

GA HANGAR INSPECTIONS UNDERWAY

General aviation (GA) hangar inspections are currently in progress and expected to be completed by mid-May.

The SLCDCA General Aviation Manager, Steve Jackson and Property Management Specialist, Phil Bevan are conducting the inspections to check for lease compliance, cleanliness, mandatory oil drip pans, current fire extinguishers, extension cord compliance, proper fuel storage, and security.

Please direct questions to the GA Manager, Steve Jackson at (801) 575-2401 or Property Management Specialist, Phil Bevan at (801) 575-2957.

GOV DECLARES AVN APPRECIATION MONTH

Declaration

Whereas, the aviation industry plays a critical role in the lives of Utah residents, as well as the economic prosperity of the state of Utah;

Whereas, the aviation sector's contributions to the economy are fueled by a vibrant and supportive aviation community, consisting of forty-six public-use airports; commercial businesses and general aviation industries; manufacturing partners and educational institutions, and other aviation-related organizations; as well as many different professionals, including pilots ground crews, consultants, and mechanics, to mention a few;

Whereas, business aviation is an important tool for companies in Utah to improve efficiency, save money, and open opportunities in rural areas not served by commercial aviation;

Whereas many communities in Utah depend heavily on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce and visitors to our state;

Whereas, general aviation not only supports Utah's economy, but it also improves the overall quality of life by supporting emergency medical and healthcare services, and assisting law enforcement, firefighting, and disaster relief; and

Whereas, we commend the Utah Airport Operators Association, Utah Business Aviation Association, Utah General Aviation Association, National Business Aviation Association, and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for recognizing and promoting the interest and importance of aviation in Utah;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare April 2015 as

Aviation Appreciation Month in Utah

REGISTERING YOUR AIRCRAFT IN UTAH

by M. Patrick Morley, Director, Utah State Division of Aeronautics

The Utah State Division of Aeronautics is concerned that many aircraft owners may not fully understand Utah's aircraft registration and tax laws.

Prior to 2008, aircraft owners were assessed a property tax of 0.4% of the value of their aircraft and an aircraft registration fee of \$25 (balloon, glider, helicopter, or propeller driven aircraft), or \$5,000 (jet aircraft with max gross weight of 20,000 lbs or less), or \$10,000 (jet aircraft with max gross weight greater than 20,000 lbs). 100% of the property tax collected went to the county where the aircraft was assessed and the aircraft registration fee went to the Aeronautics Restricted Account. Obviously, a great deal more money went to the county than to the Aeronautics Restricted Account. Unfortunately, very few counties, if any, contribute to maintenance of airports. The Aeronautics Restricted Account was, and still is, the only source from which the Utah Division of Aeronautics may issue grants.

In 2008, the Utah Airport Operators Association (UAOA), and the Utah General Aviation Association (UGAA) worked with the Utah legislature to change the law so that each aircraft registration fee is now calculated at 0.4% of the average wholesale value of the aircraft. 100% of the fee is deposited into the Utah State Aeronautics Restricted Account and a \$25 Uniform Fee goes to the county where the plane is based. This resulted in a significant increase in revenue to the Aeronautics Restricted Account and made it possible for the Division of Aeronautics to issue more grants to the 46 public-use airports throughout Utah for badly needed maintenance and capital improvement projects.

An aircraft is considered to be based in Utah if it's hanged, tied down, or parked in Utah for 181 days or more per year. It hardly seems fair or right for Utah based aircraft owners to avoid paying a registration fee used to maintain Utah airports in a safe and operational condition because they can "get a better deal" by registering their aircraft in another state. When aircraft are actually based in Utah but "registered" in other states, the other states receive the fiscal benefit... not Utah.

In general, when the FAA issues a federal grant it is for 90% of the cost of a project and the airport is responsible for the remaining 10%. In other words, the airport owner pays only ten cents on the dollar. Thirty-five of the forty-six public-use airports are eligible for FAA grants. The Division of Aeronautics uses Aeronautics Restricted Account funds (aircraft registration fees and aviation fuel tax) to assist airports with their required match on FAA grants. If an airport is unable to come up with their required match, the FAA will not issue a grant and a needed project isn't done.

