

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Works

TO: Chuck Soules
FROM: Mark Thiel
CC:
Date: 10/13/2010
RE: **City Manager's Report - 2010 Airport Open House**

On October 9, 2010 the City of Lawrence held its second airport open house in two years. This year's event was very successful. We have estimated attendance at 2,000 people. Several vendors were on hand providing food and displays. There was participation from multiple aviation related groups; Commemorative Air force (WWII restored aircraft), Douglas County Emergency Management, Make-A-Wish foundation, Cessna aircraft, Public Works and Fire / Medical equipment. Public Works had a recycling display booth on hand.

The public was presented several activities during the open house; airplane rides around the city, radio control aircraft demonstration, inflatable kids playhouse, a balsa wood airplane completion and even a WWII dog tag machine.

I would like to thank the multitude of volunteers, Groups and workers that made this event very successful and enjoyable for those in attendance.

Airport Aviation Board

Richard Haig, Gary Fish, Stan Sneegas, Theresa Gordzica, Tom Kern, Bob Newton, Tom Rainbolt

Hetrick Aviation

Lloyd Hetrick

Airport Development Group

Rick Bryant

Douglas County Emergency Management

Bob Newton and staff

Public Works

Tom Orzulak, Bryce Campbell, Dale Mooney, Andy Breedlove, Wes Bulleigh, Caleb Pettengill, Cassandra Ford, Kathy Richardson, Steve Stewart, Steve Bennett, Bill Musick, Robert Jones

Fire Medical

Eve Tolefree, James King, Macomb Stapel, Jeff Krall

Police

Mike Monroe and staff

Special thanks to our open house sponsors, Hetrick Aviation, Airport Development Group, and the Lazer radio station.

Everyone I visited with at the open house had a great time. This event continues to bring positive attention to our airport. This will continue to help with its development and growth. I was very pleased with the outcome and look forward to our next open house.



Commemorative Air Force – PT 19



Commemorative Air Force – PT 34 Stearman



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Visiting Aircraft



Restored Aircraft – Same plan Amelia Earhart flew when she went missing



Visiting aircraft



Visiting aircraft



Commemorative Air Force



New Cessna aircraft



Commemorative Air Force – Air Ambulance



Public Works – New spray injection patcher



Public Works – Vac truck



Fire Medical – New Fire Engine



Public Works – New Solid Waste Truck



Fire Medical – Ambulance



Richard Haig and Bob Newton (Aviation Board Members) parking airplanes



Visiting aircraft – similar to one used by National Geographic to film



Visiting aircraft – Sea plane



Open house visitor getting ready for a ride in an open cockpit airplane



Radio control aircraft demonstration



Radio control aircraft demonstration



Commemorative Air Force – WWII jeep



And finally – what it's all about – just having fun!