



## JANUARY 2010 AIRPORT NEWS

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### AIRPORT EVENTS

- Jan. 1: Happy New Year!**  
Airport Office Closed
- Jan. 7: Gateway Area  
Ultralight Assoc. Mtg.** in  
EAA room, Hangar 2 rear  
at 7:30pm
- Jan. 9: EAA Party,** Fischer's  
Restaurant, Belleville, 5pm
- Jan. 18: King Day,** Airport  
Admin. Office Closed
- Jan. 23-24: Midwest  
Aviation Conference &  
Trade Show,** Maryland  
Heights Centre
- Jan. 28: Air Museum Soiree**  
Hgr. 2, 6:30pm

The airport is open  
and attended 24-hours daily.  
JetAviation 618-646-8000  
Ideal Aviation 618-337-3400

ATC Tower Hours 0630-2200	
ATIS	121.45
CLNC DEL	118.275
Ground Control	121.8
Tower/CTAF	119.925
Tower UHF	379.3
Unicom	122.95

Airport Firefighters On-Duty  
0800-2100 Weekdays  
Dial 911 or 618-410-0188  
Call "Rescue 61" on 121.8

For Airport Administration  
after hours, contact the  
firefighter on duty or call  
618-646-8262 and ask the  
attendant to call the standby  
airport management repre-  
sentative.

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### EDWARD A. BLUE

Feb. 20, 1929 – Dec. 3, 2009

We are saddened to report the passing of Mr. Ed Blue, a dear friend and mentor to many area pilots over several decades.

Ed's legacy includes introducing high school students to aviation through the vocational aviation programs he pioneered at Cahokia, East Saint Louis, and Lincoln High Schools in the late 1960s. In the 1970s, he was instrumental in the creation of the aviation and flight training curriculum at Belleville Area College (BAC, now SWIC) and built its flight program and aircraft fleet into one of the nation's largest college aviation programs.

As an FAA pilot examiner for BAC and Parks College, his quiet caring demeanor put most pilot candidates at ease, allowing them to perform at their best during flight evaluation checkrides.

After retiring as the Director of Parks College's Aviation Science Program, he continued to frequently travel back to our airport from his home in Washington, Missouri, to see old friends and enjoy lunch at Oliver's Restaurant.

Mr. Blue will be missed but he will live on through the lives of the thousands of aviation professionals he influenced throughout his life.



### GARY DRIGGERS RETIRING

Gary Driggers retired December 31<sup>st</sup> after 22 years as a member of Midcoast Aviation's senior management team – longer than anyone else in the company's history. As senior vice president, Gary managed key customer and vendor relationships and was the company's face to industry organizations and the Downtown Airport community.

Gary began his illustrious aviation career as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. During his tenure with Midcoast, he served in various senior management functions as the company grew from 100 to 1,500 employees. He also served the aviation industry as chairman of the board of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA).

"Gary personifies the spirit of Midcoast Aviation," said Midcoast President Don Petersen. "He has been instrumental in the growth of Midcoast from a small organization to its industry-leading MRO and completions status today. He will be missed and we thank Gary for his dedication to Midcoast, its employees and its customers. His contribution here has been significant and it is appreciated. We wish him all the best."



### RUNWAY 12L CONSTRUCTION STATUS

Construction on the Runway 12L/30R extension project has been suspended due to winter weather. Until construction activities resume, the parallel runway will be open for Day VFR operations only with the following limitations:

**Runway 12L:** The last 1,000 feet is closed for takeoff and landing leaving 2,800 feet of useable runway available. Taxiway B6 will remain closed necessitating a 180-degree turn to back-taxi to B5 if your landing roll takes you past the center taxiway. (The distance from the runway threshold to Taxiway B5 is 2,050 feet.)

**Takeoff from Runway 30R:** Because Taxiway B6 will remain closed, pilots must back-taxi from Taxiway B5 to begin their takeoff roll. The full 3,800 feet is available for takeoff. Use caution during the 180 degree turn at the approach end of the runway as there is an 18-inch drop off at the end of the pavement marked by low-profile barricades.

**Landing on Runway 30R:** The first 1,000 feet of Runway 30R is closed for landings leaving 2,800 feet available. The beginning of the useable landing surface for Runway 30R is marked by an 8' X 24' white bar made of plywood placed in the grass adjacent to each side of the runway at the point of the temporary displaced threshold.

For the latest status on this and other airport construction projections, click on the *Construction Notices* tab on our airport web site and be sure to check the latest NOTAMs before flight.

Administration Office Hours: 8-4:30, Mon.–Fri. (Closed most holidays)

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## **2010 MIDWEST AVIATION CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Presented by the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors' Association

At the Maryland Heights Community Centre, 2344 McKelvey Road, Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043

**[www.gslfia.com](http://www.gslfia.com)**

**Flight Instructors Revalidation Clinic** (Jan. 23-24, 7:30am to 5:30pm)

**Aviation Trade Show** (Jan. 23, 9am to 3pm)

**Super Safety Seminar** featuring Bruce Landsberg, President of the AOPA Safety Foundation (Jan. 23, 9am to noon)

**Aviation Awards Banquet** and celebration of awards earned by our fellow aviators and a silent auction to benefit the educational programs offered by the *Greater St Louis Aviation & Space Museum*. For more information and to reserve at table or seats, contact Ms. Gloria Bahn at 314- 660-0508 or email N85ROME0@aol.com. (Jan. 23, 6:30pm to 8:30pm)

**Aviation Auction**—Your chance to obtain a wide variety of aviation related services, products and artwork (Jan. 23, 9am to 8:30pm)

**Learn to Fly Day**—a new event designed to provide opportunities for the non-flying public to learn more about becoming a pilot or pursuing a career in aviation (Jan. 24, 11am to 3pm)

Your museum needs your help to make the auction a success. So please, please, please outreach to all business owners, friends, relatives, etc. that you know personally, and whom you believe could provide auction items for this year's event...like a free suit cleaning from your dry cleaners; dinner for two at your local favorite restaurant; tickets to a Blues game; a pair of earrings from your local jeweler or whatever. Anything and everything will help. Business and service owners benefit by the exposure and promotion they will receive and all donations are tax deductible as a charitable donation.

To reserve a banquet ticket or a table email Ms. Gloria Bahn at N85ROME0@AOL.COM

To arrange the drop-off or collection of donated items for the auction call Jeremy at 636-751-3987 or email Bob Kraemer at bkraemers@aol.com.



**AIRPORT FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE**