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# MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2014



# ADDISON BY THE NUMBERS

416,336

REVENUE IN DOLLARS

↓ 3%

FROM LAST MONTH

↑ 12%

FROM LAST YEAR

6,864

TOTAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

↓ 7%

FROM LAST MONTH

↓ 4%

FROM LAST YEAR

555,621

TOTAL FUEL FLOWAGE IN GALLONS

↓ 7%

FROM LAST MONTH

↓ 3%

FROM LAST YEAR

46

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

↑ 18%

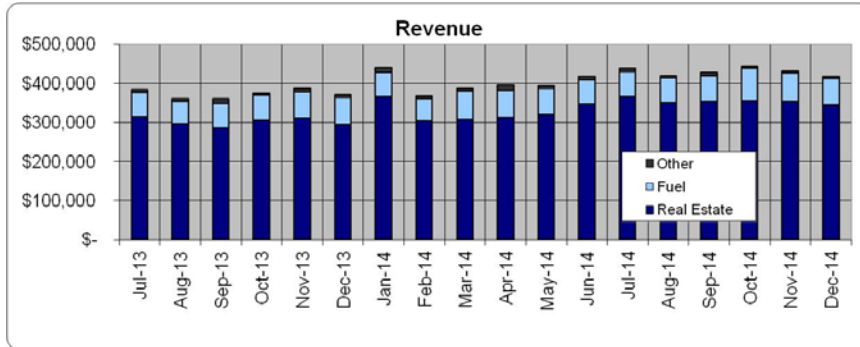
FROM LAST MONTH

↓ 2%

FROM LAST YEAR

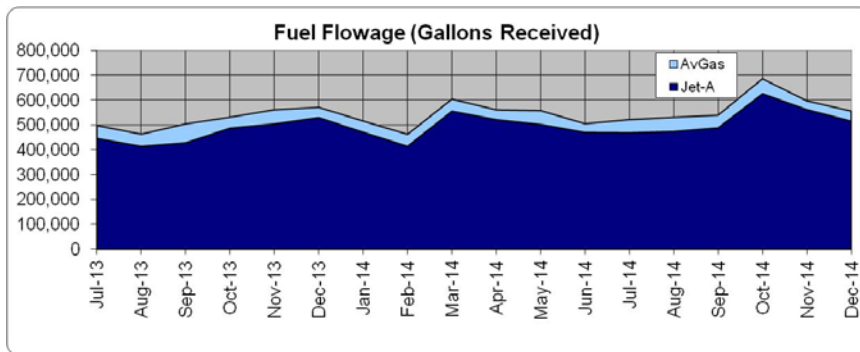


**On a Mission:** a training mission, that is. From the DoD press release: “North Texas police departments are providing support for an urban training exercise at various sites throughout the region over the course of the next two weeks. The purpose of the exercise is to provide U.S. Special Operations Forces with realistic urban sites for preparedness training.” Addison Airport hosted a number of the aircraft used in the training exercise in early December, including this U.S. Army UH-60.



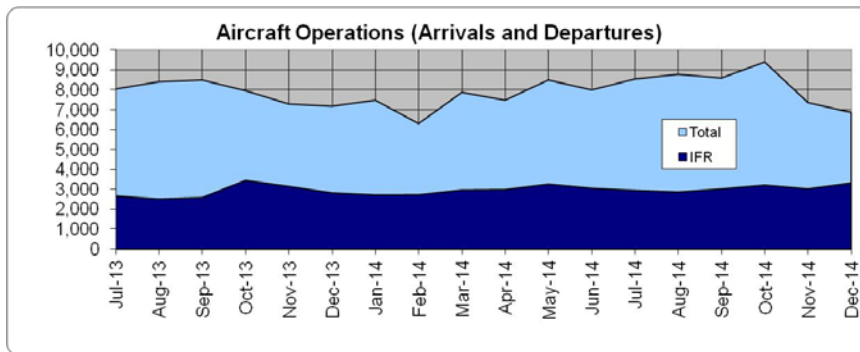
## REVENUE

December revenue totaled \$416,336. While slightly below the October and November results, this figure is in line with expectations. In fact, it exceeded the budgeted revenue projection by 4.7%, closing out a strong first quarter of FY15. For the first quarter of FY15, revenues exceeded budget by \$94,874 or 7.9%. At this pace, the airport's total annual revenue will exceed \$5 Million for the first time ever in FY15.



## FUEL

December 2014 fuel flowage totaled 555,621 gallons, bringing the first quarter FY15 fuel flowage total to 1,838,748 gallons ... which is the highest quarterly total since the first quarter of FY08. The year is off to a strong start.



