

CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

WHERE CHICAGOLAND BUSINESS TAKES OFF

FALL 2011



Chicago Executive Airport customs officer meets an arriving aircraft. The customs office at CEA was kept busier than usual in June when they handled a record number of flights.

CEA SETS RECORD FOR INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS



Chicago Executive Airport has had a U.S. Customs office since the mid '90s, which gives the airport the capacity to handle international flights. On average, Chicago Executive Airport's Customs Office has handled 42 arrivals from outside of the country each month this year, that is, until June. The latter was a record-setting month for Customs at the airport with 74 arrivals.

"Last year, the average was 41.17," said Assistant Airport Manager Jamie Abbott. "A number of the flights originate in Canada, but we have flights coming into CEA from all over the world." Abbott said the previous record for a month was in July of 2007, when the airport handled 63 flights arriving from outside of the country. He said that having a customs office at the airport means that business travelers don't have to go through O'Hare Airport.

"Our ability to handle international flights at CEA is a game changer," said Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau. "And the influence of something like that is quietly felt throughout the community."

As Rouleau explained, when businesses have the ability to drive a short distance to a regional airport, such as Chicago Executive, it makes doing business in the area more attractive. He said that Fortune 50 companies find it convenient that their offices are a short distance from CEA. He described Chicago Executive Airport as the doorway to the world.

"Business executives are working hard to bring jobs back home and the airport plays a major role in making that possible," Rouleau said. He described Chicago Executive Airport as an economic engine for the region, with people traveling to and from places all over the world, such as Russia, China, Japan, Ireland, England and more.

"With 5,000-feet of pavement at Chicago Executive Airport we'll give you the world," Rouleau said.

Abbott said that customs officials have normal business hours but are extremely flexible in terms of meeting the needs of international travelers.

"If a flight is scheduled to come in, they'll call the customs office and customs officers will meet them 24 hours a day," Abbott said.

Rouleau said that Waukegan and DuPage airports also have customs on their airfields but that he believes Chicago Executive handles more international flights than both of them combined.

A MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

Dennis Rouleau



In years to come, when people think about the summer of 2011, they'll think about the weather. From Hurricane Irene, which soaked the East Coast in late August, to the tornado that devastated Joplin, MO, the weather seemed to provide frequent media headlines. In the face of natural disaster, the Chicago Executive Airport community turned out to help.

Bob McKenzie, an aviation attorney in Wheeling who flies out of CEA, was instrumental in starting a program to fly emergency supplies to Joplin. Others at CEA also turned out to help, including: The Leading Edge Flying Club at Chicago Executive Airport, Signature Flight Support and the Palwaukee Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol.

Bob indicated that the level of devastation he saw in Joplin was extreme, as was the level of need. The greatest need, at the time, was for medical supplies and toiletries. The assistance that came to the area through Joplin Airport clearly demonstrated the value of aviation in a disaster situation.

The weather also made a curtain call here in the Midwest. On June 21, a storm swept through the region and CEA, seemingly, was at the epicenter of the event. Several hangars and aircraft were damaged and about 1,000 feet of fencing was torn down along Hintz Road. The winds that knocked down light poles and caused as much as \$300,000 damage to the roof of Hangar 12, reached 77 mph.

Once again, the response of the team here at CEA, along with help from the communities of Wheeling and Prospect Heights, was incredible. The storm hit on a Tuesday evening and, by Wednesday, the fence was largely mended, and roofers were repairing Hangars 5, 6 and 12.

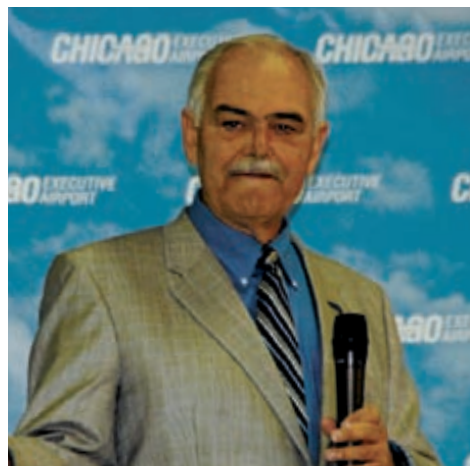
On the other hand, much of the work performed by CEA's staff for the July 23 Open House was completed in advance of the storm that came through that morning. Weather reports indicated that the storm would not ebb until late in the day and, for safety concerns, I thought it best to cancel the event. Fortunately, conditions improved earlier than expected and some folks from the surrounding communities did come out to see the Collings Foundation's warbirds.

Whether responding to a far-away need, or turning out to keep things running here at Chicago Executive Airport, the local aviation community demonstrated the true meaning of teamwork and community involvement.

ACE OFFERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS A WINDOW TO THE WORLD OF AVIATION



A High School Student signs up for information at ACE.



CEA Chairman Allan Englehardt speaks to students attending Chicago Executive Airport's Aviation Career Exposition Sept. 17.

Hangar 10 at Chicago Executive Airport is usually filled with aircraft awaiting service or simply waiting for their next flight. On Sept. 17, however, the planes made room for an influx of young aviation minded high school students.

