

HORIZONS

Summer 2016

JULY IS “GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH”

Meet Our Newest KDA Co-Pilot, Governor Matt Bevin



“We encourage all our GA airports to work with elected officials & local news media to highlight the value of local airports as economic development engines”

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Is That a Boat in Your Hangar?

That wouldn't have been the case last year, but it may be today.

On June 15th, the FAA published the agency's long-awaited Policy on the Non-Aeronautical Use of Airport Hangars (Federal Register Vol 81 No.115 page 38906). The final policy is a far cry from the initial policy proposed in July 2014, as well as past agency guidance to airports. In 2014, absolutely nothing outside of an aircraft and incidental items necessary for maintenance or operation of the aircraft could be stored in hangars.

On May 24, 2011, the FAA in its Director's Determination found the airport sponsor in violation of its federal grant assurances for allowing non-aviation items. From that point forward, the FAA's pendulum on non-aviation use of airport hangars swung completely in the opposite direction with little flexibility. Even if you had an airplane in your hangar, no cars, boats, motor homes, fork lifts, etc could share the space.

You could certainly hear the dissatisfied and rightfully angered voices of airport tenants, hangar tenants, and even some of the airport managers reaching a fever pitch. The FAA was under tremendous pressure to modify their policy and show a little flexibility.

The final policy requires that hangars located on the airport property must be used for an aeronautical purpose unless alternative uses are approved by the FAA Office of Airports.

The new policy also allows the construction of home-built aircraft in a hangar so long as any local regulations are followed, such as insurance, stowage of certain materials, and building codes.

As a final thought, keep in mind that this policy only applies to airports that are obligated under AIP or other agreements with the Federal government such as surplus property agreements. It also applies to privately owned hangars that sit on land leased from an obligated airport. If the airport has no such obligations, none of this applies nor do FAA grant assurances.



D-Day Luncheon

Every D-Day, Big Sandy Airport Manager Gary Cox hosts a luncheon for WWII Vets; this year, 9 attended. Thanks, Gary, for honoring our heroes!

Kentucky Aviation Conference

Our annual aviation conference will be held in Owensboro again at their awesome convention center! We are looking forward to some great speakers and a lot of fellowship. Dates for this year's conference are September 28th, 29th & 30th.



In Memory of Jim Drake

We are saddened to hear of the recent death of former Capital City Airport Division employee and friend, Jim Drake. Jim died as a result of a bicycle accident which occurred on June 4th. Jim was a Vietnam veteran and retired US Army Col. He also worked for the Commonwealth as a helicopter pilot for approximately 10 years, flying numerous missions all over the state. Jim was an avid golfer, cyclist and tuba player. Jim loved his family very much and leaves behind a wife (Ruth) and several other family members.



Governor Bevin's Maintenance Projects FY 2017 ~ \$10,000,000

Big Sandy Regional Airport-Prestonsburg-
Runway and Taxiway Overlay

Tompkinsville-Monroe Co-Runway and Taxiway
Overlay

West Liberty-Runway Overlay

Russellville-Logan Co-Runway Overlay and T-
Hangar Apron Reconstruction

Wendell H. Ford-Hazard-Runway Crack Repair
and Apron Maintenance/Reconstruction

Morehead-Rowan Co-Runway Crack Repair

Williamsburg-Whitley Co-Runway Crack Repair

Sturgis Municipal-Taxiway Overlay

Harlan- Aircraft Apron Reconstruction

Georgetown-Scott Co-Taxiway Overlay and T-
Hangar Apron Reconstruction

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Lt. Gov. Hampton and Husband Skydive with the Golden Knights

FRANKFORT, KY (June 7, 2016) – Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton and her husband, Dr. Doyle Isaak, today went skydiving with the United States Army Golden Knights at Fort Knox.

Lt. Gov. Hampton and Dr. Isaak, both Air Force veterans, agreed to jump with the Golden Knights after receiving an invitation from them.

"Doyle and I have long appreciated the skill and expertise of the Army Golden Knights. We were thrilled to experience the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to skydive with the best of the best," said Hampton.

Neither Lt. Gov. Hampton nor her husband had been skydiving prior to the jump.

* Governor Bevin also jumped with them the very next day!