The Division of Aeronautics also issues state grants to eleven Utah airports that are not eligible for FAA grants.

If you haven't already registered your aircraft this year, please do so. If you have any questions about the aircraft registration program, or would like to know more about how your aviation fuel taxes and registration fees are used please contact the Utah Division of Aeronautics.

SLCDA WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

It is a busy time at Salt Lake City International Airport (SLCIA). Passenger levels are increasing, a new non-stop flight to Amsterdam launches in May, and construction is underway on the airport's Terminal Redevelopment Program (TRP). With so much activity taking place, Salt Lake City Department of Airports (SLCDA) has bolstered its digital and social media.

SLCDA's website is the first and best source for people who want to learn more about airport operations and the Terminal Redevelopment Program. Visit www.slcairport.com and click "The New SLC" to see the latest renderings, construction videos and sign up for redevelopment email updates.

SLCDA is very active on social media including; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, a WordPress blog, and Pinterest!

Follow us and keep your finger on the pulse of Salt Lake City's Airports!



SLC TAXIWAY K-2 PERMANENTLY CLOSED

A public meeting will be held at the Kibbie Executive Terminal building, 337 North 2370 West, Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) at 1:00 p.m. on May 5th to provide information concerning the closure of taxiway K-2.

Questions will be entertained.

SLCDA GA NEWS ELECTRONIC OPTION

If you would like to receive the Salt Lake City Department of Airports' monthly general aviation newsletter by e-mail, send a request including your current e-mail address to: steve.jackson@slcgov.com.

--SAFETY FIRST --

Do NOT fuel or start aircraft inside of hangars... including shade hangars!

HELPFUL POINTS OF CONTACT

For general aviation operations, facilities maintenance, SLCDA GA newsletter, airfield, and SLC Title 16 questions contact: Steve Jackson, SLCDA General Aviation Manager, (801) 647-5532 or e-mail at steve.jackson@slcgov.com.

For hangar lease and repair questions: Phil Bevan, Property Management Specialist at (801) 575-2957 or phil.bevan@slcgov.com.

For aviation security questions call: Dennis Berry at (801) 575-2401.

For gate access problems call: Airport Control Center at (801) 575-2401.

For emergencies call: at SLCIA, (801) 575-2911.
at TVY or U42, 911 then (801) 575-2911.

For additional GA information call the GA Hotline: (801) 575-2443.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Leading Edge Aviation at South Valley Regional Airport (**KU42**), West Jordan and at Logan-Cache Airport (**KLGU**) hosts multiple events each month including breakfast fly-ins, dinners, and classes. For more information about Leading Edge events, visit: www.leaviation.com.

Skypark Airport (KBTF) in Woods Cross, Utah will host its Skypark Aviation Festival on Saturday, June 6th. More information can be found at www.skyparkutah.com.

EAA 23, the Utah Chapter of the **Experimental Aircraft Association** will hold its monthly chapter meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8th at the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) building at 640 North 2360 West, Salt Lake City International Airport (**KSLC**).

In conjunction with International Learn to Fly Day, Leading Edge Aviation and EAA 23 will host a Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, May 16th at South Valley Regional Airport (**U42**).

The event will be held at the Leading Edge FBO north hangar, 7220 South 4450 West from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Orientation flights for youth aged 8 – 17 will be offered. Parental permission is required by completing a Young Eagle registration form that will be available on-site the day of the event.

For more information, you may contact Shawn Crosgrove at shawn_crosgrove@msn.com or (801) 568-2571, or visit the EAA website at www.eaa23.org/.

MAY FAA PILOT SEMINARS

Upcoming activity and FAA seminar information is available at www.faasafety.gov under the "Activities, Courses & Seminars" tab or contact Rick Stednitz, FAA Safety Program Manager at (801) 257- 5073.



Blue skies and safe spring flying!