



TVY ILS UPDATE

The new Instrument landing system (ILS) at Tooele Valley Airport has been fully flight tested and published. The frequency is 111.15 and the identifier is ITVY.

TVY APRON EXPANSION

The north apron (near the Skydive facility) expansion project is progressing on schedule. The expanded apron will increase the number of ramp tie-down spaces and will accommodate business jet parking. We anticipate the relocated self-serve fuel island, offering 100LL fuel, will be fully operational by the second week of May.

TVY BEACON REMAINS OTS

The airfield rotating beacon at Tooele Valley Airport remains out of service. Parts are on order but repair is estimated to be still several weeks away.

U42 PLANE WASH OPEN

The plane wash at Airport #2 is open for the season. It is located on the ramp just north of Mark Losee's Alta Aircraft Maintenance hangar, east of T-hangar row A, and just west of the Foote corporate hangar.

The wand dispenses high pressure soapy water and high pressure rinse water. Come equipped with adequate amounts of quarters as there is no change machine available at the rack

TENTATIVE GA BBQ DATE SET

September 27 2008 has been tentatively selected as the date for the annual SLCDA sponsored General Aviation Barbeque at Airport #2. This year it is scheduled to be held in Mark Losee's Alta Aircraft Maintenance hangar. More information to follow as the date nears.

TVY RUNWAY THRESHOLD RESTORED

The runway 17 threshold which had been temporarily displaced 1,000 feet due to approach light installation has been restored. There are now a full 6,200 feet on runway 17 available for take off and for landing at TVY.

SPRING HANGAR INSPECTIONS

Mike Rawson, SLCDA Properties and Contracts Specialist, and Steve Jackson, SLCDA GA Manager, have been conducting hangar inspection spot checks to determine common Title 16, lease, safety and fire code discrepancies.

They have developed a checklist which will be included in the spring hangar inspection notification letters being mailed to tenants shortly. Hangar inspection conducted by Mike and SLCDA Fire Marshall, Captain Martha Ellis are scheduled for the month of May.

For additional information contact Mike Rawson at 575-2894 or Captain Ellis at 531-4521.

GA ACTIVITY FORECAST -- FLAT

From GA News Magazine

Total GA flight hours are expected to remain flat over the next year, according to the FAA's 2008 aerospace forecast.

Rising fuel prices (could go up another 25 cents per gallon within a few weeks), increasingly congested airspace and airports, as well as a slowing economy, are the factors FAA officials point to as the reasons for the slowdown.

However, the same officials also predict that GA flight hours will grow by 2.1% to 3% beginning in 2009.

Very light jets (VLJ) will fuel that growth and are expected to account for one-sixth of all GA hours, eventually.

Only about half of 2007's expected VLJ deliveries materialized but officials still expect 400-500 VLJs to be delivered every succeeding year, reaching more than 8,100 by 2025.

Even more rapid growth is expected in the Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) category, with predictions of 14,700 LSAs flying by 2025, piloted by 20,600 new sport pilots.

According to figures compiled by the Light Aircraft

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Manufacturers Association, there were 1,199 LSAs at the end of February. FAA figures show that 2,100 sport pilots were certificated as of June 2007.

The number of GA pilots – excluding ATPs – is forecast to increase to 507,930 by the end of 2005. So watch for more crowded skies at GA airports in the near future.

For more information go to www.faa.gov

BULLETIN OR DIRECTIVE?

By Ian Twombly in AOPA Magazine

Aircraft maintenance is serious business. Putting the obvious safety considerations aside, not complying with airworthiness directives and the associated maintenance regulations could mean enforcement trouble for the aircraft owner or operator, as well as for the mechanic. The key to complying with certain maintenance regulations knows what applies to your situation and what does not. The terms airworthiness directives, or ADs, and service bulletins are often used interchangeably, but the two mean very different things for most owners.

Service bulletins are created and issued by the manufacturer, and more often than not contain proprietary information. That usually means paying a fee to obtain copies, although most mechanics do have access to the bulletins. What's more, service bulletins are voluntary for Part 91 owners and operators.

Usually a service bulletin will remain an advisory document that simply alerts the owner of a potentially unsafe maintenance condition. Whether it's complied with is completely up to the owner or operator.

ADs are an entirely different animal. They are issued directly from the FAA and are mandatory. Each AD that is issued must go through the FAA's rule making process, which requires a notice of proposed rulemaking and a public comment period. Typically, this is when groups like AOPA chime in on behalf of owners. After the comment period, the FAA looks at all the comments and technical data to make a determination. Usually the proposal is issued as a final rule with any number of changes.

Perhaps one of the more difficult aspects of keeping up with AD compliance is knowing when the work or inspection has to be completed. The directives are issued either as a one-time inspection or maintenance item, or as a recurring event. The inspection period can be either calendar or aircraft time. Either way, tracking

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Do NOT Fuel or Start Aircraft
Inside of Hangars!

HELPFUL POINTS OF CONTACT

For GA operational, facilities maintenance, aviation newsletter, airfield, and SLC Title 16 questions call: Steve Jackson, SLCDA General Aviation Manager, 647-5532 or e-mail at steve.jackson@slcgov.com.

For hangar lease and repair questions call: Mike Rawson, Properties and Contracts Specialist, at 575-2894 or e-mail at mike.rawson@slcgov.com.

For aviation security questions call: Connie Proctor at 575-2401.
For gate access problems call: Airport Control Center at 575-2401.

For emergencies call: at SLCIA, 575-2405
at TVY or U42, 911 then 575-2405

For common General Aviation information call the GA Hotline: 575-2443

the required compliance dates and times is essential.

Keeping track of records is not a difficult task for owners with a trusting mechanic, but aircraft renters are often left out in the cold. Even if a renter has access to the records, going over them is often tedious and confusing. For those who fly a different airplane every lesson, it's nearly impossible. It therefore comes down to trusting the flight school / owner to make sure the maintenance is taken care of. If it's not properly tracked and recorded, the renter could be considered at fault as well.

ADs are meant to increase safety. Complying with them is mandatory, and many times a serious safety concern prompts their issuance. Keep accurate records and call AOPA's Pilot Information Center for more information. As owners, many of the specialists have suffered through numerous ADs over the years. You can reach them during normal business hours at 800/USA-AOPA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Leading Edge Aviation in Logan (LGU) holds a monthly breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of every month 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in the hangar. Leading Edge also operates a facility at Salt Lake City International Airport. They'd enjoy seeing you there!

Utah General Aviation Association (UGAA) has scheduled a Fly-in to Smiley Creek, ID campground for June 15 (Father's Day Weekend) for more information visit their website at www.ugaa.org.

Air Center of Salt Lake, the FBO at Airport #2, has started up its summer Fly-in and Barbeque beginning this month. Dave and Ryan Coats invite everyone to get a little flight time, see Utah's great scenery, and come eat some great food and visit with pilot friends and family at their West Jordan hangar the first Thursday of each month between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. all summer long. For more information on this event visit www.aircenterofsaltlake.com.

