



# As The Beacon Turns

Summer 2007



## Manager's Corner

The past year has been a busy one at the Airport and many of you have no doubt seen the improvements that have taken place. The projects completed are only a few of ;the ones listed in the Airport's Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program; so keep watching for further developments.

Revenue, aircraft operations, and fuel sales continue to be strong. The continued use and support of the Airport by you, the Airport's users and tenants, is greatly appreciated. If you ever have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or stop by.

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## Fiscal Year-End Results

The Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007 was another record-setting year for the Airport. Gross year-end revenue was approximately \$1,128,335, the highest amount of gross revenue ever recognized by the Airport and an increase of over \$50,000 from the previous year,

which at the time was a record at \$1,050,710.

Passenger enplanements on Great Lakes Airlines grew from 2,392 in 2005 to 4,767 in 2006. An increase of over 99%. Year-to-date enplane-

ments for Great Lakes as of the end of August 2007 are 4,665. Overall, Part 135 air-taxi, air charter and Part 121 scheduled airline passenger enplanements increased from 4,860 to 6,826, an increase of slightly over 40%.

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## Capital Projects

- ⇒ As many of you may already be aware, the City has completed the construction of a public restroom facility in the south general aviation hangar area. While not all that glamorous or exciting, this addition to the Airport provides for certain creature comforts that previously did not exist in this area.
- ⇒ Reconstruction of the three taxilanes at the far east end of the south general aviation hangar area has been completed as has an extension of Corporate Way to the east and the addition of two new taxilanes in this area. This project was completed at a cost of slightly over \$577,000. The extension of Corporate Way to the east will now allow tenants in the area to access their hangars from this extension, which is actually a taxilane, without having to go out onto Taxiway B, the parallel taxiway to Runway 3-21. The new taxilanes have been constructed to accommodate additional hangars in the area. We would ask that all tenants in this area use the Corporate Way / new taxilane to access their hangars in order to decrease the chances of aircraft and vehicles mixing on Taxiway B.
- ⇒ The north ramp received a slurry seal and re-striping in July. This project was designed to extend the pavement life of this ramp and was fully funded by the City at a cost of approximately \$32,000.
- ⇒ The City has completed the extension of water and sewer line extensions along Corporate Way and Airport Drive to facilitate increased water pressures and to provide wet utilities for future hangar development. Additional water and sewer line extensions beyond those completed are planned for the south hangar area in the area of the new taxilanes.
- ⇒ The City has contracted with Haydon Building Corporation to complete a drainage and grading project consisting of filling and grading the drainage area between Runway 3-21 and Taxiway B, east of Taxiway A-4. This project has a value of approximately \$300,000. In order to move dirt into the area, it will be necessary to close Runway 3-21. Taxiway B will be closed from Taxiway Alpha to the east end of the south hangar ramp for the duration of the project in order to accommodate the movement of vehicles to and from the site. The south hangar ramp will be accessible via the west end of Runway 3-21 or Taxiway A-4, the

center airfield taxiway. We will attempt to keep Runway 3-21 open as long as possible however, with personnel and equipment working outside of the runway safety area the runway may be closed for safety's sake.

A portion of this project will entail removing the pavement between Runway 6-24 and Runway 3-21 where these runways currently connect, replacing this asphalt with dirt and aggregate base. **This will mean that aircraft will no longer be able to access Runway 3-21 from Runway 6-24 and vice-versa.**

During the FAA's Runway Safety Action Team inspection, it was determined that simultaneous operations on 24 and 21 resulted in penetrations to the respective runway safety areas. In order to prevent these penetrations and eliminate the possibility of an aircraft essentially occupying two runways at once, the RSAT recommended the removal of this pavement. The above project is scheduled to be completed by mid-October. Please monitor the AWOS on 118.075 for NOTAM information or call the UNICOM office at (928) 532-4190 for construction updates.

