

OUTLAND NEWS - SEPTEMBER, 2021

Welcome to the fifth 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

"THE WRENCHES OF KMVN" This quarter, we want to recognize those who maintain the aircraft at Mt. Vernon Outland Airport. Aircraft simply don't fly without good maintenance and KMVN boasts many specialists that draw aircraft regionally to Mt. Vernon, Illinois. *SRT Aviation* offers fixed wing airframe, powerplant, and avionics work. *Kash Helicopter Services* maintains a fleet of Bell Helicopters and has plans to expand to a full service fixed base operator. *Air Evac, EMS* performs on site maintenance for company owned aircraft. These KMVN based businesses provide the foundation for safe, reliable based and itinerant aircraft operations while contributing to the direct economic impact of the airport.



Apprentice Mechanic Austin Wilkerson
Airframe Mechanic Dennis Coyle



Pilot Don Pruett, Airframe/Powerplant
Mechanic Daniel Cammack
Airframe/Powerplant Mechanic & IA
John Branson



Airframe/
Powerplant
Mechanic
Rich Carney
(right)



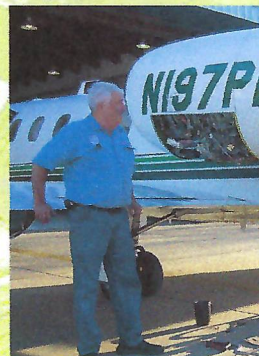
Airframe/Powerplant Mechanic & IA
Shawn Sayle, Airframe/Powerplant
Mechanic Josh Hackworth, and
Apprentice Mechanic Tyler Copple



SRT Crew performs landing gear test swing



Airframe/Powerplant Mechanic & IA
John Wright



Airframe/
Powerplant
Mechanic
Tom Brand
(left)

Flight Training

Summer is always a busy time for training. Check out our recent achievers!



1st Solo Luke Barry
CFIS Dr. Stan Blank



1st Solo Steph Sabo
CFI Jay Grafton



1st Solo Cody LeFever
CFI Jay Grafton



1st Solo Dave Salus
CFI Elizabeth Bailey



IFR Dr. Geoffrey Sneddon
FAA DPE Steve Goetz



Sport Pilot Dan Noble
FAA DPE Steve Goetz

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MIDWEST LSA EXPO

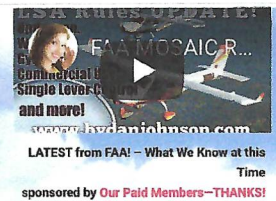
The airport's signature event, Midwest LSA Expo, occurred the weekend after Labor Day. For three days aircraft exhibitors and aircraft shoppers converged in southern Illinois. The event provides an economic boost to the local hospitality industry and places the airport in the aviation media spotlight.



Visitors from 32 states, CANADA, & GERMANY attended Midwest LSA Expo 2021

SMALL PROJECTS - WELCOMING FEEL

Several upgrades were made around the airport during the summer, all aimed at making the airport more welcoming for visitors. New drinking fountains (with automatic bottle fill ports) were installed in the Koziara Terminal and Fixed Base Operations Building. The old airline entry gate canopy was repainted and the Mt. Vernon, ILL Elev. 480 letters and numbers restored. New picnic tables were purchased and installed on the Bonnie Cafe outdoor patio. New exterior speakers were installed in the Bonnie Cafe outdoor patio, airline canopy gate, and parking lot canopy entry. The ceiling speakers in the bathrooms were reenergized. Visitors now hear local radio station WMIX when entering, exiting, or visiting the bathrooms. The airport's campground/event infrastructure grid was rehabilitated ahead of the Midwest LSA Expo. All pedestals now contain 30 amp. camper receptacles. Three 50 amp. receptacles are also available. Future projects include transparent blinds in the restaurant, additional landscaping, and additional exterior picnic tables.



News & Video on Light Sport Aircraft, Sport Pilot Kits, and Ultralight Aircraft

Switch to Classic View

Midwest 2021 Day 3: Examining a Gleaming G1 STOL ... plus FAA Update Video Now Online

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On the final day of the Midwest LSA Expo 2021, winds came up as predicted and energy levels began to come down to Earth, but it was a fitting conclusion to what appeared to be a very successful show.

I talked to people from all over, several from California two thousand miles to the west. Most attendees were probably midwestern pilots but a surprising number of visitors came a long way, hailing from both coasts. The reputation for this event, now finishing its thirteenth year, has grown beyond what many once anticipated. I'd still call it a regional event but one with a long reach.

Pilots came to examine aircraft, to see how they fit in them, to learn more about ones of particular interest, to learn more about developments in the industry (see FAA update video below), and to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow recreational pilots. Smiles were plentiful.

Quite a few pilots made purchase decisions and went away with an order confirmation in hand. I spoke with numerous vendors who reported at least one and in multiple cases more than one order was taken at the show. Many good prospects had ample time to talk to airplane reps and everyone seemed pleased about the experience. The only downside: lead times are up. Some vendors are quoting delivery well into 2022.



MVFD STATION #3



A multi-year, multi-phase upgrade of the joint airport/City Fire Station was recently completed. The airport and City Firefighters worked together to ensure the station will be available for long term service to not just the airport, but the residents living and moving east of the railroad tracks dividing the City. The projects included a new roof, exterior facade work, new pavements, and an extensive remodel of the

upstairs and downstairs living and working spaces. This upgrade would not have been possible without the strong partnership between the airport, the City of Mt. Vernon, and the Mt. Vernon Professional Firefighters - a relationship dating back to 1975!

