

COBB COUNTY AIRPORT

NEWSLETTER

June 2015

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility

The General Aviation Customs Facility's construction is complete. Over the next couple of weeks the operational needs of the user fee facility will be the focus. Furniture, office equipment, and data capabilities will be installed and tested.

Customs Inspection Services will be available beginning Thursday June 25th.

Regular operating hours will be Thursday thru Monday 10am to 7pm. U.S. Customs will also arrange to provide after-hour inspections.

The following has been provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assist pilots in requesting Overflight Exemptions:

When requesting an Overflight Exemption an Email is sent to atloverflight@cbp.dhs.gov with the following information:

- Tail Number of Plane
- Type of Plane
- Color Scheme of Plane
- Pilot's / Crew Full Name Date of Birth Citizenship
- Name of Company/Owner w/address and Point of Contact phone number or Email

In the past the CBPs Form 442 and CBP Form 442a were used however the form expired 2012 so all requests have been sent by Email to the atloverflight@cbp.dhs.gov. No requests have been completed without an Email being sent to the atloverflight@cbp.dhs.gov.



Cobb County International Airport – McCollum Field

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners has approved updating the name of the airport to include “International”. The new name will immediately describe to potential users of the airport that RYY has customs inspection services available for international traffic. The name will be effective on June 25th. You will begin to see the signs being updated to reflect the new name.

New Air Traffic Control Tower

The new Air Traffic Control Tower began operations on March 5th. The new control tower is 78’ tall and has improved the situational awareness for the air traffic controllers and provided much needed space for equipment. Have you seen the control tower lit up at night yet?

The old control tower shaft has been demolished and the base building is currently undergoing renovation since the airport administration offices in the base building will remain.



ROTATING BEACON

A new rotating beacon has been installed on the top of the new Air Traffic Control Tower. The old rotating beacon will be removed.

NEW AIRPORT EMPLOYEE

Cobb County Airport will have an operations employee soon. Steven Spencer will be transferring from the Cobb County DOT to become the airport’s first operations employee. Steven has his Aviation Management Degree from Auburn University. Steven’s role will be to enhance safety, ensure regulatory compliance, oversee contracts/leases, and serve as an additional public contact by: conducting airfield, facility and environmental inspections; monitoring airport activities to ensure compliance with Airport, State, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules and regulations; overseeing operations, emergency, and security plans; providing aviation expertise in the absence of the Airport manager; and coordinating/supporting grounds maintenance of the airport.

Please say hello to Steven when you see him.

TWITTER

A Twitter Account has been established so the airport may disseminate information to followers in a timely manner. With the additional manpower available to the airport, the Twitter account will become more timely. Examples of information to be “tweeted” include runway closure announcements, equipment outages, operational changes, unusual events, etc. If you are interested please follow on Twitter Account: **Cobb County Airport**

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To receive updates on airport activities you may sign up as a Friend of McCollum at the following link: www.CobbCountyAirport.org and select Friends of McCollum email signup in the right hand menu.

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