

U42 PLANE WASH TO CLOSE FOR THE SEASON

The plane wash at South Valley Regional Airport in West Jordan (U42) is scheduled to close for the season on October 15th.

If there is an early freeze it will close sooner to avoid damage to the pump and lines. If the weather remains unseasonably warm, the closure may be extend.

Contact Steve Jackson, the General Aviation Manager at (801) 575-2401 before you fly in to wash your plane to ensure the plane wash is still open and operational.

REPORT AIRCRAFT OWNERSHIP CHANGES

Hangar tenants must report changes in ownership for aircraft hangared at Salt Lake City's three airports.

When tenants sell registered aircraft, change partners, or acquire and store different aircraft in SLCDA hangars at SLC, U42, or TVY, the changes must be reported to Matt Jensen, Airport Property Management Specialist at (801) 575-2957.

Matt will readily change lease agreements upon receiving proof of ownership.

The Airport must maintain accurate aircraft hangar occupancy status with correct tail numbers and current phone numbers, mailing addresses, and points of contact.

SLCDA GENERAL AVIATION "HOTLINE"

Salt Lake City Department of Airports offers a "general aviation hotline" at (801) 575-2443 that provides general aviation information about SLCDA's three airports.

It may include information concerning construction, snow removal, runway/taxiway closures, NOTAMs, special events, meetings, and other useful information. It is updated bi-monthly or as needed.

GENERAL AVIATION GATE CODE ACCESS

Salt Lake City Department of Airports periodically changes the general aviation cipher codes at its airports.

The codes are changed irregularly every six to twelve months or when it is apparent they have become compromised.

If you are unable to access the airfield through a cipher lock gate, contact Steve Jackson, the General Aviation Manager at (801) 575-2401. Be prepared to provide your name, aircraft tail number, and hangar/tie-down information.

IF YOUR SLCDA HANGAR BADGE DOES NOT WORK...

Occasionally pilots will arrive at the airport (SLC or U42) and find their hangar badge does not allow them access through the gate.

As with all things technological, there are a variety of possibilities and reasons you may not have access.

First look at the expiration date on the front of your badge at the bottom... if it has expired your badge has been shut, and you have 30 days to renew. After 30 days, your badge will be revoked, and you will have to resubmit to the background check. If you received your badge before August 2013, the expiration date is your birthday to help you remember to renew your badge ahead of time. Those who received badges after August 2013, your expiration date will show 2 – years after your training date. It is always best and more efficient to renew your badge before it expires. You may do so six weeks prior to your expiration date.

Don't leave your badge in direct sunlight for more than a minute or so. The heat from the sun will often damage the fragile electronics located in your badge.

Do not attempt to remove the electronic backing or bend or fold your hangar badge. Once again the fragile electronics located in your badge may be damaged.

In order to gain access through the vehicle electronic gates, you must be in a vehicle over the sensing loop located in the concrete near the access card reader pedestal. The loops sense vehicle metal mass and we have found some loop sensors are not sensitive enough to sense bicycles and smaller motor scooters.

Pedestrians will not be able to gain access through a vehicle access gate.

Signs are posted at each gate with a phone number to call if you experience difficulty gaining access through the gate or want to report a gate malfunction. If the gate does not close and to keep the airfield secure, remain at the gate until operations personnel or police arrive to relieve you.

Remember you are required to remain at the gate until it is fully closed and "piggy backing" of additional vehicles through the open gate on your card is not authorized.

Contact Steve Jackson, the General Aviation Manager, at (801) 575-2401 with badge access problems, questions about security gates, or to address other security concerns.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HOTLINES
Report All Suspicious Aviation Activities:
1 (866) AIR-BUST or 1 (866) GA-SECUR
or call 911 for immediate local response

UDOT AVIATION DATA BASE IS THE LAW

In 2008, the Utah Airport Operators Association (UAOA), Utah General Aviation Association (UGAA), Utah Back Country Pilots Association (UBCPA), business aircraft owner representatives, Utah State Division of Aeronautics, Utah State Office of Legislative Research, and the Utah County Assessors Association formed a composite committee to craft Utah House Bill 365, sponsored by Representative Wayne Harper. It was proposed to amend provisions in the Property Tax Act and the Uniform Aeronautical Regulatory Act relating to the taxation and registration of aircraft.

