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## Since Our Last Newsletter . . .

- As I write this (mid-September) we have just received the last of the available AIP funds for FY07 and, if everything goes right, we expect that by the end of September we will have issued approximately 183 grants for a total of about \$174 million.
- So what's for next year, you ask? I wish I could be more certain than I was in July when our last newsletter was published, but I can't. As I wrote you then, your crystal ball is as good as mine.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to the first week in October when we will all (or at least most of you and us) meet at the Overland Park Convention Center for our 24th Annual Airports Conference.

*George A. Hendon  
Division Manager*

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## FAA Central Region Airports Conference Opens October 2

The annual [FAA Central Region Airports Conference](#) is being held on October 2 and 3. State aviation organization meetings kick off a full day of activities on October 2. The conference closes at 1:30 p.m. on October 3.

*Editor's note: While you are here, check out the new Bloch Building at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art that opened to rave international reviews. Free admission, \$5 to park.*

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## Flight Service Station Complaints

Lockheed Martin began consolidating 59 flight service stations into 3 Hub and 16 continuing sites in February 2007. Since then there has been a gradual but significant increase in the number of complaints about services provided. To assist the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in tracking, investigating, and resolving these complaints, the Flight Services Program Operations (FSPO) Office has developed a new web based feedback/comments form designed to be used by the FAA, pilot community, and other government organizations that are serviced directly by Lockheed Martin Flight Services (LMFS). This form, which is located on the [FSPO Organization/Feedback](#) web page, requires the following username and password input:

username: FAAFeedback

password: 07!feedback (lowercase)

The more reliable feedback the FAA receives, the better we can change to meet our customer's needs. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Giering, Manager of Flight Services Safety and Operations at 202-385-7627 or [jeanne.giering@faa.gov](mailto:jeanne.giering@faa.gov).

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## Updates to NOTAM System

Look for the following updates planned for the Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) system:

- Oct. 1, 2007 - The local NOTAM disappears. All NOTAMS will be disseminated the same way distance NOTAMS (D NOTAMS) had been previously. Any NOTAM issued by the airport operator, whether it deals with taxiway closings, runways, or ramp areas - all will be issued as if it were a D NOTAM.
- Early 2008 - FAA is in the process of switching over to a new NOTAM system, entitled digital NOTAMS. The new system will allow airport operators to go to a web-based site and enter NOTAM information directly into the system. There will be drop-down menus, as well as more standardized phraseology.

*Washington HQ*

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## FAA Desk Reference and Training for NEPA Process

The FAA's Airport Planning & Environmental Office, APP-400, has put together a companion Desk Reference to FAA Order 5050.4B, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions. The Desk Reference provides additional technical information governing environmental (NEPA) reviews of airport projects and how to integrate over 20 other special purpose Federal laws into the NEPA process.

Airport Consultants Council (ACC), Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA), and the FAA will jointly conduct the [Beyond NEPA 2007 Desk Reference Workshop](#) training session over two days in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 22 & 23, 2007. Workshop participants will learn how to work with the FAA using the Desk Reference. They will also learn how to coordinate other special purpose laws into the NEPA process. This training is a must for all environmental specialists who work with the NEPA process. For additional information, refer to the following

- Brochure [“Beyond NEPA 2007 Desk Reference Workshop”](#) (pdf)
- Agenda for [“ACC/ACI-NA/FAA Beyond NEPA Workshop”](#) (pdf)
- [Online Registration](#) for Beyond NEPA 2007 Airport Desk Reference workshop

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## Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) Data Sheet Revised

The [Airport Capital Improvement Plan \(ACIP\) Data Sheet](#) (MS Word) form has been revised. This revised form should be used for all new project submittals.

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### Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport (MKC) Turns 80

August 17 marked the 80th anniversary of the dedication of what is today known as the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport. Because of its location at the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri rivers, the airport was originally called "Peninsula Field."

Charles Lindbergh dedicated the Kansas City Municipal Airport in 1927, less than three months after his historic solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. In 1928, a passenger terminal was built for the transcontinental rail-air operations, and was run by Transcontinental Air Transport and Western Air Express. At the time, Lindbergh was an advisor and pilot for TAT. By April 1929, Kansas City Municipal Airport was home to more passenger airlines than any other airport in the nation and had acquired the title, "Air Hub of America." It was given the Civil Aeronautics Board airport code "MKC", presumably an abbreviation of "Municipal Kansas City." TAT merged with Maddux Airlines and Western Air Express to become Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., or TWA. When appointed to lead a committee to select TWA's World Headquarters, Lindbergh convinced the committee to choose Kansas City, setting the wheels in motion to position Kansas City as an aviation leader on a national scale. The original TWA headquarters, built in 1932, still stands today as home for Executive Beechcraft.