The Aviation Career Exposition is a bi-annual event at CEA focused on the future of aviation. That future depends on younger aviators, mechanics, traffic controllers and more taking over as the standard bearers for the aviation industry. ACE is specifically designed for high school students who want to explore the possibilities of a career that reaches for the sky - literally.

Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau described the event as a way for the airport to make a difference in a few young lives. He said ACE is a great place for young men and women to learn about aviation and to meet recruiters from aviation companies, flight schools and universities.

"This is one example of a way that the airport gives back to the community," said Rouleau. "Many in the area have found careers in aviation because of their proximity to the airport. There are people across the country and beyond who are working in aviation because of Chicago Executive Airport. We want to



Some of the young adults attending the event meeting with representatives of the ROTC.

continue to provide that kind of a conduit."

He said more than 150 students turned out for the event, many alerted to the opportunity by their schools' career counselors and stories that ran in area newspapers. As Rouleau pointed out, with the economy suffering, career opportunities in aviation are more important than ever.

Participating organizations included: Aviation Explorers, Aviation World, Chicago Executive Flight School, Civil Air Patrol, CABAA, Leading Edge Flying Club, Lifeline Pilots, PACE, PAPA, Skill Aviation, and Windy City Flyers. The event also featured Keynote Speaker Jamail Larkins, president of Ascension Aircraft.

For those considering a military career in aviation or beginning their aviation career with the help of the military, Rouleau said that representatives of the Armed Forces were on the scene.

Students had an opportunity to examine static display aircraft that were on hand, courtesy of several individuals and aviation organizations located at CEA.

Running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., sandwiches and pizza were available for purchase through Wa-Pa-Ghetti's Pizza, 208 McHenry Road, Wheeling.

CAMERAS ARE ROLLING AT CEA FOR AIRPORT DOCUMENTARY VIDEO



Harold Rail shooting footage for the new CEA documentary video.

The cameras are rolling at Chicago Executive Airport as One Zero Charlie, the airport's marketing communications and public relations firm, is on task making a documentary about Chicago Executive Airport and the importance of its activities to the local, regional and national economy. Dennis Rouleau, Airport Manager, said that, while commemorating the 25th anniversary of the purchase of the airport by Wheeling and Prospect Heights, the video will go beyond that event to serve as an educational tool within the aviation and business communities.

"On the one hand, this is an opportunity to show companies and organizations in the aviation industry what CEA has to offer," Rouleau said. "It will also illustrate the value the airport provides in terms of a high-powered economic engine for

the area. This goes beyond the direct benefits to corporations and businesses in the area; it also means jobs. And, with the economy the way it is, you really can't put a price tag on that."

Production of the video, which includes the talents of One Zero Charlie designer Kristen Highland, videographers Harold Rail and David Perez, and script writer Rich Rostron, began in late June. The production crew has been seen around the airport conducting interviews and shooting footage.

"We've got some incredible footage to work with already," Rail said.

Rostron said things are coming along nicely. However, he pointed out that wouldn't be the case without the full cooperation of Rouleau, Assistant Airport Manager Jamie Abbott, Executive Secretary Vicki Mayr, Airport Operations Coordinator Sable Omes-Sombke, Administrative Assistant Cristina Salgado and others at CEA and with flight-related companies located at the airport.

Rail said they hope to finish filming by early October and complete the film editing process within a month or so afterwards. That would make the finished video available in advance of December, the actual month when the sale of the airport to Prospect Heights and Wheeling was completed.

TAXIWAY LIMA PROJECT COMPLETED TAXIWAY ECHO RECEIVES CLEARANCE



One taxiway at Chicago Executive Airport is nearing completion and construction on another could begin before the year is out.

"The Taxiway Lima project was completed before the end of September," said Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau. "And we've just received funding to start work on extending Taxiway Echo."

Rouleau said the prior project added approximately 800 feet to the southern end of Taxiway Lima on the west side of the runway. A 1,000-foot extension to Taxiway Echo is scheduled to begin this fall after CEA received \$2.5 million in discretionary funding through the Department of Transportation.

Rouleau expressed appreciation to Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), the FAA and the IDOT Division of Aeronautics for helping the airport to receive

the necessary funding for the project.

He also said the airport is prepared to move ahead with the project.

"We've aggressively pursued contracts," said Rouleau. "And we've received some excellent bids - bids that are 18-percent below the engineer's estimates for the project."

The taxiway projects are extensions of the airport's ongoing efforts to improve safety, traffic flow and functionality at CEA. This includes the removal of T-hangars at the south end of the airport where the new Taxiway Lima extension is nearing completion.

"Taxiways are vital to airport safety," said Airport Coordinator Sable Omes-Sombke. "With the extension of Taxiway Lima we've eliminated the need to cross an active runway thereby taking another step to improve airport safety at Chicago Executive. When we extend Taxiway Echo that will be another step."

Rouleau said another improvement at the airport is now functional. In the new T-hangars at the north end of the field, the pilot lounge has been waiting as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District runs tests to ensure the plumbing from the hangars does not contaminate the ground water.