Prior to its enactment, aircraft property taxes (per the Utah State Constitution) went into the general fund and state aviation realized no direct aviation benefit from the tax.

Airport maintenance and construction costs had increased each year but funding dollars had remained constant. Excluding Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC), the state's airports maintenance and construction funding shortfall was estimated to exceed \$9 million per year and a funding mechanism to address that shortfall was needed.

The bill amended uniform fees and the registration fees for certain aircraft to a more fair and equitable amount. Prior to 2009, aircraft owners were assessed a property tax of 0.4% of the value of their airplane that was paid to the county, and an aircraft registration fee of \$25 was paid to the Division of Aeronautics. HB365 directed 0.4% of the average wholesale Aircraft Bluebook Price Digest market value to be collected by the Utah State Tax Commission and deposited into the Aeronautics Restricted Account, and a \$25 fee in-lieu-of property tax paid to the county. It also required the Tax Commission to issue a registration card to aircraft owners that must be carried in the aircraft.

The Utah State Division of Aeronautics is required to maintain a statewide database of aircraft based in the state of Utah and it requires airport owners and operators to provide lists of all aircraft based at their airports to the Division of Aeronautics.

Generally speaking "based aircraft" are aircraft that spend "most of their time within the state's boundaries". That does not include normal time spent flying to another state and returning a few days later. So if an aircraft is "registered" in another state but spends most of its time within Utah state boundaries it is Utah based and is subject to being "registered" in and paying fees to the state of Utah.

The challenge to airport owners/operators is determining if certain aircraft meet the "based aircraft" criteria. For smaller airports with fewer than 25 aircraft at their airports, it may not be much of a challenge to physically see how much time is spent by an aircraft at the airport. As aircraft numbers increase at an airport it can be a significant challenge.

If there is doubt as to whether or not an aircraft is based at the airport enough of the time, airport hangar/tie-down records and FBO records are consulted and appropriate aircraft are entered into the database as being based at a Utah airport.

Twice each year airport owners and operators must enter their current based aircraft data into the state database so appropriate aircraft fee assessments can be made to based aircraft owners. Without accurate based aircraft data, accurate assessments cannot be made.

HELPFUL POINTS OF CONTACT

For General Aviation operations, facilities maintenance, aviation 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: Matt Jensen, Airport Property Specialist at (801) 575-2957 or e-mail him at matthew.jensen@slcgov.com.

For aviation security questions call: Connie Proctor 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 other GA information call the GA Hotline: (801) 575-2443

The State Tax Commission issues registration fee notices to all aircraft in the database and assessed owners can then pay the fees or prove to the tax commission that they are based elsewhere for most of the year.

Remember, the annual aircraft registration fees are made available exclusively to the Utah State Division of Aeronautics for improvements to and maintenance of Utah's airports. This law directly benefits Utah's airports and airport users and since 2009 funding for airports has increased each year.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Leading Edge Aviation (LEA) at South Valley Regional Airport (**U42**), West Jordan, UT and at Logan – Cache Airport (**LGU**) hosts multiple events each month including breakfast fly-ins, dinners, and informative classes.

LEA is conducting Private Pilot and Instrument Pilot ground schools at their South Valley Regional and Logan locations. These ground schools are a great way to get started in aviation or simply become refreshed and stay abreast of current requirements and procedures.

For more information about Leading Edge events, visit: www.leaviation.com.

EAA 23, the Utah Chapter of the **Experimental Aircraft Association** will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Civil Air Patrol Building, 640 North 2360 West at Salt Lake City International Airport (**SLC**). Contact Shawn_Crosgrove@msn.com at (801) 568-2571, or visit the EAA website at <http://www.eaa23.org/> for more information.

OCTOBER FAA PILOT SEMINARS

Upcoming activity and 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.

Happy and safe Fall flying!

