

OUTLAND NEWS - October, 2020

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport News (Outland News). Outland News is intended to be a quarterly glimpse of all things that make Mt. Vernon Outland Airport a special place including airport tenants (known as Team MVN), airport events, airport projects, community outreach, and long term goals.



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ON THE FLIGHTLINE

Hertz was the 1st Team MVN Member affected by COVID-19. On Monday, September 14th, Hertz Corporate ordered the MVN Hertz location to be permanently shutdown and all equipment moved to the Marion office. Local Hertz management stated the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport location has been profitable through the years, but the reduction in rentals associated with the national pandemic and unrealistic sales goals mandated by Hertz Corporate necessitated the closure. Two full time and three part time jobs have been lost.

Airgo Incorporated continues to struggle due to the international travel ban. New classes of Chinese flight students are ready to come to southern Illinois and Glendale, Arizona once the pandemic is over and the travel bans are lifted.

When will this happen? Will our two countries return to pre-COVID relations? Will we become further divided? These are big questions and there are differing opinions as to where things will go. For now, the KMVN satellite has been closed and the remaining 30 something students in the Centralia headquarters are nearing completion of their training. Now for some good news.....

Welcome back Jay Grafton. On Monday, August 3rd, Jay Grafton began his duties as Aviation Programs Director. Jay was a Certified Flight Instructor at KMVN in 2008 and 2009. Jay returns to lead the flight training programs at SRT Aviation and the Southern Illinois Light Sport Academy. Having an Aviation Programs Director at the staff level means there is a Certified Flight Instructor available on a full time basis, our programs have the proper oversight, and the training entities have a catalyst for future expansion. Jay and his team are servicing several students and more are starting their journey each week. Check out the recent solo flight successes!



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SRT Aviation, Team MVN's Fixed Base Operator & FAA Certified Repair Station #9STR450B, recently secured some additional avionics dealerships. Working in conjunction with Mid-Continent Aircraft, SRT Aviation was named an authorized installer for TruTrak (Bendix-King), Trio, Trig, and SkyBeacon/TailBeacon. SRT Aviation also has capabilities with Garmin, L3, and Appareo equipment. These are most of the major players in aviation avionics and the installation/upgrade of this equipment is bringing aircraft from across the Midwest to Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Aircraft fueling is also conducted by SRT Aviation. Despite the pandemic, fuel sales remain constant. Mt. Vernon's strategic location, competitive pricing, on field restaurant, and excellent service brings in aircraft cruising across the country.



Aircraft can be seen parked outside the Bonnie Café each and every day. When good weather occurs on a weekend day, parking spots around the restaurant fill up. On one given Saturday in late August, fliers from Flora, Olney, Lawrenceville, Marion, Carbondale, and numerous St. Louis metro airports enjoyed a meal together!



EVENTS

Run to the Wall, EAA Tri-Motor Tour, Air Race Classic, and the Salute to Freedom were all canceled due to COVID-19. With some necessary changes, the 12th Annual Midwest LSA Expo went on as scheduled in September. The event did what it was designed to do – put shoppers and sellers together in one convenient location. To date, nearly ten aircraft sales have been logged.



Our Mt. Vernon Outland Airport based Mt. Vernon Soccer Club resumed play on September 5th. It is a thrill to see the children, coaches, parents, and grandparents enjoying the beautiful facilities each weekend.

LOCAL PROJECTS

In addition to mowing grass, the Airport Maintenance Staff have been busy repainting runways and taxiways. The shape of runway/taxiway signage and striping are not just safety items. They are also indicators of community pride and care.

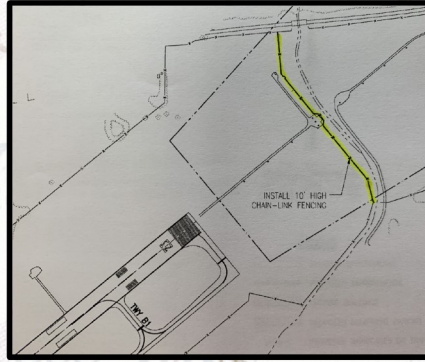


Work is nearly complete on the interior remodel of Mt. Vernon Fire/Airport Station #3. The Mt. Vernon Fire Department Firefighters, with help from the State Foreign Fire Fund, added a locker room/shower facility adjacent to their second floor workout room, remodeled their ground floor bathroom and bunkroom, and installed new flooring throughout their living quarters. New kitchen cabinetry and appliances capped off the remodel.

STATE/FEDERAL PROJECTS

The long awaited and desperately needed interior fence project will soon be started. The project will protect aircraft and occupants from Whitetail Deer that have been accessing the airport from beneath the IDOT bridge over Seven Mile Creek. The \$128,400 project carries a local share of \$6420.

