



NQA Pilot Information Newsletter May 2010

Runway Rehabilitation Project

If your name is on a hangar lease and we have a current telephone number on file, you have already received a telephone call from me about the runway rehabilitation project. As part of the project, the center most portion of the runway will be resurfaced and also, the “humps” at both ends of the runway, where the pavement transitions from asphalt to concrete, will be smoothed. The engineer’s estimate of the project is 30 days, and the runway will be closed, tentatively scheduled for the month of July. The project has not been bid yet, so we don’t have firm dates. However, we plan to provide incentives to the contractor to complete the project early, to keep the inconvenience to our users to a minimum. During the runway closure, the plan is to have taxiway “E” available as a temporary unlit runway, day/VFR only – check the NOTAMs. Taxiway “E” is 3,500 feet long and 75 feet wide. If you plan to do some night flying, unable, or are unwilling to use the temporary runway, you may want to consider relocating during the project.

Arrangements have been made for tiedowns at Dewitt Spain or Charles Baker. If your email address is on file, you will receive updates from me on the status of the project and timeline. Please feel free to contact me any time 901-872-7495 office, 901-826-1356 cell, or twilliams@bigriver.net. I apologize for the inconvenience of this project, and appreciate your patience.

New Airport Fire Station

The Authority has issued a contract to our airport engineering firm BWSC, to design a replacement facility for Fire Station 3 at the Millington Regional Jetport. The existing facility, which houses the aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) equipment, is nearly a 50-year old pole barn that has outlived its useful life. The Authority employs 7 City of Millington firefighters, who staff the station 24 hours a day, with two on duty per shift. ARFF personnel do not respond off-airport, and are there to provide immediate response to aircraft and airport emergencies. The new station will be relocated to the T-Hangar area immediately facing Hangar Suite 112. Design is underway, and we expect to advertise for construction May 24, 2010, start Construction July 5, and complete construction October 1, 2010. This project should not inconvenience you.

Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS)

The FAA has begun the process of installing a WAAS at the Millington Regional Jetport. Primary benefits of a WAAS to our users are:

- It will improve access for landings in poor weather.
- It will support ILS approaches at both ends of runway 4/22.
- It will provide ILS-like approaches without additional costs of traditional landing aids.

A benefit to the Airport Authority is that the WAAS will not require the Airport Authority to purchase new ground based navigational equipment. The process is long, and is at least a year away. The FAA is currently in the survey phase of the project at Millington. For more information on how WAAS works, enhancements, and what it may mean to you, visit the website <http://www.gps.faa.gov>.

2011 Airshow

It has been confirmed: **September 17-18, 2011 “Air Fest 2011 Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation”** will be held at the Millington Regional Jetport. Too long a title to remember? OK, Airshow organizers are calling it the Memphis Airshow. So far, the Blue Angels have confirmed, with many others expected to follow. For more information or to volunteer, visit the website <http://www.memphisairshow.org> or email memphisairshow@gmail.com.

Hangar Talk

- Please provide us with current certificates of insurance with the MILLINGTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED for your hangared aircraft. Your insurance provider can fax it to Lin Leavitt at 901-873-5795 or email to lindaleavitt@cityofmillington.org.
- Please remember to turn off the lights when you leave your hangar, it makes a difference on the MLG&W and saves energy too.
- In the event of a power failure to the hangar, call MLG&W at 544-6500. The service address is 8182 Hornet Avenue.
- If you have any hangar maintenance issues, contact Jessie at 901-389-8100.

Visit our new website at <http://www.millingtonregionaljetport.com>