

The Fort Worth Aviator



Broadie's Aircraft Receives Recognition



Bruce Laney, Director of Maintenance, Allisen Prigel, Manager, Phil Farmer, CFO, and Ken Broadie, President of Broadie's Aircraft

In 65 years Broadie's Aircraft has grown from a maintenance station into a respected maintenance operation for all aircraft types. Family-owned and operated from its humble beginnings as a fixed-based operation with two employees in a small Quonset hut a Meacham Field, the firm has expanded its facility three times, into

floor space to accommodate up to 20 aircraft at a time. Broadie's Aircraft

was founded by D. W. Broadie in 1946 and is Fort Worth's oldest continuously operating aircraft service facility.

Today it comprises a collection of companies, including Tex-Air Parts Inc. and Aero Performance, both of which grew out of the original operations to procure parts for Broadie's maintenance operation. The collection of companies under the Broadie's umbrella now represents more than 200 manufacturers with nearly 100 employees in seven states and outside sales representation in 10 states.

Growth plans in 2012 include a new facility, ideally situated at the airport, that will effectively double the size of its existing hangar to accommodate larger jet aircraft with tail heights up to 30 feet.

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their aircraft to Broadie's Aircraft in Fort Worth because of the exceptional quality of the work performed," said Ken Broadie, the company's CEO. "This is directly linked to our technicians' quality of work and attention to detail."

For years, Broadie said, the company has made factory training a top priority for its technicians, sending employees to factory training schools every year for continual training. Broadie said the training ensures the highest level of aviation safety.

Further, the Broadie's team boasts little employee turnover – some employees have worked for the firm for more than 50 years – which the CEO says is a testament and example of how each team member is treated as part of a "work family."

Also key to the company's long-term success, said

Broadie, is the firm's strong communication through every level of the supply chain, from employees to vendors to customers.

"Employees and vendors need to understand the customer's expectations, and where possible the employees need to help manage the customer's expectations," he said.

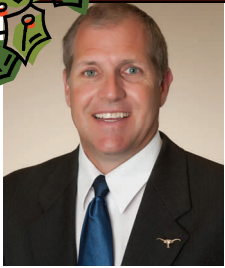
Broadie said never over-promising and under-delivering and constantly communicating with customers so there are no surprises also are central to Broadie's ethic.

– Holli Estridge

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Kent Penney, Director

Partnership

I am going to keep this short and to the point because it is a very simple message I want to share. The Airport, Airport Tenants, and Aviation Customers all coexist with a relationship that can range from happy to tumultuous. The airport needs the tenants, the tenants need the airport, and we both need the customers. However, for our coexistence to flourish, there must be more to the relationship between tenants and airports than just recognizing each other. Airports and tenants must realize that we operate in a symbiotic partnership. We are dependent on each other to fulfill our purpose.

Let me address this from the airport perspective. The airports' purpose is to

enable air transportation to occur. We like to see planes fly, repairs completed, and goods delivered. We want it to occur in a safe manner. We want there to be equal opportunity for anyone to do business. We want customers to receive the services they need. We want the market to function with a level playing field. Finally, we want to be able to pay the bills to keep the airports running well.

These are the objectives we had in mind as we drafted a Leasing Policy and updates to the Airport Minimum Standards. Since the draft documents were released, we have received extremely valuable input from tenants and customers. We are using this feedback to refine the draft documents and we will again welcome input with the refined documents.

Our objective remains to have a

flourishing partnership between the tenants and airport. We know a flourishing partnership can exist and we are excited to see what that partnership will bring in 2012.



Thanks for Sharing Aviation History

I want to say a very special thanks to Jim Hodgson for his work this year to commemorate 100 years of Aviation in Fort Worth. You have kept this celebration front and center through the year and we all greatly appreciate that. I hope everyone took the opportunity to learn a little more this year about the history of aviation in this area.

Jim, Thank You.

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Bill Welstead, Meacham Airport Manager



Winter Snow and Ice



There's not much that can't be prepared for. Smoke in the cabin, there's training for that.

Bird strike knocked out your engine, yes there's training for that as well. What about icing conditions? I'm not talking about the ice that may or may not be in the clouds while enroute to your destination. What about the apron, taxiways and runway. Yes, you can plan for that as well. You might not be able to plan the weather, but you can be ready for it when it hits - ready to make

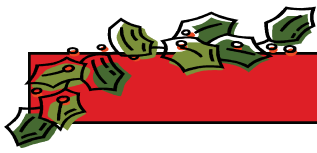
a decision. A few years back I remember discussing the need to de-ice the apron of a local airport operator. They were confident that their passengers understood the hazards of walking on icy pavement and that the cost for applying chemicals wasn't justified since the sun would melt it off by noon anyway. By February they had an employee that had slipped and fell walking back from the aircraft. The employee was out of work for weeks and the subsequent lawsuit went for much longer.