## OPERATIONS

Effects of colder winter weather are readily apparent in the December 2014 operations counts: IFR operations were quite strong (3,313 for the month) while total operations (6,864) dropped off from the prior month. This is in line with our typical pattern: bad weather keeps VFR traffic grounded. International operations increased slightly, but were still below what we regard as a 'normal' level. Staff has done some investigation and found that there are a handful of contributing factors to the recent low numbers of international flights, most of them beyond our ability to control or even influence, but also likely to be transient. In other words, we expect international operations to increase again over time.



# UNIQUELY ADDISON



*Above:* a female American Kestrel perches on an airport fence. Since 2007, there have been 15 reported bird strikes involving kestrels at Addison Airport.

## WILDLIFE HAZARD ASSESSMENT APPROVED

In 2013, Addison received a grant to conduct a Wildlife Hazard Assessment (WHA). From August 2013 through July 2014, biologists conducted regular surveys of the wildlife on and around the airport to identify potential hazards to airport operations and strategies to mitigate those hazards. The final WHA report was approved by TX-DOT in December. A second deliverable from this project is a draft Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) which documents how Addison Airport will manage wildlife hazards going forward.

*Below:* a black-tailed jackrabbit forages at the edge of Taxiway Alpha near the north end of the airport.



## CHINESE VISITORS LEARN ABOUT GA

Superior Air Parts – based in Coppell – is “the world’s leading manufacturer of FAA approved replacement parts for Lycoming and Continental aircraft engines.” Like many other U.S. aviation companies, Superior is doing business with the Chinese, in this case building an “aviation town” 12 miles outside of Beijing. However, General Aviation is nearly non-existent in China, so to give Superior’s Chinese associates a feel for the “GA experience” Scott Hayes – Superior’s VP of Sales & Marketing – coordinated with the airport to provide a tour on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chinese delegation arrived at Million Air that morning in a King Air B350, where they were met by Airport Deputy Director Darci Neuzil. With the assistance of a translator (provided by Superior Air Parts) Darci gave the Chinese an overview of the airport that included a tour around the airside.

*Below:* The visiting Chinese delegation makes a stop at Million Air. Airport Deputy Director Darci Neuzil (center) served as guide for a brief tour of the airport.



*Above:* Andre Richardson is the most recent addition to the Addison Airport team.

## NEW AIRPORT STAFF MEMBER

On December 8, Andre Richardson became the newest member of the Addison Airport staff. Andre filled the Maintenance Technician vacancy left by the retirement of Lou Warren last summer. While this is Andre’s first airport job, he brings a wealth of experience in apartment maintenance and industrial facility maintenance. More importantly, he brings a great attitude: Andre enjoys working with his hands and staying busy, and like the rest of our maintenance team he takes a lot of pride in the work he does. With Andre, doing the job safely and doing it right – with attention to detail and quality – is always a priority. We are very happy to welcome Andre aboard ... and the maintenance staff is also happy to be at full strength again!

## HANGAR DOOR MAINTENANCE



It is probably safe to say that most people – even airport tenants and users – never give a thought to how hangar doors work. Hangar doors open and close ... except when they don't, and then Airport Maintenance may get a call. Many of the hangar doors at Addison are supported on grooved metal wheels (rollers) that roll on metal tracks. One call to replace a broken roller on the doors of the A6 Hangar (PlaneSmart's north hangar, at 4553 Jimmy Doolittle Drive) was enough to trigger replacement of all the old door rollers on the A6 hangar doors ... a broken roller may cause a door to go off its track, and a door off its track could fall over. Replacing all of the rollers eliminates that potential hazard; it's also good practice from a maintenance perspective. The photos on this page illustrate the hangar door roller replacement project. **Clockwise from Top:** Maintenance Technician Tom Walsh prepares to change the rollers on a hangar door; a jack is used to lift the door to enable removal of the roller assembly; Tom displays the old roller and the new roller (mounted on the roller bracket) in two views; an old roller in position on the door track; and a new roller mounted to the door and in position on the roller track.



## LINE SERVICE PERSONNEL AT WORK



Much of the day-to-day work at a general aviation airport is accomplished by line service personnel at the fixed-base operators (FBOs); these are the folks who fuel, tow, and service the aircraft. They work in all kinds of weather; safety and service are always priorities. Featured on this page are a few photos of line service personnel in action at Addison Airport. **Clockwise from above:** fueling a Cessna 208 Caravan; a tug operator teams with a wing walker (carrying chocks) to move a Piper Malibu; three fuel trucks topping off at the fuel farm; a sign in the window of this Challenger 300 lets line service know the brakes are off and the aircraft is ready for towing; a Raytheon Premier 1 under tow on Taxiway Alpha; a wing walker spots for the tug operator pushing this Bombardier Global 5000 into a parking spot; lavatory service for a Hawker 800A; marshaling a Dassault Falcon 7X out of the ramp for departure.