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On a related note, additional maintenance attention has been devoted to the Old Fairfield Road side perimeter fence. These areas now look better than they have in years.

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, as well as all Illinois airports, are taking part in a new Economic Impact Study. An Arizona based firm is working with each airport's engineering consultant to collect the necessary data required to construct a new study that will demonstrate the importance of, and the financial contributions to, the Illinois Aviation System. The last study of this kind was conducted nearly a decade ago and released in 2012.

A Traffic Count Study is also underway at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. KMVN was selected to be in the first group of 20 Illinois Airports to receive sophisticated software uploading data to an Indiana based aviation consultant. The study will define the traffic moving in and out of each airport selected. As with the Economic Impact Study, the Traffic Count Study is somewhat effected by COVID-19.

FUTURE STATE/FEDERAL PROJECTS



So what lies ahead in 2021? Paving of the airport's interior access road will occur in the late Summer/Fall. This roadway is accessed many times daily by fixed base operations, airport operations, airport maintenance, FAA technical operations, first response, and contracting personnel. The \$500,000 total cost project carries a \$25,000 local price tag.

Check out the airport's Transportation Improvement Program Drawing for additional projects in the coming years. For a more definitive look at each project (costs, shares, time, etc), contact the Airport Director.

A new Air Rescue Fire Fighting Vehicle will moved forward on the project request list at the airport's Transportation Improvement Program Meeting in late October. The airport's existing ARFF Vehicle is still functioning very well but its onboard water/foam system will soon be outside the realm of new FAA testing requirements. Couple this with the vehicle's age and the conclusion is a new vehicle should be re-prioritized.

MT. Vernon Outland Airport (MVN)												ESTIMATED COST				Notes/Comments	
Sponsor/Project Priority	AP Priority Number	Year Requested	Project Title	Project Description	Project ALP	Environmental Requirements (E/CAT X) Req	Year Approved (from 2015 Inventory)	Land Acquired	Avionics/Signage/Code	RFPE/Equipment/Forms	WIS/State/CA/IL/Equipment/Inventory	Federal	State	Local	Total		
1	43	2021	Overlay Perimeter Service Road	Apply existing surface to generate, improved perimeter service road.	Yes	CAT X - Approved	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$180,000	FY20 NPE + FY21 NPE + DA Request
2	48	2021	Rehabilitate ALP Parking Lot, Entrance Road and Aircraft Access Points	Rehabilitate the area submitted for paving and land owned in 1980 and access points to the airport.	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$0	\$960,000	\$1,920,000	\$1,920,000	Bank Loan (2015) Request
3	70	2021	Relocate AVOS	Relocation of the existing FAA-Cleared AVOS to an approved location.	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	Funding TBD
4	79	2022	Replace Runway Lighting	Replace NPE, replace all ground lighting and replace NPE, system on construction.	Yes	CAT X - Approved	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$614,000	\$100,000	\$40,200	\$40,200	\$814,400	FY22 NPE + DA Request
5	74	2022	Replace Taxiway Lighting	Replace NPE, replace all ground lighting and replace NPE, system on construction.	Yes	CAT X - Approved	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$1,090,000	\$0	\$17,700	\$17,700	\$1,107,700	DA Request
6	67	2022	Rehabilitate South Apron Area	Rehabilitation of portion of 100' x 200' area in the south apron area, near the fuel tank storage. Work includes soil and placement of pavement, and removal of existing.	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$0	\$208,200	\$17,200	\$172,000	Bank Loan (2015) Request
7	55	2023	Relocate Utilities in Six-Quad	Relocation of electric and sanitary lines that are in conflict with structures to proposed development.	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$0	\$208,200	\$17,200	\$172,000	Bank Loan (2015) Request
8	89	2023	Construct Ramp	Construct a new PCC ramp to serve mobile equipment storage.	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$228,000	\$100,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$429,000	FY23 NPE + DA Request
9	70	2024	Rehabilitate Runway 5-23	Rehabilitation of portion of 100' x 200' area in the south apron area, near the fuel tank storage. Work includes soil and placement of pavement, and removal of existing.	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$3,000,000	\$100,000	\$175,000	\$1,920,000	\$3,105,000	FY24 NPE + DA Request
10	80	2025	Rehabilitate Taxiway Runway	Rehabilitate the 100' x 200' area in the T-HGR area (2015 POC 2015).	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$440,000	FY25 NPE + DA Request
11	44	2026	Construct SRE Building	Construct an SRE building to house equipment and supplies.	Yes	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FY26 NPE + DA Request
12	78	2027	Acquire Crash Truck	Acquire a new crash truck.	NA	CAT X - Not Started	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	FY27 NPE + DA Request

SPECIAL REQUESTS

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Some projects do not fit the parameters required by the Airport Improvement Program. These projects can simply be labeled "outside the fence" – meaning they must be handled and paid for locally. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport covers the local share costs of State/Federal and local projects by bonds. This process, titled Momentum 20XX, is completed every three years and most projects are an easy fit. There is one project that is looming to not be an easy fit....

