

# OUTLAND NEWS - JUNE, 2022

Welcome to the eighth 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

### ARC - Mt. Vernon, IL Stop #7

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport was one of eight stops on the recently concluded, 45th Annual, Air Race Classic. The Air Race Classic is the epicenter of women's air racing. Race teams, consisting of at least two women pilots, flew VFR during daylight hours only and were given four days to make flybys at each stop and then land at the terminus. The total course was over 2500 statute miles. Handicap speeds were determined for each aircraft and actual ground speeds were compared to the handicap speeds. Pilots strategized to play the elements, holding out for better weather, favorable winds, etc. Over 100 female pilots, from 35 States, five countries, and 13 colleges/universities were represented. KMVN was a previous stop for the ARC in 1990 and 1969 (Powder Puff Derby).



### Best Stop Award

KMVN was selected as the "Best Stop" at the conclusion of the 45th Air Race Classic (ARC). The "Best Stop" Award is voted by the actual racers themselves via a survey system. Points are awarded due to several factors such as: organized fueling process, ground crew assistance, hospitality/enthusiasm, food/drinks, and interest from the public.

*"Considering the caliber of the other stops, this is a tremendous accomplishment! The volunteers and staff at MVN are friendly, welcoming, and enthusiastic about aviation and southern Illinois. The racers recognized this as they considered their votes. I am very proud!"* Chris Collins, Airport Director

*"Local Stop Chair Sheila Jolly-Scrivner was incredibly organized and led the team to be attentive to the needs of our guests. Due to his level of detail and communication skills, no one even noticed Head Timer Don Lewis. SRF Aviation extended its hours to accommodate everyone and provided immediate maintenance services on at least two race aircraft. This award is reflective of a dedicated, knowledgeable, and experienced team at KMVN."*

Marty Cox, MVAA Chairman



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## ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Southern Illinois was well represented at the 2022 Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet held in Champaign on Thursday, June 16, 2022. Inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame was Lt. Colonel Stephen B. Willis (USAF Retired). Steve has been a prominent fixture at KMVN since his retirement in 1997. Veterans Airport of southern Illinois Director Doug Kimmell was also inducted. Don Kirlin of Quincy and the late John C. Robinson of Chicago rounded out the Class of 2022.

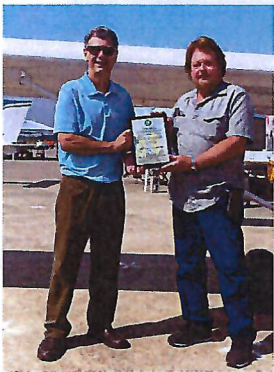


Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame President Dr. Charley Rodriguez (left) welcomes 2022 Inductee Steve Willis into the IL Aviation Hall of Fame. Willis flew F4's, F16's, and T38's in the USAF. He has spent a majority of his life educating pilots.

KMVN's EAA Chapter 1155 received the 2022 Spirit of Flight Award. Spirit of Flight Awardees are selected for their contributions to aviation in Illinois, with a particular emphasis on volunteerism and contributions to the community. EAA Chapter 1155 assists the airport, and neighboring airports, with various events such as the Midwest LSA Expo, EAA Airventure Cup Race, KR National Gathering, and Air Race Classic. The Chapter continues to offer at least one Young Eagle rally each year. To date, EAA Chapter 1155 has safely flown over 3500 Young Eagle missions!

### FLIGHT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award winners Jerry Yearwood and Ray Xanders. The WBMPA is presented by the FAA to aviators that have safely flown more than 50 years without accidents/incidents.



FAAST Team's Warren Smith & Jerry Yearwood



Deb & Ray Xanders



**PINCH HITTER:** Christy Meritt completed a Pinch Hitter course taught by Safe Aviation Educators Leland Widick. The course consisted of approximately 20 hours in SAE's Redbird TD2 Simulator. Pinch Hitter courses are designed to provide passengers with knowledge, skills, and confidence to safely land an aircraft if the pilot in command becomes incapable. The simulator allows the course to be taught on the ground saving the student money while reducing the wear and tear on the aircraft..



1st Solo Klayton Simmons & CFI Jay Grafton



1st Solo Chris Ellis & CFI Jay Grafton

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**FLIGHT PROGRAM ADDS AIRCRAFT:** Due to strong demand, a second Cessna 172 "Skyhawk" was recently acquired and added to the rental fleet at KMVN. The aircraft is available for VFR training immediately. When modern GPS equipment is installed in the fall, the aircraft will be a great instrument platform for years to come. KMVN now has two C172 Skyhawks for traditional PVT, IFR, and Commercial Certification and two Aeroprakt A-22's for Light Sport Certification.



Private Pilot Dave Salus



FAA DPE Rodney Resch & Private Pilot Pat Boone