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**AIRPORT EVENTS**

- Nov. 3: Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- Nov. 5: EAA Meeting**, 7 pm at the old control tower
- Nov. 16: Airport Emergency Exercise**
- Nov. 12-14: FAA Airport Inspection**
- Nov. 21: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Mtg.**, Spinners at 6 pm
- Nov. 22: Airport Directors' Party** at Spinners, 3:30 pm
- Nov. 28-29: Airport Office Closed** for Thanksgiving

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.

**NEW AIRPORT DIRECTOR NAMED**

Erick Dahl was recently selected to become our next airport director, effective December 1st.

Erick is a pilot, with a degree in airport management from the University of North Dakota, and has more than ten years' management experience at three different airports. A native of Minneapolis, Erick led South Dakota's Watertown Regional Airport through the past nine years of growth and expansion.

Bob McDaniel, airport director since 2000, will be retiring from full-time employment and stepping back into a part-time supporting role.

"I'm proud of the growth we've achieved and the more than \$30 million in capital improvements we've completed during my tenure," McDaniel said. "As many of you know, this is my home airport. I worked here through high school and college and was very privileged to be given the opportunity to return and lead our airport team as we grew to become the third busiest airport in Illinois."

"We have a great team here and I'm confident we've chosen the right person to lead us into the future. Erick's a bright young man with experience and maturity far beyond his years. I look forward to continuing to be involved by supporting him and being a part of his team. I'm also looking forward to having more time to fly, do some charitable work, and learn more about life through the eyes of my granddaughter."

"Thanks to everyone in our airport community for your support. I've enjoyed working with you and look forward to continuing my involvement here, far into the future."

**DIRECTORS' RECEPTION NOV. 22nd**

Join us at Spinners Restaurant, from 3:30 to 5:30, Friday afternoon, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, to say thanks to Bob McDaniel and welcome to Erick Dahl. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available.

If you'd like to be included in the program, contact Amy in the airport office.

**FAA AIRPORT INSPECTION THIS MONTH**

Last month, we told you about our airport certification inspection that was scheduled for October. Due to the on-going construction adjacent to Runway 12R/30L, the FAA delayed our inspection to Nov. 12-14.

**AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

**- RUNWAY 12R/30L DRAINAGE -**

The drainage improvements in the safety area between Runway 12R/30L and Taxiway Bravo continue. Taxiways B4, B5, B6, and B7 (between taxiway B and runway 12R/30L) will continue to be closed periodically during the weekdays until the construction is completed, later this month. Check with the air traffic controller on the availability of those taxiways.

**- NW TAXILANE RECONSTRUCTION -**

Reconstruction of the taxilane between Helicopters, Inc. and Fostaire Helicopters, delayed for several weeks due to state contract approval issues, has finally gotten underway.

Use caution for airport service vehicles crossing the approach end of runway 23 while the service road around the north end of that runway is closed. Construction should be completed by the end of this month.

**STUDENTS POSE FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH**



The entire student body of the Cahokia School of Choice recently formed their school initials for a photograph taken by Mark Nankivil, President of our Air and Space Museum. Mark was flown by Gateway Helicopter Tours' owner and chief pilot, Brian Landgraf.

See <http://aeroexperience.blogspot.com> for the story behind the photo.

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## AIRPORT MARKINGS AND STUPID PILOT TRICKS

Have you ever noticed some really dumb warning labels on products you buy? Like the one on the fuel cap of an all-terrain vehicle that says, “*Never use a lit match or open flame to check fuel level.*” Or the handheld electric hair dryer labeled, “*Do not use while sleeping.*” Or the label by the coin slot on a commercial clothes washing machine that states, “*Do not put any person in this washer.*”

Why are those labels there? Because somewhere, sometime, someone did exactly what they’re warning you not to do! And that’s why I’m writing this.

What do the markings in the photo, at right, mean and what would make two very highly experienced commercial pilots, on two separate occasions, think it was OK to walk across them without talking to anyone or asking permission?

That’s exactly what happened, not once, but twice within three weeks at this airport! ...and the FAA is not amused!

For you non-pilots who read this, those yellow lines are commonly known as a “movement area marking” and they mark the boundary of the area that is controlled by an air traffic control tower. It is a violation of Federal Aviation Regulations to cross the marking from the side with the solid line (right to left in the photo) without first receiving permission from the air traffic controller (i.e., Ground Control.) The requirement to stop, and go no further, applies to aircraft, vehicles, and pedestrians, alike! No one is exempt!