"The plumbing system is so low in the ground that it was a concern," said Rouleau. "Now, the pilot's lounge is open for business."

CEA AT OSHKOSH



The fly-in at Oshkosh each year, held July 25-31 this year, is much like an annual family

reunion for the aviation world. It's a time to see stunt flights, old warplanes or just a whole lot of planes. There are aviation-related forums and workshops to check out to stay abreast of what is current in aviation.

It's also a great place to relax with friends and neighbors, as well as to network with other members of the aviation community. And what better way to network than with a barbeque.

CEA hosted a barbeque in the backyard of a private home just outside of the airport grounds. Chicago Executive Airport partnered with its insurance provider, NationAir, for a tent and the rental of the property.

"We served center-pulled pork that was just fabulous," said Vicki Mayr, CEA's Executive Secretary. "But this was also an opportunity for CEA to show a presence at what is billed as 'The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.' It was a way to promote our airport."

Mayr said members of the CEA Board of Directors were on hand for the occasion. Nick Helmer, the Mayor of Prospect Heights, and Judy Abruscato, the Village President of Wheeling, as well as alderman and trustees from the two communities, also attended.

Mayr said attendees of the barbeque could stand in the backyard under the tent and watch the planes come and go. Of course, attendees could also walk over to the airfield and walk out on the flightline to see the planes up close and personal.

There were exhibitors to visit, including a World Symposium on Electric Aircraft sponsored by GE, and a Safety Center with 100 experts from the Federal Aviation Administration on hand to answer questions related to aircraft and aircraft safety.

CEA had a large banner on the fence facing the airfield and staff members from CEA passed out invitations to the barbeque while checking out the planes and exhibits on the airfield.

More than half-a-million people attended the fly-in this year. Though the attendance at CEA's tent was somewhat less than that, Mayr said the attendees all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

"This was our first year hosting a barbeque at Oshkosh," said CEA Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau. "It was such an incredible success that I believe we'll do it again next year."

PRADD MADE A DIFFERENCE AT CEA



Recently retired Executive Secretary Kathy Pradd

"I knew day three into the job that this was where I wanted to work."

Kathy Pradd recently retired as Executive Secretary to Chicago Executive Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau. She said she's enjoying her retirement but, when asked how she felt about the position she recently left after close to nine years, it's clear Pradd enjoyed every day at the airport.

"The best job I ever had," Pradd said. "The best boss I ever had, too." She described the staff at CEA as a family, adding that it's important with a small office that everyone gets along well together.

Getting along was, and remains, crucial in light of the substantial demands of operating a busy airport, such as CEA.

"There was just so much going on and still is," Pradd said.

She described the job in terms of a juggler with many balls in the air at once. The trick was keeping them in the air. She said the juggling act includes working on a daily basis with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, not to mention numerous other aviation, business and governmental organizations and agencies.

Rouleau spoke highly of Pradd: "Kathy really made a big difference keeping everything running smoothly here at CEA. She'll be missed."

At the same time, Rouleau said Vicki Mayr, who has taken over for the retiring Pradd, is doing an excellent job, too. Mayr spent time working with Pradd before the latter left. The time was well spent, familiarizing Mayr with the nuances of the position.

MAYR JOINS CEA TEAM



Vicki Mayr, the new Executive Secretary at Chicago Executive Airport, described herself as displaced "Flatlander" for the 15 years that she lived in Madison,

Wisconsin. "While I love Madison, the Chicago area is home".

A position at CEA brought her back to her home state and her home town of Mt. Prospect.

She was originally hired as an Administrative Assistant but, two weeks after joining CEA, she took over for the retiring Kathy Pradd. Mayr spent the next two weeks at CEA learning the ropes from Pradd. However, Mayr came to the position with extensive

experience of her own, having spent 13 years in Madison as the Office Manager for a general contractor.

When asked to describe her responsibilities at CEA, her answer included assisting Airport Manager Dennis Rouleau and maintaining his calendar, making travel arrangements for CEA staff and Board Members, acting as recording secretary at Board and Staff meetings, monthly board and other meetings and more.

Mayr said that she's very happy to have joined the CEA team.

"Every day is something different," she said. "I also discovered I'm a bit of a jet geek. I've always loved fighter jets. But, I'm enjoying learning more about corporate jets and piston aircraft, as well.

AIRPORT HOLIDAYS

October 10 - Columbus Day

November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving

December 23 - 26 - Christmas



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www.ceaa.us/youngeagles.html

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Directors Meetings

October 19, 2011, Wednesday
November 16, 2011, Wednesday
December 21, 2011, Wednesday

Public Awareness for Chicago

Executive Airport (PACE) (In managers office)
October 25, 2011, Tuesday
November 29, 2011, Tuesday
January 31, 2012 Tuesday
For More Information: www.chiexec.com

Aviation Explorer Post 9 Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of each month
7:30 p.m. at Windy City Flyers
1098 South Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 301

PAPA At Chicago Executive Meetings

Check website for current meeting date
www.pwkpilots.org

Flight World Hangar Talk

1st Thursday of each month
Call 847.459.0360

Civil Air Patrol

Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.
Airport Admin office, 1020 Plant Road
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