OUTLAND NEWS - MARCH, 2021

Welcome to the third 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

Thank goodness spring is here! February, 2021 contained many snow days. Over one foot of snow fell on the evening of February 15th. With drifting, many surfaces contained 24" - 36" of snow. Maintenance crews battled the conditions and runway closures were kept to a minimum.





The airport received good marks on its annual inspection by the FAA in late February. 14 CFR Part 139 (Air Carrier Certification) Airports are held to a much higher standard than regular airports and are inspected frequently. Although Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has been without an airline since 1999, the airport has made a commitment to maintain the Part 139 standards to ensure a level of safety and security for all visitors and tenants. The FAA inspector reviewed Air Rescue & Firefighting, Daily Inspection, Aviation Fuel, Wildlife Monitoring, Airport Emergency Plan, Driver Training, and other airport records during an E-Doc (virtual) Inspection. The FAA will return for an on-site inspection in February, 2022.



13 Hours @ KMVN

This series of photos shows the versatility, infrastructure, and services of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. The story begins with a 9:00 p.m. arrival of a Gulfstream IVSP (GIVSP) on Saturday 2/20/21. After the visitors are greeted and accommodated, the aircraft is tucked away out of the elements inside the Community Hangar. At 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, the GIVSP is pulled out of the hangar and fueled. Bags are loaded at approximately 9:45 a.m. followed by the passengers. The Gulfstream IVSP lifts off just after 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.









Despite the winter weather, flight training at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has not lapsed. Several students are nearing their first solo flights. FAA Practical Examinations will soon occur for many other students. With longer days and good flying weather ahead, we look forward to celebrating many additional achievements in the next few months!









Caden Ice - Solo Flight

Commercial Pilots Justin Burkholder, Kendall Meritt, and Aaron Beachy with FAA Designated Pilot Examiner Steve Goetz

Dave Doonan - Solo Flight

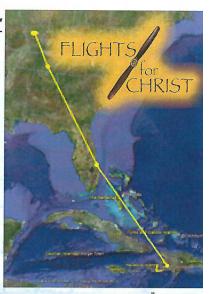
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TEAM MVN SPOTLIGHT - FLIGHTS FOR CHRIST





Flights for Christ is a Christian not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing spiritual and material support to missionaries, their families, and their individual missions. This support is accomplished by providing aviation transportation, aviation training, mercy flights, and humanitarian service. Flights for Christ provides domestic "compassion flights" to those in need of transportation to specialized medical centers and hospitals who may not be able to financially complete travel through other means or who are unable to travel commercially or via a long road trip due to their fragile physical state.



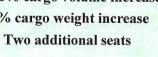
In addition to numerous domestic flights, the mission has completed over twenty-five trips into Haiti, all originating right here from the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Over 26,000 lbs. of cargo have been delivered including the following: 4600 IDES meals, 3500 Bibles, over 1,000 Christmas shoeboxes, 220 backpacks (filled with school supplies), three water purification units, two chicken coops, a fetal monitor, a digital X-ray machine, block making auger parts, medicine, hygiene products, replacement parts, and much, much more. Missionaries have also been transported saving funds for each mission. In October, 2019, Flights for Christ delivered badly needed medical supplies to a hospital in the southern coastal town of Peredo. The supply chain for this hospital, normally carried in by medical mission teams, was severed due to uprisings and blockaded roads. Flights for Christ was able to bypass the Haitian roads and deliver the supplies at an airstrip nearby the hospital – keeping the hospital open and saving lives!





GA8 "Airvan" Upgrade: 161% cargo volume increase

59% cargo weight increase









Flights for Christ is anxious to return to Haiti once COVID-19 restrictions are relaxed and civil unrest calms. The mission has invested in a STOL (Short takeoff and landing) aircraft to serve additional Haitian missions located in remote areas. Flights for Christ was the recent recipient of a large donation putting the mission within striking distance of upgrading its main transport aircraft. The current Piper Cherokee Six seats six or can carry 89 cubic feet of cargo translating to 1038 lbs. delivered. The proposed new aircraft is a Gippsland GA8 "Airvan". The Airvan seats eight, can carry 232 cubic feet of cargo and an increase in payload to 1650 lbs. Upgrading to the Airvan would be a 161% increase in volume and a 59% increase in cargo weight capacity. One trip in the proposed aircraft would transport what the current aircraft does in 2.5 trips!

Flights for Christ has 83% of the funding necessary to acquire the Airvan. If you or your business would like to partner with Flights for Christ, please call (618) 780-0779 or e-mail contactus@flightsforchrist.com for more information.

Plan on dining at the Bonnie Café Mt. Vernon Airport location on the evening of Tuesday, May 18th from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Bonnie Café is donating a large portion of the evening's proceeds to Flights for Christ. Be there!