Our airport’s movement areas begin at the edge of our aircraft parking ramps at the entrances to the taxiways, and all of those ramp/taxiway boundaries are marked by those movement area markings. (The movement areas also include the grass areas past the edge of the aircraft parking ramps, so don’t walk out onto the grass, either.)

If you have a need to cross those markings into the aircraft “movement area” in an aircraft or an “authorized” vehicle, you must first contact Ground Control on the radio. If you want to walk out past the movement area marking because you dropped something off your aircraft or you just want to look around at something out there, contact airport management or the airport firefighter on duty. They’ll be happy to take you out there. As a last resort, you can call the control tower via telephone and talk to the controller before walking past the Marking, but **DO NOT CROSS WITHOUT PERMISSION.**



Some of you may be wondering what might happen if you enter the movement area without permission. The obvious answer is that you, or someone else, might die! However, in the case of both recent violations, the instructor pilot was careful to look around for other aircraft in the area, and for aircraft approaching the runway from above, to ensure that it was “safe” to enter the area before doing so. Unfortunately, they’re opinion of being “safe” does not make them legal.

So what happens? First the FAA controller is going to call airport management to go out and find those intruding individuals. Meanwhile, the controller begins writing the “Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation Report.” It’s a mandatory incident report that makes its way to FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. within 24 hours or less. It doesn’t matter if there were no aircraft operating within 100 miles of the airport, it’s still a violation that must, and will, be reported.

At that point, it’s best just to ‘fess up and cooperate. If the individual refuses to produce valid identification or refuses to cooperate, we will simply call the police and have them arrested for trespassing and for violations of Federal Aviation Regulations.

Within the next 24 hours, I, as airport manager, am going to get a call from an FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspector who’s going to say, “OK, Bob, what happened and what are you going to do about it to keep it from happening again?” Unfortunately, I don’t have good answers on how to prevent stupid pilot tricks.

I’m going to contact you, ask you what happened, and then I’m going to fill out a report to send back to FAA Regional Headquarters. And then, I have to decide what I’m going to do with you. For starters, I’m going to chew on you for a while and require you to take our drivers’ test again. If a vehicle was involved, I’m going to suspend your vehicle gate access card for at least 30 days, or more. In the not too distant past, two A&Ps who were employed by one of our airport businesses lost their jobs because of similar violations. So, nothing good is going to happen to you.

Next, probably within a few weeks, someone from the St. Louis Flight Standards District Office is going to call you and ask you about the incident. Depending on the severity of the incident and their opinion of your “safety attitude,” you may have your pilot’s license suspended, you could be required to obtain additional ground or flight instruction, or an FAA Check Airman might want to fly with you.

What about the NASA “get-out-of-jail-free” report? Go ahead and fill it out, but it does NOT provide immunity from punishment if the FAA finds that you did indeed violate the regulations. If you have ANY suggestions as to how we can improve safety around the airport, please don’t hesitate to let your airport manager know.

Please share this message with your friends, fellow pilots, and others in the airport community. Knowledge of these procedures will save you (and me) a lot of time and trouble, and it just might save your life.

**LARGE-SCALE EMERGENCY EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th**

Saint Louis Downtown Airport will test its emergency management plan and mutual-aid coordination during a November 16th exercise, from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m..

The airport, in conjunction with several mutual-aid agencies, will conduct a full-scale crash and mass casualty exercise. Several area fire departments will be conducting live-fire training on the University of Missouri's Mobile Aircraft Firefighting Trainer most of the day. The St. Clair County Coroner, St. Clair County Public Health Department, and East Side health Department will also be conducting training as part of the exercise. Runway 5-23 and Taxiway C will be closed beginning on November 15 in the morning and remain closed until November 16 in the evening. Exercise support vehicles and ambulances will be staged on the West Ramp during the exercise. Medical helicopters will be landing on Taxiway C.



Airport tenants are welcome to watch from a distance. Please remain outside the area of the exercise as special credentials will be needed to access the area. Be alert and exercise extra caution for emergency vehicles and people participating in the exercise on airport ramps.



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DOWNTOWN  
AIRPORT**

*The Saint Louis Downtown Airport Staff  
Cordially Invites You  
To a Reception Honoring the Retirement of  
Airport Director  
Robert L. McDaniel*

*At Spinners Restaurant  
Friday, November 22, 2013, 3:30-5:30 p.m.*

*Hors d'oeuvres provided*

*Cash bar available*

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