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# **AIRPORTS MONTHLY MATTERS**

## **Your E-Mail Information Connection**

### **Manager's Message**



**Kelvin L. Solco, Airports  
 Division Manager**

**We are excited about our March Partnership Conference and hope you have made plans to attend. Besides having a full slate of excellent presentations, this is a great opportunity to meet Kirk Shaffer, our new Associate Administrator for Airports. Kirk succeeds Woodie Woodward, who retired in 2006. Most recently, Kirk served as Special Counsel to the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission. Previously, he was Executive Assistant to the President and General Counsel to the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. He worked closely with AIP, environmental and airport construction funding issues at the local level.**

**Kirk places honesty at the top of his list of values. In a message to employees he said, "We're going to stretch our capabilities together, as the status quo will never meet the challenges of our industry." I know Kirk will be a great asset to the Airports organization and to the FAA.**

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### **Partnership Conference Update**

- Partnership Conference will be March 6-8, 2007, at the Hilton Hotel, 815 Main, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Golf Scramble and reception on March 6. More information in this newsletter.
- Register Now! Early conference registration is \$200. After February 9, the rate goes up to \$250.
- At just \$550 Exhibitor spots are going fast. Get yours now.
- Register online at [www.event-plans.com/faa-southwest](http://www.event-plans.com/faa-southwest) or use the form at [http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/regional\\_guidance/southwest/airports\\_news\\_events/asw\\_conference/2007march/media/2007\\_march\\_registration.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/regional_guidance/southwest/airports_news_events/asw_conference/2007march/media/2007_march_registration.pdf)
- Questions: Call Jennifer Leon at the Main Event (816) 795-6616 or email at [eventplanz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eventplanz@sbcglobal.net)

## **Spreading the Word about Airport Construction and Runway & Taxiway Closures**

FAA recently released a CertAlert encouraging airport operators to use all available technology to keep air carriers and FBOs advised on runway/taxiway closures and airport construction. Since changes can occur so quickly during construction or maintenance, aircrews often have a hard time staying informed. In many cases, the NOTAM system may be inadequate.

The CertAlert shows how one airport electronically provides users with information and a diagram of the airport that shows where construction or maintenance is taking place. The airport simply scanned the diagram as a bitmap and using the Paintbrush in Microsoft programs, color in the area of the airport that is being closed. They then cut and paste that portion into a construction notice that is sent to the air carriers and the fixed base operators on the airport.

FAA recommends using a graphical depiction since a pure text message can be difficult for people to envision. A picture or diagram that pinpoints the exact location of the closure is much more clear. The CertAlert shows samples of runway and taxiway closure diagrams. For the full CertAlert, go to

[http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/airport\\_safety/certalerts/media/cert0701.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/airport_safety/certalerts/media/cert0701.pdf)

## **Unescorted Motor Vehicle Requirements**

FAA Headquarters recently clarified requirements for Part 139 Airport Operators regarding unescorted motor vehicles on Movement Area. Before U.S. Government employees and contractors can drive unescorted in the Movement Area, they must complete the airport's movement area drivers training program. If the employees travel to more than one Part 139 airport, they must comply with each airport's movement area access requirements before they can drive unescorted. Under Part 139.329, all government employees and contractors are required to follow these requirements regardless of agency affiliation.

To read the complete CertAlert on this subject, see

[http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/airport\\_safety/certalerts/media/cert0702.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/airport_safety/certalerts/media/cert0702.pdf).

## **THIRD PARTY LIGHTING CERTIFICATION BODIES**

On September 30, 2006, FAA issued an advisory circular (AC) on the Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program (ALECP). The AC described how an organization can get acceptance as a third party certification body (third party certifier) and how manufacturers may get equipment qualified under the program.

