



STATE OF THE AIRPORT FY 2022/2023

RECORD FUEL SALES

Nearly 140,000 gallons of aviation fuel were sold in FY2022/2023. The 139,991 gallons is a new record in the modern era (post 2000). Corporate Aircraft Association (CAA) member aircraft, those only stopping for quick turn fuel services, accounted for approximately 28% of total annual sales.

AVIATION REPORT

Calendar year 2022 was also a record year in terms of total operations, jet operations, and CAA (Corporate Aircraft Association) stops. There were 28,845 total aircraft operations, a 7.5% increase over the previous year. There were 360 jet operations - 52 more than the previous record set in 2011. There were 256 CAA stops - solidly ahead of the 2021 number (150). Credit goes to many places: local and itinerant flight training, Air Evac, aviation events such as MLSA Expo and the Air Race Classic, restaurant traffic, CAA, and many other factors related to Team MVN.

U.S. ARMY GOLDEN KNIGHTS TANDEM CAMP

In late October, the airport welcomed the famous U.S. ARMY Golden Knights Parachute Team for a regional Tandem Camp. Educators and VIP's from across southern Illinois were provided opportunities to skydive with the Knights. Each jump began at 12,500 feet and ended in a small grassy area just west of the Koziara Terminal.

ARPA COLLABORATION

The airport remains grateful to the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors for the airport being included in the County's ARPA Project Allocation. \$192,850 was granted from the County to the airport to replace over 1000 feet of 50 plus year old cast iron force main sewer line. Combined with the Innovation Park Utility Upgrade – Electrical Portion (funded by the airport), all Innovation Park Utilities have now been addressed and the Innovation Park area is ready for tenant development.

MASTER PILOT LELAND WIDICK

Local Aviation Educator Leland Widick, owner operator of KMVN based Safe Aviation Educators was honored with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award at the Midwest LSA Expo in September. The award was presented by Federal Aviation Administration Springfield Flight Standards Office Management to Widick for more than 50 years of safe aviating.

PERIMETER ACCESS ROAD

The airport's interior access road, spanning from the southwestern Innovation Park Development to the Koziara Terminal campus on the northeastern side, received a heavy-duty asphalt surface in the Summer of 2022. The roadway sees daily activity from aviation fuel, airport operations, and first responder vehicles. The paved surface will be

instrumental for the future location of the airport's Maintenance/Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building and the Innovation Park West Development.

BEST STOP - AIR RACE CLASSIC

The airport was the eighth of nine stops on the 45th Annual Air Race Classic, a women's cross country air race. Over 40 race teams, with ladies ranging in age from 17 to 90, flew the course starting in Lakeland, Florida and ending in Terre Haute, Indiana. At the end of the race, the participants voted Mt. Vernon Outland Airport as the Best Stop. This was a significant honor considering the caliber and experience of the other stops.

IL AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Lt. Colonel Steve Willis (USAF, Retired) and EAA Chapter 1155 were honored in May at the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet in Champaign. Lt. Colonel Willis was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Class of 2022. EAA Chapter 1155 won the 2022 Spirit of Flight Award. The annual Spirit of Flight Award is presented to an organization focusing on aviation education, volunteerism, and contributions to their community.