

Welcome to the latest edition of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport News (Outland News). The first half of 2026 has been fantastic!

OUTLAND NEWS - JUNE, 2026



Mt. Vernon Outland Airport was chosen as the Terminus for the 49th Annual Air Race Classic. The Air Race Classic is the nation's longest cross country air race flown entirely by women. Forty-five teams, including 17 of our nation's leading collegiate programs, competed in the race. In addition to timed arrival fly-bys on Thursday and Friday, Saturday Youth Aviation Day, and a mass departure day on Monday, nearly 200 guests enjoyed all Mt. Vernon has to offer during a long weekend. The Granada Theater played host to the Friday Night Melt Down Party and Sunday ARC Banquet. The Double Tree Hotel, Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Pro's Sports/KC Property Brokers, and Downtown Commons also hosted the ladies for additional activities. Mt. Vernon Outland

Airport was honored to be the finish line for the 2026 Air Race Classic. Events like the Air Race Classic puts the airport on a national stage, highlights the professionalism of its infrastructure, and exposes visitors to airport and community hospitality.



KT PARKING LOT RIBBON CUTTING

A Ribbon Cutting was conducted by the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce on May 7, 2026 to celebrate the completion of the Koziara Terminal Parking Lot Project. The nearly \$1 Million dollar project was funded by Rebuild Illinois and provided new asphalt for the Koziara Terminal, SRT Flightline, and T Hangar Parking Lots; three ramp feeder roads; and Firebaugh Drive. Crack fill and seal coating of Aviation Drive, new curbs, light pole protective bollards, and striping of all parking spaces were also included. The project was badly needed as the surfaces dated back to 1975. State, City, County, and Chamber of Commerce Officials enjoyed lunch after the ribbon cutting.



FLIGHT ACHIEVEMENTS

A new website dedicated exclusively to flight training, the airport's first Technically Advanced Aircraft (available for lease), and an upgraded flight planning/weather room were just a few of the additions for the first half of 2026. Outland Flight Instruction Students "Resolve to Rise Above"!



Commercial Pilots Travis Gholson and Abbie Lehman with DPE Steve Goetz & CFII Ethan Lentz



Instrument Rating Penny Attaway with CFII Ethan Lentz



OutlandFlight.com includes the following:

-  Aviation Career Information
-  Realistic Pricing Packages
-  Outland Logbook (over 200 entries)



Private Pilots Zoe Myers, John Delatore, Turell Hawkins, Vita Bartolotta, and Shawn Coumbe with FAA DPE Steve Goetz



Solo Flights: (cw, top to bottom) Dallas Heck, Paige Rogers, Ken Revels, Larry Williams, Charlie Heck, Jim Basch, Alek Couch, and Ed Foley. With CFII's Keeffe Huddleston, Ethan Lentz, & Rylan Crane.

