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AIRPORT EVENTS

Oct. 1: EAA Meeting,6 pm at the old control tower

Oct. 17: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Mtg., Hgr. 2 at 6 pm

Oct. 22-24: FAA Airport Certification Inspection

The airport is open and attended 24-hours daily.

JetAviation 618-646-8000 Ideal Aviation 618-337-3400

ATC Tower Hours 0630-2200
ATIS 121.45
CLNC DEL 118.275
Ground Control 121.8
Tower/CTAF 119.925
Tower UHF 379.3
Unicom 122.95

Airport Firefighters On-Duty Every Day 0800-2100 (Other times by request) 618-337-7478 or 410-0188 Call "Rescue" on 121.8 Dial 911 for emergencies

For Airport Administration after hours, contact the firefighter on duty.

OUR RESTAURANT IS OPEN!

After a three-week period of closure, our airport restaurant is now open under new ownership and management.

See additional information on the back side of this newsletter.

FAA AIRPORT INSPECTION

Our recurring airport certification inspection is scheduled for October 22nd through the 24th. This is a REALLY BIG DEAL for us as they look at just about everything on the airfield.

The inspector typically starts by simulating an aircraft emergency in the middle of the airfield and our aircraft fire and rescue personnel have a maximum of three minutes to respond to the scene.

Next, the inspector takes all of our records and manuals and scours them for accuracy. Those records include our training records, daily airfield inspections, fuel system checks, driver training records, vehicle access procedures, customer driving records, and a whole lot more.

Then there's the daytime and nighttime airfield inspections and fuel system inspections. The inspector will look at every light on the airport, all the signs and pavement markings, all the pavements, and the ground between the pavements. Every fuel truck on the airport will be closely inspected and each FBO's employee training and daily inspection records will be examined.

It's an exhausting three days for our staff, but when the inspection is over, we know that everything is right and our airport is safe.

You can help us in two ways. If you see something out there on the airfield that doesn't look right or needs to be fixed, let us know. We may have missed it. Secondly, pay special attention to airport rules and regulations. Drive slowly and carefully, help us ensure the integrity of our airport security, and as my Dad used to tell me, "Don't do anyting stupid!"

I look forward to giving you a full report next month on how well we did on the inspection.

We've got a great airport team and we're ready!

AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- RUNWAY 12R/30L DRAINAGE -

The drainage improvements in the safety area between Runway 12R/30L and Taxiway Bravo are progressing well. We've kept runway closures and other traffic disruptions during this project to an absolute minimum.

Runway 12R/30L will be closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Tuesday, October 1st. We do not anticipate any additional runway closures with this project.

The crossing taxiways, B4, B5, B6, and B7, between B and runway 12R/30L, will continue to be closed throughout the day until the project is completed in early November.

- NW TAXILANE RECONSTRUCTION -

The entire taxilane from Helicopters, Inc., to Fostaire Helicopters will be removed and replaced in three phases over the next two months. The project will begin Monday, October 7th and should be completed by early December.

Watch our website and sign up for our informational e-mails to ensure you have the latest status on these projects.

NO DUMPING ON AIRPORT PROPERTY

We have a problem trash pile on the west side of the airport, across the railroad tracks near the old entrance from Upper Cahokia Road at Airflite Drive. People have dumped everything from yard waste to furniture and appliances there. It is NOT an approved area to dispose of unwanted trash.

Cahokia Police are watching the area closely and are issuing citations with hefty fines to those seen dumping in that area.

Also, do not leave items on the ground next to the airport dumpsters. If it won't fit inside the dumpster, take it somewhere else.

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THANK YOU from the Owners and Staff of SPINNERS Restaurant!!

Exactly one month after beginning "demolition derby", we opened the doors of Spinners Restaurant on Monday, September 23. All we can say is that this airport was very hungry! The first week brought an overwhelming response from airport personnel, the Sauget Parkway, and local residents. Add to that a few dozen visiting pilots and flight teams, and we had a full dining room every day. Some of you had watched the rehab with curiosity, and we hope you were pleased with the transformation so far.

Chef Judy and I send our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us this first week of operation. Owners Keith and Yolanda were grateful to finally welcome you inside. We thank you for your patience the first few days, as we worked around equipment issues, and our staff acclimated to your lunch schedules. The response to the new menu has been very positive, but please know that we welcome your suggestions. The menu is a "menu in progress", and we will add to and change it, as we learn your preferences. We already know that you enjoy Spicy Chicken and Desserts!

Work will begin in the bar area (yes, another demolition derby), and we hope to present that to you within the month. We expect our liquor license to arrive very shortly so we can begin serving drinks in the dining room. We will keep you posted on that. We are also working on the signage for the outside of the building, which will include our new logo.

Again, so very many thanks from all of us at Spinners. Let us know how we can serve you!

Karen

Karen Kaufhold General Manager

Restaurant hours are:
Monday thru Friday 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Deli opens at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday

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