After World War II, commercial aviation in Kansas City flourished and growth continued into the 1950s with the construction of the Broadway Bridge. Renowned aviator and movie producer Howard Hughes, who was the principal shareholder in TWA from 1939 to 1960, was a frequent visitor to Kansas City Municipal Airport. Hughes was instrumental in persuading Lockheed to construct the four-engine Constellation or "Connie," and later, the Super Constellation, which could fly at a higher altitude, avoiding air turbulence and allowing faster cruise speeds. A restored 1958 Connie is presently on display at the Airline History Museum located at Downtown Airport.

By the 1960s, Municipal Airport could no longer accommodate the larger commercial planes and increased jet and passenger traffic. Plans for a new airport were developed and commercial air operations were transferred to a newly built Kansas City International (MCI) Airport in November 1972. The Municipal Airport's name was changed to Kansas City Downtown Airport in October 1977 and then again to Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport on August 16, 2002. Wheeler was the mayor of Kansas City when MCI opened in 1972.

*Editor's Note – This version was edited. For the full version, refer to Kansas City International Airport's [August 16, 2007 News Release](#).*

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## Recently Revised or New FAA Publications (a selected list)

- [Guide Specification for Water/Foam Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicles, AC 150/5220-10D](#)
- [Buildings for Storage and Maintenance of Airport Snow and Ice Control Equipment and Materials, AC 150/5220-18A](#)
- [Aeronautical Survey: Establishment of Geodetic Control and Submission to the National Geodetic Survey, AC 150/5300-16A](#)
- [Aeronautical Survey: Airport Imagery Acquisition and Submission to National Geodetic Survey, AC 150/5300-17A](#)
- [ARFF Equipment Stored Off-Airport, PGL 07-02-1](#) (pdf)
- [Airport Winter Safety and Operations, AC 150/5200-30B](#)
- [Hazardous Wildlife Attractants On or Near Airports, AC 150/5200-33B](#)
- [Painting, Marking, and Lighting of Vehicles Used on an Airport, AC 150/5210-5C](#)
- [Fuel Safety Training - Update, CertAlert 07-11](#) (pdf)
- [Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program, Addendum for AC 150/5345-53C](#)
- [General Aviation Safety and Security Practices, Airport Cooperative Research Program \(ACRP\)](#) (pdf)
- [Safety Management Systems for Airports, Volume 1: Overview, Airport Cooperative Research Program \(ACRP\)](#)
- [Vehicle Pedestrian Deviation Runway Incursions – Powerpoint Presentation, Certalert 07-10](#) (pdf)
- [Class D Fire Fighting Agents – Update, Certalert 07-09](#) (pdf)

For a more complete list and to receive automatic e-mail notification of changes, go to [New and Revised Airports Series 150 Advisory Circulars \(ACs\)](#). Click on “Subscribe to this page” to the upper right and provide your e-mail address.

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## Arrivals and Departures

### Salina Municipal Airport, KS

**David "Gunner" Wiles** replaced Ryan Rocha as Manager of Operations. Ryan has moved to San Antonio.

### Lawrence Municipal Airport, KS

**Dena Mezger**, Asst. Public Works Director, becomes the Airport Manager. Debbie Van Saun has taken a position with the University of Kansas.

### Kansas City, MO – FAA Airports Division

**Ed Hyatt**, Iowa Airport Engineer has left the FAA for a position with HNTB Corporation.

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
October 2-3, 2007	<a href="#">FAA Central Region Airports Conference</a> ; Overland Park, KS
October 24, 2007	ARFF Initial/Re-qualification Training Fires; Columbia, MO; call Mark Lee at 800-869-3476
January 23-25, 2008	Nebraska Association of Airport Officials (NAAO) Symposium, Kearney, NE
Feb/Mar, 2008	Kansas Association of Airports State Aviation Day, Topeka, KS
March 19, 2008	ARFF Initial/Re-qualification Training Fires; Columbia, MO; call Mark Lee at 800-869-3476
April 9, 2008	Missouri State Aviation Council (MoSAC) Conference, Lake Ozark, MO
April 10-11, 2008	Missouri Airport Managers Association (MAMA), Lake Ozark, MO
April 23-24, 2008	Iowa Aviation Conference, West Des Moines, IA