

STATE OF THE AIRPORT 2013

With the exception of a scheduled airline service, every other aspect of aviation is thriving at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Annual Operations for 2012 were 23,050 – up slightly over 2011's 22,928.

Based tenancy continues to grow with 48 aircraft registered. There are now ten multi-engine aircraft.

Economic Impact Study: Released in late 2012, an Economic Impact Study of all Illinois airports by a Cincinnati based public relations firm determined that the total annual economic output of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport is nearly \$19 Million dollars and 150 jobs! Direct economic impact is nearly \$11 Million dollars and 83 total jobs (non-aviation entities ARDL and ProjectResources IT added)!

With an Annual Tax Levy of \$320,000, the \$11,000,000 direct economic impact yields a 3300% return on the taxpayers investment!!!

THE KMVN “ONLY” LIST

- KMVN is the “only” airport in the State to host a National aviation event sponsored by a Los Angeles, California based National aviation magazine.
- KMVN is the “only” civilian airport in the State to host a U.S. Military Airlift consisting of 441 Illinois National Guardsman and the following aircraft: (7) C-130's, (1) CH-47, (1) UH-60, and (1) OH-58. Air Guard units from Illinois, West Virginia, and Minnesota participated. Note: The airlift was being planned for 2013 but appears to be a victim of sequestration.
- KMVN is the “only” airport in the State that is the permanent home to a U.S. Military Hall of Honor, Veterans Museum, and Heroes Memorial.
- KMVN is the “only” airport in the State that is home to two different aircraft dealerships. Sales and marketing for Jabiru USA originate at KMVN. Flight training for new Jabiru owners, as well as periodic maintenance occurs at KMVN as well.
- KMVN is home to the “only” FAA designated pilot examiner in the southern end of the State not affiliated with an educational institution or Part 141 operator.
- KMVN is the one of the safest airports in the State due to its on-site 24/7 first response team: Mt. Vernon Fire Department Station #3 and Air-Evac Lifeteam #11.
- KMVN is home to the only full service avionics maintenance operator in the southern end of the State.

- KMVN is home to one of only four downstate airports with a fully staffed on-site restaurant.

ADDITIONAL KMVN METRICS

Southern Illinois' only FAA Certified Repair Station, SRT Aviation, conducts many aircraft avionics tests in addition to their exceptional airframe and powerplant maintenance work. In January, 2013, Avionics Master Technician Jimmy Case was added to the SRT Aviation roster. Mr. Case's expertise will allow MVN to directly compete with the legacy avionics operations in Kentucky.

KMVN based Eric Evans, of Eric Evans Aviation is the National Sales Director for Jabiru USA, and as the eastern U.S. Dealer for Found Aircraft CANADA, is involved in sales/marketing decisions at Found Aircraft CANADA.

FAA Designated Pilot Examiner Leland Widick continued to draw candidates seeking Sport Pilot to CFI ratings from area universities, Part #141 schools, and Part #61 programs from across the tri-state region.

The Southern Illinois Light Sport Training Academy continues to turn out Sport Pilots up to Instrument Rated Private Pilots. Four Certified Flight Instructors and two aircraft keep busy when conditions allow training.

And finally, Mt. Vernon Outland Airport was once again a pillar of the community over the previous twelve months:

National Events: Ercoupe Owners Convention, KR Builders/Pilots Gathering, & Plane & Pilot Midwest LSA Expo all bring visitors to our State.

Regional Events: Popular Rotorcraft Fly-In, River City Racing Club RC Boat Races, EAA Fly-In/Harvest Festival, Salute to Freedom, St. Louis Women With Wings Aircraft Wash, & SIBC Home Show bring thousands of people to KMVN.

Community Involvement: Mid-Continent University Classes, YMCA Classes, Mary Kaye Cosmetics Consultant Meetings, and Church Tent Revivals are draws to the airport. Mid-Continent University Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays each week. The airport also hosts first responder training classes, business training luncheons, weddings, picnics, and Sunday church services.

Veterans/Military: No airport has done more to honor local Veterans and the U.S. Armed Forces. The Jefferson County Hall of Honor, Colonel R.D. White Military Museum, and Jefferson County Heroes Memorial, bring hundreds of visitors to the airport. State Treasurer Dan Rutherford chose the Colonel White Museum to present a Bronze Star Medal to a local Veteran through the Operation Reunite Program in the Fall of 2012 (see the attached website narrative.) Another proud moment occurred at the 16th Annual Little Egyp Fly-In and Veterans Reunion on Saturday, October 20, 2012. A Tribute to the

Greatest Generation, with nearly 30 surviving WWII Veterans occurred in front of a B-25 “Mitchell”. State Air and ARMY Guard Units from Peoria and Decatur participated with C-130, CH-47, and UH-60 Aircraft. A Certificate of Appreciation to the 169th Airlift Squadron is attached.

MT. VERNON OUTLAND AIRPORT – PROJECTS

Innovation Park: The airport, Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, and the Federal Aviation Administration have embarked on a long awaited initiative to redevelop the airport’s southwest quadrant - the old terminal area vacated in 1975. Phase #1 of the new development, titled Innovation Park, consists of a 7600 square feet aircraft storage hangar/office complex, a new entry roadway, new taxiway, and new aircraft ramp. The project also removes old building foundations and distressed pavements, leaving future expansion opportunities for aviation and non-aviation ventures. Total cost of Phase #1 is slated at just under \$1 Million dollars.