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AIRPORT NEWS**

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AIRPORT EVENTS

March. 2: EAA Chapter 64 Meeting, Hgr. 2 Rear, 6pm dinner, 7 pm meeting

March. 4: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Mtg.
Hgr. 2 rear at 7:30pm

March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins

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 representative.

Visit us on the web at stlouisdowntownairport.com or cps.aero



MISSING MAN FORMATION SALUTE TO BOB CLARKSON AND DON ESTELL

Our airport family lost two key members on the evening of February 21, 2010.

Bob Clarkson operated a variety of aircraft from this airport since the 1960's. He loved aviation and the airport activity so much that he established his office here and ensured the construction design included a large picture window so he could sit at his desk and look out onto the airport activity.

When not flying, Bob could always be found around lunchtime sitting at table number two at Oliver's Restaurant. He was a friend to everyone he met and a mentor to many. While many people his age are forced to quit flying due to medical reasons, Bob stayed fit so his only rocking chair would be the left front seat of his beloved Piper Malibu.

Don Estell had only hangared his plane here for a few years, but he, too, quickly became a respected member of our airport family. As a newcomer, he eagerly pitched in and devoted many hours toward reassembling the Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum's Howard Hughes' Jetstream aircraft to get it ready for display.

Both men had a passion for aviation and we are privileged to have shared the sky with them.

Memorials for Bob may be made to the *Multiple Sclerosis Society* or to the donor's choice. Memorials for Don may be made to *Wings of Hope* or the *Miriam Foundation*.

LOOKING FOR A REASON TO FLY?

Daylight Savings Time begins in just two weeks and spring begins less than a week later. Great weather is ahead so it's time to get out and fly! But where?...

Visit EAA Chapter 64's web site at eaa64.org for a listing of nearby fly-in events. If you know of anything going on at airports within an hour or two's flight that's not listed, please let them know so it can be listed.

Fly safe!

SCOUT AVIATION DAY A SUCCESS

Approximately 150 Scouts from throughout the St. Louis region descended on the Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum last Saturday for their annual winter aviation event.

The best day of weather we've had this year enabled the scouts to enjoy a full day of aviation activities that included the following: tours of the museum exhibits, static display aircraft, the air traffic control tower, and the airport's fire truck; flights in the Parks College flight simulators; motivational presentations by airline and military pilots and other aviation professionals; a variety of organized activities in the museum hangar such as aircraft model building; and *Young Eagle* flights provided by our local EAA Chapter 64.

The scout leaders and volunteers did a terrific job of organizing a full day of exciting activities that kept everyone busy learning about aviation. The museum volunteers hosted the event and many members of the airport community pitched in to make the day a success.

Thanks to our pilots, Wayne Hunsdorfer, Bob McDaniel, Bill Patterson, Nick Turk, and Dirk Vander Zee, who volunteered their time and use of their aircraft; to Ideal Aviation and Shell Oil Company for providing the fuel; and to the EAA Chapter 64 volunteers on the ground, the scouts will always happily remember their first flight experience.

Thanks to Midcoast Aviation for providing the van and driver to transport the scouts back and forth to visit the ATC tower and to the Parks College staff and instructors for operating the flight simulators.

The static display aircraft provided by Joe Wapelhorst, Paul Cornelius, and Helicopters, Inc., were also big hits. Thanks for sharing them.

The scouts will definitely return again next year. Due to the success of this year's event, their numbers are expected to triple.

Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making the day a safe and enjoyable educational event.

ALN AIRPORT RESTAURANT CLOSED

St. Louis Regional Airport's restaurant recently closed. Expect it to reopen again sometime in April or May.



In memory of Bob Clarkson and Don Estell...



Flying West

*I hope there's a place, way up in the sky
Where pilots can go when they have to die.
A place where a guy could buy a cold beer
For a friend and a comrade whose memory is dear.*

*A place where no doctor or lawyer could tread,
Nor a management-type would e'er be caught dead!
Just a quaint little place, kind of dark, full of smoke,
Where they like to sing loud, and love a good joke.
The kind of a place that a lady could go
And feel safe and secure by the men she would know.*

*There must be a place where old pilots go,
When their wings become heavy, when their airspeed gets low,
Where the whiskey is old, and the women are young,
And songs about flying and dying are sung.*

*Where you'd see all the fellows who'd 'flown west' before,
And they'd call out your name, as you came through the door,
Who would buy you a drink, if your thirst should be bad,
And relate to the others, "He was quite a good lad!"
And there, through the mist, you'd spot an old guy
You had not seen in years, though he'd taught you to fly.*

*He'd nod his old head, and grin ear to ear
And say, "Welcome, my Son, I'm proud that you're here!
For this is the place where true flyers come
When the battles are over, and the wars have been won.*

*They've come here at last, to be safe and alone,
From the government clerk, and the management clone;
Politicians and lawyers, the Feds, and the noise,
Where all hours are happy, and these good ol' boys
Can relax with a cool one, and a well deserved rest!
This is Heaven, my Son. You've passed your last test!"*

*— Captain Michael J. Larkin, TWA (Ret.)
Air Line Pilot' magazine, February 1995*