



The Fort Worth Aviator

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Cook Children's Grand Opening

The Teddy Bear Transport team has arrived at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport. The entire fleet is now centralized at the Joe Pace Hangar and what a hangar it is. Over the past few years Cook Children's has been searching for a place to call home. Thankfully, they felt Meacham Airport met their needs, and we couldn't be prouder. During the past year we've worked closely with our friends at Cook to make their vision come to life. A new taxilane and access road was essential to the timely opening of this facility – both were designed and constructed prior to last week's grand opening. Rotorcraft, fixed-wing airlift and ground ambulance support services are now based out of Meacham, giving one of the nation's largest pediatric transport programs a centralized location for assisting children in Texas and beyond.



This state of the art facility houses a King Air 200, EC 145 Helicopter, the Teddy Bear ambulance fleet and the professional support team that pulls it all together. It is the nerve center for Cook's Teddy Bear Transport operation. The Grand Opening showcased what can happen when the visions of the City of Fort Worth and private business come together.

The decreased response time and overall efficiency that this facility allows by bringing all three modes of transportation under one roof will undoubtedly be appreciated by the families of over 2,000 children transported by the Teddy Bear team every year. In the medical transport industry, time is more than money, its life or death. Immediate treatment and stabilization comes that much sooner with the Teddy Bear Transport team operating out of Meacham. The City of Fort Worth Aviation Department is proud to have them as part of the family and look forward to watching them in action.

The Aviation Department would also like to congratulate Cook on the recently awarded 2010 Neonatal & Pediatric Transport Award of Excellence - a prestigious award for a deserving team.

A very special "thank you" is extended to the Pace family for making this facility possible. They are a wonderful family supporting a great vision. Without their support the Teddy Bear Transportation Center wouldn't have become a reality.





Kent Penney, Airport Systems Director

Aviation History - Learn, Reflect and Plant a Seed

A highly spirited group of individuals and organizations are instilling aviation history into the Fort Worth area this year. This is truly exciting with events planned for each month. I believe this bold effort is to be applauded and strongly supported, and to make this happen we are going to remind you throughout the year regarding what has occurred and what is still to come.

The celebration is the North Texas Aviation Centennial and you can keep yourself

informed through the group's website at www.ftwaviation100.com. The organization also has a Facebook site that is accessible from the home page. In addition to events planned through the year, the group has distributed displays about Aviation History around the City's Airports and at City Hall.

The upcoming themes include:

March – Recreational and Sport Aviation

April – Centennial of Naval Aviation

May – North Texas Aviation History

Learn – We all can learn something new and enrich our enjoyment of aviation.

Reflect – Take time to reflect back on what was accomplished. How and who made it happen and what those accomplishments still mean for us today.

Plant a Seed – Plant a seed with both yourself and with others you interact with. There are challenges we still encounter and by planting a seed of excitement and innovative thinking, individuals will be encouraged to take on these challenges with enthusiasm.



Calendar of Events - Aviation Centennial Celebration

March

- March 28-April 1 - USMC Assault Support OAG Conference

April

- April 16-17 - Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Air Show featuring the Blue Angels
- April 18-23 - Fly-in of the Commemorative Air Force B-24 Ol' 927 to the NAS JRB to celebrate the opening of the Air Force Plant #4 and the first production of a B-24 from that facility in 1942
- April 19 - Ralph Heath of Lockheed Martin will speak on the history of Air Force Plant #4 for the B-36 Peacemaker Museum lecture series



May

- Fort Worth Air and Space Museum Exhibit *Ascent...When Dreams Defy*

Gravity opens at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

Events continue to be updated and added to the Calendar, not only for March - May, but also for the remainder of the year. Be sure to visit www.FTWAviation100.com often to see what's been added.

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Aaron Barth, Spinks Airport Manager



We're all familiar with the signs we see while driving "Pardon our Progress". It does little to help the frustration you might feel at the time, but the end result of the construction is a vast improvement to the area.

At Spinks Airport, a similar feeling might be experienced. As many tenants and users of the Airport are aware, a Zone Re-Development Project has started on the east side. The Project started last summer when the old terminal building that had

Pardon our Progress

portion of the building was removed. The result is a cleaner, less congested area for



aircraft to taxi through safely. This building had also served Oak Grove Airport, and had been up since the 1950's.

With the month of March, work has started on the improvement of the north end of the Airport, along Taxiway Charlie and Taxiway Alpha. The improvements include taxiway lighting to be installed on

way Alpha, just north of the Air Traffic Control Tower providing space for additional development on the west side of the airport.

Toward the end of this year, construction will begin on a 61,000 square foot apron on the east side. This project is primarily funded by the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Department and will

greatly enhance the usable space on the east side.

All of these improvements are exciting, and we ask that you have understanding and patience as there may be some delays and some taxiway re-routes. As always, feel free to contact the Airport if there are any questions that arise. Pardon our Progress, we'll be all the better for it.



served the Oak Grove Airport was demolished, making way for future development. In mid- February, contractors were hired to take down a portion of the maintenance hangar utilized by Airport staff. The south end of this hangar was situated within 25 feet of the edge of Taxiway Charlie. In order for aircraft to pass by safely, a small

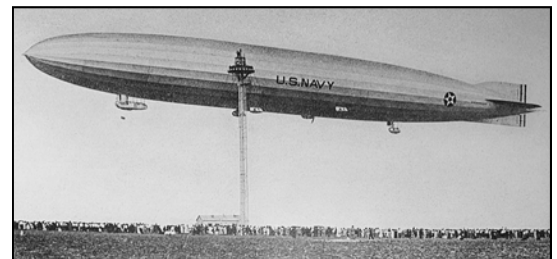
Taxiway Charlie to improve visibility, a hold pad to be constructed of concrete between 17R and 17L on the south side of Taxiway Charlie to alleviate congestion of aircraft coming and going from the east side, and a new taxiway off of Taxi-

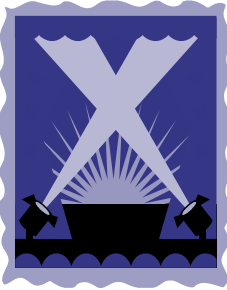


Bringing History to Life



Dirigibles - The Super weapons of the 1920's made many visits to Fort Worth to refuel at the US Navy's helium plant here and moor on what is now the Mattel Toy Distribution site off Meacham Blvd. and Blue Mound Road





The Spot Light is on...North Texas Aviation Centennial

Mural, Mural on the Wall - Alison Letnes has a big job with the City of Fort Worth - some times as big as 145 feet long by 6 feet high. Alison is a Senior Administrative Assistant with the City of Fort Worth's Parks and Community Services Department's Graffiti Abatement Program, and some of her biggest jobs are painting murals around our city. The program's motto is "Graffiti Wipe It Out" and that is what Alison intends to do with a special twist this year. Late last year, when the North Texas Aviation Centennial was announced, she had an idea to use aviation as the theme for this year's projects. She got in touch with the North Texas Aviation Centennial committee through the Fort Worth Air & Space Museum Foundation and a collaboration was quickly formed. Alison already had as many as seventeen locations for murals identified and six groups of willing volunteers to do the work, but she needed artists. Ann Shelton of the Fort Worth Air & Space Museum Foundation put her in contact with Jim Hodgson of the Veterans Memorial Air Park and together they began a search for artists to design aviation themed murals.

Work began on March 11th at Westcreek Park's Woodmont Trails. Twenty volunteers from the Church of Christ will do the painting after City Parks personnel prepare the site. Next will be a big project at Trail Drivers Park that will be painted by one hundred volunteers from TCU Leaps, a campus-wide service organization of students, faculty, staff and alumni. More murals are planned for



April, May and June.

"This will be a great way to bring awareness of the history of aviation in Fort Worth," said Jim Hodgson. "It's one more way we are collaborating with local groups to celebrate the rich aviation history of the area and hope to inspire some of our youth to careers in aviation and aerospace," Hodgson continued. "Alison's work not only adds beauty and value to local properties, but it also can educate and inspire."

To learn more about this aviation mural project, contact Alison Letnes at CFW Graffiti Abatement Program, 817-212-2701, or Alison.Letnes@fortworthgov.org.



Meeting Announcements

Aviation Advisory Board
3rd Thursday of the Month
April 21, May 19

Meacham Tenant Meeting
1st Thursday of the Month
April 7, May 5

Spinks Tenant Meeting
Every other Month, 1st Thursday
May 5

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