Winter operations are upon us and it's important for all of us to maintain a safe environment for our employees and customers. Meacham Airport, as in previous years, has planned for the up-

coming season by stockpiling anti/de-icing chemicals, purchasing new snow removal blades and completing early preventive maintenance on all of the equipment. Operations staff will be focused on updating runway friction tests with our recently calibrated Bowmonk decelerometer, updating the pavement condition reports with Air Traffic Control and maintaining a current list of NOTAMS.

The goal, as always, is for everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season.





B-17 “Flying Fortress”



On November 3, 2011, Fort Worth Spinks Airport had the pleasure of accommodating an aircraft that we don't get to see every day. Spinks Airport was one of many stops of a nation-wide tour of the B-17 “Flying Fortress” *Aluminum Overcast*. This historic aircraft has been touring the United States since 1994, giving tens of thousands of people a glimpse of this fully restored Warbird.

The Flying Fortress stayed through the weekend and left for its next tour stop in Tyler, Texas on November 6, 2011. John Taylor, a member of EAA Chapter 34, was the coordinator for the event. “It was a great turnout. In all, we had 97 people from the area that went on a mission flight. The airplane and its pilots who flew the B-17 are from Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They had a great time and would like to put Spinks on the touring schedule for next year.”

Aviation and history enthusiasts came from south Fort Worth and surrounding areas to visit the aircraft, where they were able to go on a ground tour or take a mission flight. Shuttle services dropped people off at the airport to come and experience the B-17. There was also a mobile unit set up for people to purchase merchandise and memorabilia. “It was awesome!” said Chris, who was able to ride on a mission flight. “To be able to ride in a plane that was vital to our Nation’s history, what an experience!”

People young and old came out to enjoy

the Flying Fortress’ presence, including a member of the original group of The Tuskegee Airmen, who came to experience a ride. “The B-17 was so important in the war; I wanted to experience a ride on it. There aren't a lot of opportunities to ride, so I wanted to go!”

Logistically, the B-17 easily mixed with the daily operations at Spinks. Air Traffic Control Tower personnel had no issues with the frequent in and out flights; they said it was a nice change of pace. The B-17 was parked in front of the Terminal building on the west side of the airport where it was easily visible to the public. The Flying Fortress went up on mission flights about 4 times a day on average. The airport saw dozens of aircraft fly in to visit the airplane, including some Warbirds. A T-33 and an L-5 flew in to sit on display and complimented the B-17 while folks went on ground tours.

For those that missed out on the fun, go to the website <http://www.b17.org/> to see when they will come back to the area!

Friends Who Have Passed



William Cranz, Jr. passed away suddenly on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Mr. Cranz was a valued member of the Aviation Advisory Board and generously donated his time to assist with various Aviation Department projects. Mr. Cranz had a life long career in banking and most recently was President of Wealth Management for the Greater Fort Worth Area at Plains Capital

Bank. He was also president of the Fort Worth Library Foundation and served with the Fort Worth Opera, Senior Citizens Services of Tarrant County, Fort Worth Stock Show and in many other areas to help improve the lives of others. Please keep Mr. Cranz’s family in your thoughts and prayers.



Arthur Robert Rudnicki, Jr. Known affectionately as Bob, died peacefully Thursday morning, December 8, 2011. Mr. Rudnicki had a 34 year career with Vought Aircraft beginning as an aerodynamicist and wind tunnel engineer in 1968. He retired as executive vice president of engineering and quality in 2002. In retirement Mr. Rudnicki attained his IFR rating and flew his Cessna

180 to destinations all over the country. He was very special to the Aviation Department as he served for many years as the Airport Support Network representative for Spinks Airport through the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Please keep Mr. Rudnicki’s family in your thoughts and prayers.





Holiday Closings

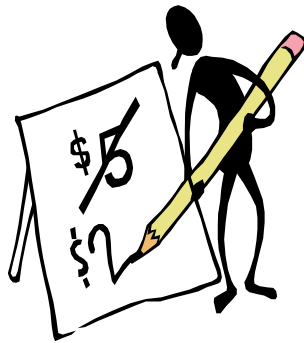
Our Administrative offices will be closed for Christmas, Monday, December 26th and for



New Years, Monday, January 2nd. If you are in need of assistance on one of these days please contact our 24 hour Airport Operations line.

T-Hangar & Community Hangar Discounts!

Don't forget to save your fuel receipts to receive your hangar discount! Save 10% on your monthly rent when you purchase an average of \$50 per month for the preceding 12 months in fuel from the City's airports.



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RSVP by February 10, 2012.
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Meeting Announcements

Aviation Advisory Board
3rd Thursday of the Month
January 19, February 16, 2012

Meacham Tenant Meeting
1st Thursday of the Month
January 5, February 2, 2012

Spinks Tenant Meeting
Every other Month, 1st Thursday
February 2, 2012

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