In a January 15, 2007, addendum to the AC, FAA listed a company that had been accepted as Third Party Certifier and provided a complete update of the certified equipment and manufacturers lists. This information can be found at:

[http://www.faa.gov/airports\\_airtraffic/airports/resources/advisory\\_circulars/media/150-5345-53C/150\\_5345\\_53c\\_addendum.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/resources/advisory_circulars/media/150-5345-53C/150_5345_53c_addendum.pdf)

## 2007 Amigos de la Aviación Conference in Laredo

Laredo is hosting the 2007 Amigos de la Aviación Conference March 22 and 23. This conference is primarily focused towards pilot safety and aviation mechanics. Each year this conference alternates between a Mexican City and a U S City.

If you are interested in participating in this conference, please contact Jose L. Flores, Airport Director, Laredo International Airport, at 956-795-2000 or email: [jlflores@ci.laredo.tx.us](mailto:jlflores@ci.laredo.tx.us).

### New Resources for Airport Projects

Release Date	Item
January 24, 2007	<b>Updated:</b> Comment period for <a href="#">DRAFT Change 1 of AC 150/5370-10B, Standards for Specifying Construction of Airports, including Item P-6XX, Bituminous Pavement Rejuvenation</a> , extended to May 1, 2007
January 24, 2007	<b>Updated:</b> Comment period for <a href="#">Draft Engineering Brief #7X, Rejuvenation Product Qualification Procedure and Requirements</a> , extended to May 1, 2007
January 17, 2007	<b>Updated:</b> <a href="#">AC 150/5345-53C, Addendum for Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program</a> (January 15, 2007)
January 17, 2007	<b>New:</b> <a href="#">Engineering Brief #72, Positive Identification of Runways for Landing</a>
January 17, 2007	<b>New:</b> <a href="#">2007 Regional Airports Conference information</a> available
January 12, 2007	<b>Updated:</b> <a href="#">PFC Monthly Reports</a>
January 11, 2007	<b>New:</b> <a href="#">CertAlert 07-02, U.S Government Employees/Contractors Seeking Unescorted Motor Vehicle Access to the Movement Area at a Part 139 Certificated Airport are Required to Meet the Specific Airport's Movement Area Access Requirements</a>
January 11, 2007	<b>New:</b> <a href="#">CertAlert 07-01, Need for Better Dissemination of Runway/Taxiway Closure Information and Construction on an Airport</a>
January 5, 2007	<b>New:</b> <a href="#">AC 150/5190-6, Exclusive Rights at Federally-Obligated Airports</a> (January 4, 2007)
January 5, 2007	<b>New:</b> <a href="#">AC 150/5190-7, Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities</a> (August 28, 2006)
January 5, 2007	<b>Cancelled:</b> AC 150/5190-5, Exclusive Rights and Minimum Standards for Commercial Aeronautical Activities (June 10, 2002)
January 3, 2007	<b>New:</b> <a href="#">AC 150/5220-9A, Aircraft Arresting Systems on Civil Airports</a> (December 20, 2006)
December 27, 2006	<b>Updated:</b> <a href="#">Airport Data (5010) and Contact Information</a> updated effective January 18, 2007

Anyone

For

Golf?



When: Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Where: Bridlewood Golf Club

Flower Mound, TX 75028

[www.bridlewoodgolf.com](http://www.bridlewoodgolf.com)

4000 West Windsor Drive,

972-355-3795

Time: Registration at 11:30  
Shotgun start at 12:30

The format will be a four-person scramble. Participation is limited to the first 52 players. Register early to ensure you are not left out!!

*Sponsorship of FAA Partnership Golf Tournament is available.  
\$500.00 sponsors can pick their own foursomes and includes all fees.*

***Non Sponsor/ Individual Entry Fee:***

\$75.00 and includes: Green fees, box lunch, range balls, and drinks.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail sponsorship and /or golf fee to: A. M. Rivera, Tournament Chair  
P O Box 2379  
Friendswood, TX 77549-2379  
281-381-8635 Email. Clover3@flash.