The Koziara Terminal Parking Lot has not been rehabilitated since 1985. The parking lot is massive and the much needed rehabilitation project is expected to cost \$1,000,000 (includes Aviation & Firebaugh Drives). To complete such a project on a local scale will have to be phased over the next several years and will divert funds needed for airside improvements into a parking lot. Mt. Vernon Outland Airport seeks any grant opportunity available to help cover this important project. An airport is the front door to many communities. The Kozaria Terminal Parking Lot is an extension of Mt. Vernon's front door and provides the necessary infrastructure for visitors as well as the nearly 100 employees working on the campus daily.



Illinois Department of Transportation
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Data Sheet

Airport: Mt. Vernon Outland LOCID: MVN Local Priority: 2

Project Description: Rehabilitate Auto Parking Lot and Apron Access Points FY 2021

Justification: The main parking lot was last overlaid in 1985 and is deteriorating and is in need of rehabilitation. Similarly the various apron access points are in need of rehabilitation. The main entrance road requires some crack repair and new markings.

Cost Estimate: (Attach detailed cost estimate)

Federal (0 %) \$0	State (90 %) \$900,000	Local (10 %) \$100,000	Total: \$1,000,000
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Sponsor Verification Date: (see instruction sheet) 3/18/2010

For each and every project as applicable:

CE paragraph 310a	Date of approved ALP with project drawn
N/A	Date of environmental determination (ROD, FONSI, CE) or cite CE paragraph # (307-312) in Order 1050.1E, determination to accompany submittal
N/A	Date of land acquisition or signed purchase agreement
N/A	Snow removal equipment inventory & sizing worksheet (for SRE acquisition)
N/A	Apron sizing worksheet (for apron projects)
N/A	5010 Inspection Compliance (Attach copy of letter from Bureau of Aviation Safety)
N/A	Revenue producing facilities (for fuel farms, hangars, etc.)

I certify to the best of my belief and knowledge that all runway approaches are clear of obstructions.

Sponsor's Signature: *Christopher G. Collins* Date: 12/12/2019

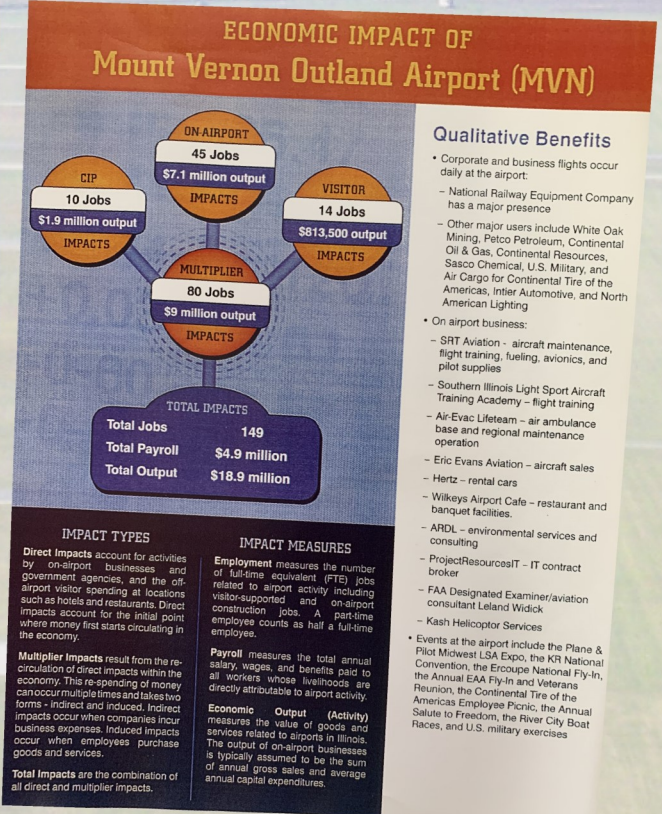
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Preapp Number	Grant Number	NPIAS Code	Work Code	FAA Priority	Federal \$
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Note: 2012 Economic Impact Study does not include data from ARDL. With ARDL, on field jobs are 80 with a direct input of \$11,000,000!