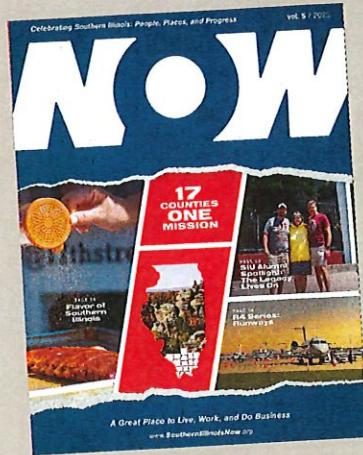
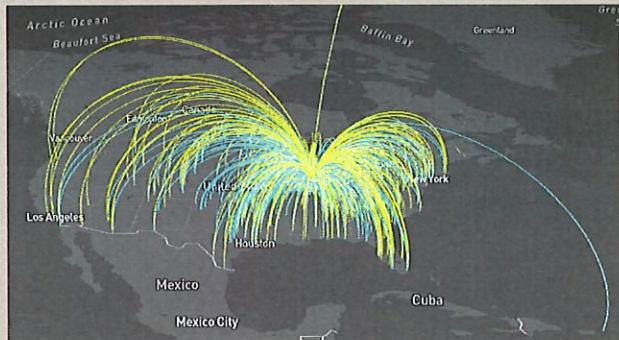


OUTLAND NEWS - DECEMBER, 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport News (Outland News). The positive momentum continues with all things Team MVN !



The airport was featured in Volume 5, 2025 of SI NOW Magazine. The airport's economic impact, infrastructure, strategic location, and "Just in Time" air cargo operations including international ties are highlighted. Read the article at: southernillinoisnow.org/now-magazine/



AIR CARGO



Automotive subcomponents, manufactured in Guadalajara, Mexico, are flown to KMVN, off-loaded, and trucked to local assembly plants.

Airport crews are excited to play a small part in keeping the automotive assembly lines moving!



VIRTOWER

Thanks to a gift from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, Virtower was installed and went live at KMVN on August 22, 2025. Virtower is one on the nation's leading providers of aircraft operations data. The system has logged over 6700 aircraft operations in just over four months. Check out the Virtower Flight Origins Map (left) for Mt. Vernon Outland Airport!

AIR RESCUE FIREFIGHTING (ARFF)

For several years Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has been offering Intro to ARFF Classes. The classes benefit first responders serving with departments responsible for municipal airports and/or those that could encounter an off airport accident/incident. The curriculum is derived from FAA Advisory Circular 150/5210-17C "Programs for Training Aircraft Firefighting Personnel". Along with a 2.5 hour interactive presentation, attendees receive a tabbed supplemental binder and use a specialty constructed Hands on Training (HOT) apparatus - the ARFF Mobile Simulator. The mobile

simulator consists of a trailer mounted Piper PAY1 Turboprop fuselage.

For more information, go to:

mtvernonairport.com/arff-training/



During 2025, classes were taught at the following: Cairo (IL) Regional, Benton (IL) Municipal, Flora (IL) Municipal, & Carmi (IL) Municipal Airports, Bult Field (IL), and Woodlawn (IL) Fire Department. Supplemental Binders were provided to 30 departments across the State!

FLIGHT ACHIEVEMENTS

Outland Flight Instruction saw a record number of achievements throughout the second half of 2025. Three Commercial Pilot Certificates, four Private Pilot Certificates, and two Sport Pilot Certificates were earned. The amazing run also included one CFI - Instrument, one Instrument Rating, and seven solo flights!



Commercial Pilots Harrison Zgonina, Nekoda Colvin, and Jesse Warner. Also shown are CFI Ethan Lentz and FAA DPE Rodney Resch

IFR Jesse Warner and CFI Ethan Lentz. Also shown is FAA DPE's Kevin Lindsay and Steve Goetz



Private Pilots Aaron Carnine, Skip Starkey, Kyle Mulvaney, and James Wilemon. Also shown are FAA DPE Kevin Lindsay and CFI Ethan Lentz



Solo Flight James Wilemon (R) and CFI Ethan Lentz

Sport Pilots Jordan Kirkpatrick and Matt Colvin. Also shown are FAA DPE Steve Goetz & CFI Ethan Lentz. Matt completed his certificate in < 90 days!

Solo Flight Brayden Neely (R) and CFI Keefe Huddleston



Solo Flight Turell Hawkins (R) and CFI Ethan Lentz

Solo Flight Joel Gorman (R) and CFI Jay Grafton



Solo Flight Shawn Coumbe (L) and CFI Rylan Crane

Solo Flight Ryan Alton (R) and CFI Ethan Lentz