3 billion more than requested.

Future grant-funded airport construction projects are on hold and may be further delayed as a result of the lack of a permanent funding bill.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dec. 4: EAA Meeting**, Hgr 2 Rear, 7pm
- Dec. 6: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Meeting**, Hgr 2 Rear, 7:30 pm
- Dec. 24-25: Admin. Office Closed**
- Dec. 31: Admin. Office closes at 3 pm**
- Jan. 1: Admin. Office Closed**

**AWARD TO 'TRUE FRIEND' OF GA**

AOPA President Phil Boyer presented the prestigious Hartranft Award to Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Ill.) on Nov. 7 in the congressman's Washington, D.C., office. Costello is chairman of the House aviation subcommittee and was the chief architect of H.R.2881—the House FAA funding bill that rejects user fees and provides robust funding for airports and air traffic control modernization. "He stood strong against the administration's attempt to impose GA user fees and crafted legislation that would benefit all of aviation," said Boyer.

Rep. Costello has also been a terrific friend and supporter of this airport and others throughout the region.



**Back Row: Wend, Phil, Ken, Dan**  
**Front Row: Bobby, Gail, Bob, Darlene, and Val** (missing from the photo)

**CHANGES TO NOTAM SYSTEM**

The FAA is implementing significant improvements to the NOTAM system beginning January 28<sup>th</sup>. The changes make it easier for pilots to get all the information they need and to sort through the information to find items of interest.

In the past, only NOTAM information associated with runways and navaids was available from all flight service stations or from on-line sources such as DUATS. Important safety information about taxiways, ramps, and parking areas was only available by calling the local flight service station or tower to obtain the "Local" NOTAMs.

Under the new system, all safety-related information will be available from all NOTAM sources. Information previously listed only in the "Local" NOTAMS will now be published as "D" NOTAMs along with the runway and navaid information.

To help sift through this increased volume of information, all NOTAMs will contain one of 12 key words for easy identification. The key words and their meanings are:

- AD: Any hazard within 5 statute miles of an aerodrome
- AIRSPACE: Airspace
- APRON: Aircraft parking areas
- COM: Communications
- NAV: Navigation aids
- OBST: Obstructions
- (O): Other aeronautical information
- RAMP: Ramp \*
- RWY: Runway
- SVC: Services
- TWY: Taxiway
- (U): Unverified reports of hazards

\* No one from the FAA can tell me the difference between "ramp" and "apron." The entry in the FAA's glossary of terms for "ramp" says, "See apron."

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**EXISTING GATE ACCESS CARDS WILL NOT WORK AFTER 12/11/2007**

Installation of our new vehicle gate access system is complete. We will switch to the new system by turning off the old card readers and turning on the new ones on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. (The new cards will not work before December 11<sup>th</sup>.)

If you did not receive a new card enclosed with your December billing statement, please stop by the airport office anytime Mon.-Fri., between 8-4:30 to obtain your new access card.

Current cardholders will not be charged for the new card. However, replacements for lost cards and additional new original issue cards will cost \$25 each.

Please return your old card to the airport office or leave it at the line service counter at either FBO after December 11<sup>th</sup>.