## Vehicles

- ◆ The Airport Staff has taken delivery of a new 3,000 gallon Jet A fuel truck equipped with two over-wing fuel hoses and one single-point fuel nozzle. Look closely the next time you're down at Falcon Field and you'll see our old truck in use there. Hope it likes the hot weather!
- ◆ Staff also accepted delivery of a brand new Kodiak Northwest snow blower/plow to replace our 1960's vintage Oshkosh Sicard snow blower. Equipped with a quick disconnect system, Staff will be able to install either the snow blower head or a plow blade in a very short amount of time. This new piece of equipment is a welcome addition to the Airport's snow removal fleet. This vehicle cost approximately \$365,000.
- ◆ The City has received a funding grant from the FAA for the purchase of a refurbished aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) vehicle to supplement the existing ARFF truck. The new truck will be capable of carrying 1,500 gallons of water and 450 gallons of foam concentrate. Federal, State, and Local funding for this project is approximately \$185,000. The Airport's ARFF station is now manned 24/7 with Show Low Fire District personnel.

## Buildings

1. If you notice two new modular trailers on the west side of Airport Drive, these are the new dispatch offices for the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service is relocating their firefighting dispatch offices from Springerville to Show Low. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is also looking to relocate their operations from Whiteriver in conjunction with the Forest Service. City Staff are continuing to work with State and Federal congressional representatives to obtain funding for the construction of an aerial firefighting base for the Forest Service and BIA at another location on the Airport.
2. The City has contracted with Amon Builders to construct a three-place, 24,300 square foot hangar located between the Native Air and Conquest Aviation/Medical Express hangars along Airport Loop Road. This building will be divided into three separate hangars. The City will be advertising for Requests for Proposals in the very near future with the intent of leasing the individual hangars to commercial aviation businesses.

## Employee News

Congratulations to Lloyd Hatter, the Airport's newest Lineman, for successfully completing a course of study and receiving his certification as a National Weather Service Certified Weather Observer!!!

## 2007 Airport of the Year Award

The Arizona State Aeronautics Division, in April of this year, proclaimed the Show Low Regional Airport the State's 2007 Airport of the Year.

## Rules and Regulations

The City, in conjunction with the Aviation Advisory Committee, is nearing completion of the revisions to the Airport's Rules and Regulations. Once completed, these Rules and Regulations will be available on the Airport's website or at the UNICOM offices.

## Great Lakes Airlines

Great Lakes, or Lakes Air by their call sign, continues to provide convenient, affordable, and efficient scheduled air transportation to and from Terminal 2 at Phoenix Sky Harbor International. Earlier this summer, Great Lakes added a third daily round-trip flight to the Valley and added a fourth flight to and from Gallup, New Mex-

ico. The transportation Security Administration provides security screening in the terminal making it easy to check your bags in and then have them transferred to most of the carriers at Sky Harbor. By flying and screening here in Show Low, you can avoid most of the hassles of dealing with your luggage and screening at Sky Harbor.



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## Snow Removal Operations

That time of year is approaching again when we can expect the snow to start falling. The Airport's policy, as in years past, is to begin on Runway 6-24 and Taxiway Alpha plus these runway/taxiway connectors then move to the north ramp. Snow removal operations will then move to Taxiway A-4 and the center ramp and, if circumstances allow, simultaneous snow removal on Runway 3-21. When snow removal operations are completed in these areas, Staff will move to the south hangar ramp. A new addition to the Airport Staff's snow removal operations is a Bow-

monk Braking Decelerometer which measures the braking coefficient of snow on the runway. The coefficients are measured in a MU value which corresponds to good, fair, poor, or nil braking action. This information will be disseminated via the AWOS when runway condition NOTAMs are issued.

Hangar tenants, as a reminder, it is your responsibility to clear the apron between your hangar and the ramps/taxilanes. Airport Staff will clear the ramps and taxilanes but we cannot get up next to the hangars.