

COBB COUNTY AIRPORT - MCCOLLUM FIELD

NEWSLETTER

January 2013

Air Traffic Operations

There were 4,398 total takeoff and landings in December which is 9% below last December's count. There were 62,387 total takeoff and landings in 2012 which is 1% above 2011. IFR traffic was up 3.7% year over year.

Stormwater Permit (NPDES)

A new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) is being implemented by the State and Federal Government. Airports are required to have an NPDES permits as well as Airport Operators that perform fueling, maintenance or aircraft washing operations. A new Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan that includes the new updated requirements required by the Permit will be implemented by the appropriate parties. FBOs and SASOs that are affected will soon be invited to a team meeting to discuss the plan's requirements and to sign the document.

Aircraft Washing Restrictions

The new NPDES permit requires that aircraft and vehicle wash water must be collected and disposed of properly at airports. This affects all airports and not just RYY. The following aircraft washing requirements will go into effect February 1, 2013.

ALLOWED: Dry Washing Aircraft and Vehicles

Fresh Water Rinse (use clean water and **"NO"** soap products)

Traditional Aircraft Wash w/ Soap if all washwater is captured by a hangar drain with an oil/water separator or into a containment tank. (The FBO is investigating options to make this possible. Currently this can only be accomplished inside a few hangars properly equipped.)

NOT ALLOWED:

Washing an aircraft or vehicle with a soap product outside or in a hangar without an oil/water separator or containment tank.

Using pressure washers to fresh water rinse an aircraft. (A Fresh Water Rinse should be equivalent to the effect of a rain event.)

*** All soap products are restricted, including biodegradable soap.**

FBO Acquisition

Atlanta Executive Jet Center has acquired Preferred Jet Center. Most employees of Preferred Jet Center have elected to stay with Atlanta Executive Jet Center. All Tenant subleases will continue uninterrupted. Operations will continue normally at each FBO premises for an extended period.

Taxiway A/B Improvement Project

Engineering is substantially complete for the extension of parallel taxiways A and B to the western end of the runway and for a new north apron taxiway connector. Environmental permitting is still underway for the projects but is expected to be completed by April. The airport is competing for a Federal/State Aviation Grant for construction to begin in late summer or fall of 2013. The Taxiway Extension construction will require activity in the runway safety area. Construction within the runway safety area will be conducted at night and the runway must be closed during these night time activities. Details of night-time closures will be communicated in advance.

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