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MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2013



Addison![®]
Airport

ADDISON BY THE NUMBERS

371,330

REVENUE IN DOLLARS

↓ 4%

FROM LAST MONTH

↑ 4%

FROM LAST YEAR

7,181

TOTAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

↓ 1%

FROM LAST MONTH

↑ 1%

FROM LAST YEAR

570,686

TOTAL FUEL FLOWAGE IN GALLONS

↑ 2%

FROM LAST MONTH

↑ 10%

FROM LAST YEAR

47

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

↓ 22%

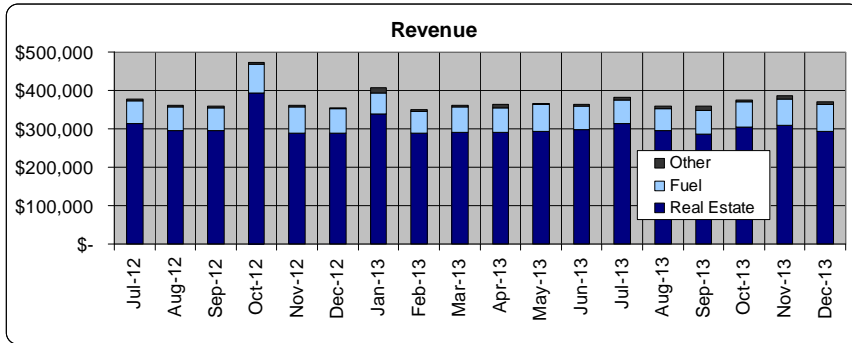
FROM LAST MONTH

↑ 2%

FROM LAST YEAR

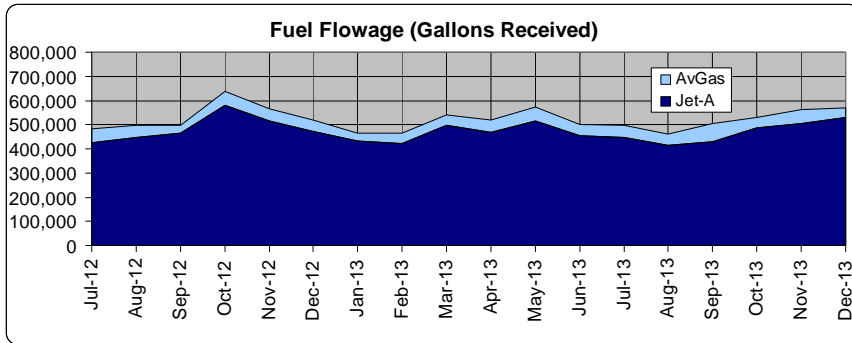


In the photo above, a business jet can be seen on short final approach to Runway 33 at Addison Airport on December 6, 2013. Airport Maintenance kept the airport open in spite of a severe ice storm that completely shut down many other general aviation airports in North Texas.



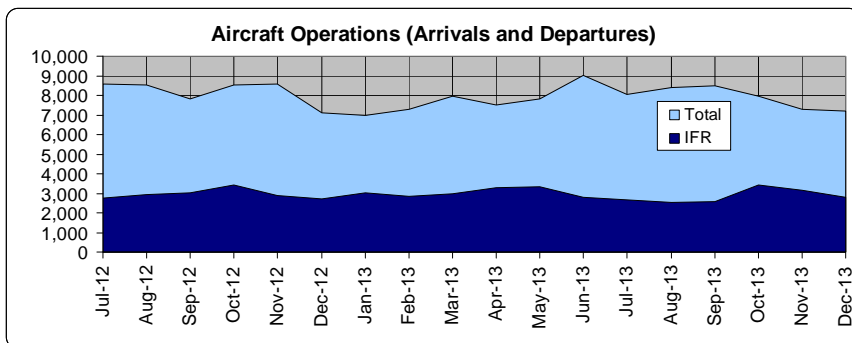
REVENUE

December 2013 revenue of \$371,330 exceeded budget by \$14,000 ... continuing a good start to FY14. Strong fuel flowage revenue accounted for more than half of the variance over budget. Hangar occupancy remains strong for all types of hangars, with indications of increasing demand.



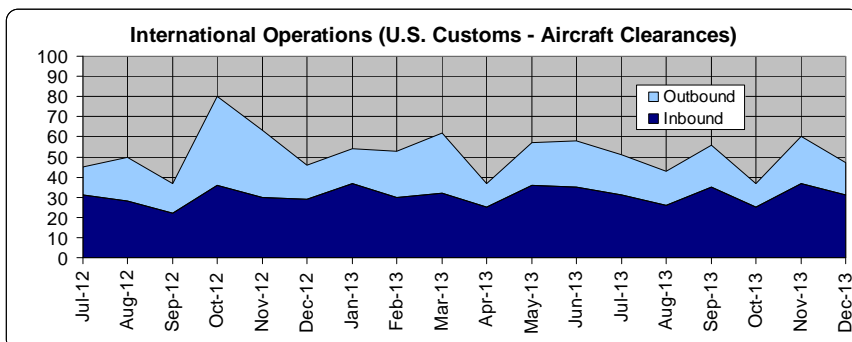
FUEL

December 2013 fuel flowage was unusually strong at 570,686 gallons. Fuel volumes typically decline into winter after a seasonal peak in the fall; it remains to be seen whether the December increase is an anomaly or the beginning of a trend back to higher overall fuel sales volumes.



OPERATIONS

Total operations decreased in December as compared with the prior month, but increased slightly compared with the prior year. It is typical to see a seasonal decline in operations in winter, particularly if there is any snow or ice such as we had in early December. Instrument (IFR) operations were also down, at only 2,820 for the month. Such a low number of IFR operations often corresponds to a decrease in fuel flowage, but interestingly fuel flowage was up in December ... suggesting that much of the flying was done with larger aircraft taking larger fuel loads. International operations were down from November, but up slightly compared with December of the prior year.



UNIQUELY ADDISON

WINTER OPERATIONS

Addison went from a high near 80 degrees on December 4th to a severe ice storm on December 6th followed by almost three days of continuous below-freezing temperatures. Welcome to winter in North Texas!

The ice storm did not come without warning, but these events always present challenges for airports. It's no easy task to keep the airport open and operating safely in such conditions, but the airport staff was (as usual) up to the task. Knowing that the storm was coming, but not when exactly it would hit, Operations Manager Joe McAnally spent the evening of December 5th – and the wee hours of December 6th – out on the airfield, keeping an eye on conditions. When the precipitation started to come around 2:30am, Joe called Maintenance Manager Dave Foster to advise of the need to begin snow and ice clearing operations. Dave was already at the airport by 2:00am, readying the equipment. Dave started working to keep the runway clear as soon as the precipitation began; he was joined by Maintenance Technician Darryl Shand at 3:00am, with Darryl focusing on clearing the taxiways that connect to the runway. They were joined by the remainder of the maintenance team – Lou Warren, Tom Walsh, and Charlie Goodin – at the usual (7:30am) start of the workday.

Airport Maintenance continued snow and ice removal operations throughout Friday, returning on Saturday the 7th to complete clearing Taxiway Bravo and the east side taxilanes.

Addison did not see a lot of traffic during and after the storm – only 206 total operations from the 6th through the 9th, fewer in four days than on an average day – but the flights that did come and go were obviously important to the people who were on them, and keeping the airport open and operating safely is what we are here to do.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The ExecHangar facility on Taxilane Victor was acquired in December by RR Investments (Million Air). The deal also included a three-year option to develop the vacant land west of the ExecHangar ramp.

Two more hangar transactions are expected to close very early in 2014, and there is a great deal of interest and activity both in acquisitions and new hangar development projects. The high levels of interest appear to be associated with pent-up demand as the economy continues to recover from the recession, among other factors.



Above: a Beech Starship is towed up Taxilane Victor towards ExecHangar, just acquired by Million Air.



Snow and ice removal operations: Above: Plowing the western edge of the runway. Below: Checking braking action on the runway: braking action was "good".



BUILDING TIES IN THE BANKING COMMUNITY

One of the tasks set forth in the airport's recently completed Strategic Plan is to work at building closer ties to the local community, including the business community. To that end, airport staff has started reaching out to local banks (mainly through contacts in the Addison Business Association) and inviting bankers to visit and tour the airport. To date, staff has met with representatives of American Bank of Commerce (who toured the airport in late November) and Frost Bank. Staff plans to continue and expand these efforts to include other industries.



Any aircraft not parked in a hangar quickly became inoperable due to ice accumulation as a result of the December 6 storm. **Above:** this Fairchild Metro cargo aircraft acquired a spectacular coating of ice and icicles on its wings. **Top Right:** this Boeing 737-200 was similarly affected. **Middle Right:** some aircraft, such as this Civil Air Patrol Gippsland Aeronautics GA-8 AirVan accumulated enough ice on their tail surfaces to lift the nosewheel off the pavement. **Right:** a Cessna 172RG rests on its tail. **Below Left:** the Runway 15 Localizer antenna grew some ice whiskers. **Bottom Right:** all of the airport's gates iced up, requiring attention from Airport Maintenance to render them operational again. Shown here is a pedestrian gate giving access to Taxilane Sierra.

