

### Airport Authority Board Adopts Updated Goals

The Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority Board of Commissioners recently adopted an updated set of goals to be undertaken over the next 18-24 months. The practice of adopting definitive goals is a recent undertaking by the Board. In December of 2004, the Airport Board participated in a day long retreat designed to set goals, and build consensus through teamwork. The retreat was proctored by a professional management company. The goals which were originally adopted from that retreat were considered substantially achieved early in 2006, leading to a special work session by the Board in March to discuss the next set of goals. Through several meetings, the updated list of goals was adopted in May, 2006, and are now being undertaken through the efforts of both airport staff members and Board members. The updated goals include the following items:

- Continuing to work towards establishing and commencing operation of an air traffic control tower.
- Establishing and becoming firmly entrenched in an economic development plan for the airport.
- Initiating new development on the east side of the airport.
- Improving the appearance and name recognition of the airport.
- Developing public relations, public information, and marketing plans for the airport, including conducting regularly scheduled events.

Reports on the status and progress of each goal are given monthly as part of the Airport Board's agenda at its regularly scheduled meeting, which is held the third Thursday at 4:00 P.M.

### Pavement Maintenance Program Update

The Airport Authority has completed its 2006 annual pavement maintenance program. A number of areas around the airports hangars where failing pavement existed were removed and replaced with new asphalt. Other areas which continue to deteriorate are evaluated annually and the worst of those areas will continue to be replaced within the limits of the airport's budget.

Additionally, crack sealing on the airport has also been completed for the year. While numerous areas will continue to need attention in future years, the sealing of cracks primarily on the runways and taxiways will help ensure the extension of the useful life of these pavements into the future.

A program is being negotiated now with the Colorado Aeronautics Division for the purchase of a hot mix asphalt crack sealing machine under a grant from the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB). If successful, the CAB will pay the full cost of a brand new machine (costing around \$35,000) which would be available for use by all of the airports in Northern Colorado.

### What are they doing over there now?

You may have noticed that the Airport Authority allowed the grass on the east side of the terminal to die off this year, and is now tearing it up. As airport staff continue to look for new ways to operate the airport responsibly by reducing expenses, the annual cost of water at the terminal building became an ever increasing issue. It seemed that all efforts to conserve water were off-set by increases in rates and fees. Water usage has become one of the largest annual utility expenses for the terminal building operation, partly due to the vast amount of landscaped area surrounding the building which needs to be watered. As a result, a xeriscape project is now underway on the east side of the terminal. Turf is being removed and replaced with landscape rock. All existing trees will remain, and a bit later this year some additional bushes and a small bench area may be added on that side of the building. This project will eliminate 40 percent of the irrigated landscape around the terminal, and has already proven to have a substantial impact on reducing the cost of water usage in the building. The

a brand new machine (costing around \$35,000) which would be available for use by all of the airports in Northern Colorado. The kicker is that the machine would be permanently housed at the Greeley-Weld County Airport, which would allow the Authority to greatly expand the annual crack sealing program. The machine would be purchased in time for the 2007 pavement maintenance program.

nal, and has already proven to have a substantial impact on reducing the cost of water usage in the building. The cost of the xeriscape conversion is expected to be offset by savings in water consumption costs within the first year. In these days of drought and water conservation, it is also the responsible thing to do.

### **More airport maintenance news...**

Over the next several weeks, airport maintenance staff will be re-stripping many of the yellow pavement markings around the airport. Please check Notams for locations which may be temporarily closed or have personnel and equipment working within them.

### **NEW A&P SHOP NOW OPEN**

Hangar 1, specializing in quality aircraft maintenance for the meticulous aircraft owner is now open at 721 Airport Road. Owner / operator Donn Pitz welcomes your calls at (970) 302-8228.

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### **COLORADO SMOKING BAN IMPACTS AIRPORT**

The new statewide ban on smoking takes effect on July 1st. Most buildings on the Greeley-Weld County Airport fall into the categories of those places which are subject to this new law. While the airport terminal building has been smoke free since it opened in 2000, smoking outside of the building within 15' of an entryway will now be prohibited under state law. The Airport Authority will be relocating ash receptacles at least 15' from the building where possible. This law also impacts most other hangars on the airport as well. Any privately owned building or

hangar which is open to the public (such as to customers) or which has three or more employees working in it, is also subject to the smoking ban. There are severe penalties for non-compliance, starting with a \$200 fine for a first offense. While the Airport Authority will work towards compliance at the terminal building, each tenant is responsible for ensuring compliance at their individual locations.

More detailed information about the smoking ban law is available by visiting [www.smokefreecolorado.org](http://www.smokefreecolorado.org).

### **Special Avionics Packages Now Offered by Advanced Aero Technologies Group (AATG)**

AATG, located at 622 Ed Beegles Lane at the Greeley-Weld County Airport, announces special package prices on a variety of equipment and installation services. Specials are now available on GNS 430 and GI 106A equipment, as well as special installation packages on audio panels, COMM/NAV/WAAS & GPS, Transponders, Datalinks and CDI's. Additionally, AATG is presently offering top dollar trade in on hand held GPS's for a GPS 296 or GPS 396.

Please visit their website at [www.advanceaerotech.com](http://www.advanceaerotech.com), call (970) 352-8324, or email them at [info@advanceaerotech.com](mailto:info@advanceaerotech.com).

### **Spreading Wings Barnstorming Tour**

The Rocky Mountain Air and Space Museum, along with the Colorado Aeronautics Division, the Colorado Pilots Association, and many other organizations, is launching the Spreading Wings Barnstorming Tour. This program, specifically designed to celebrate the local history of certain airports within their communities, and to attract many of today's students into aviation careers, will be visiting a select group of 18 airports throughout Colorado this summer. The Greeley-Weld County Airport has been selected as the Northern Colorado stop for this exciting program. The program, which will take place on October 6th, will bring both a vintage and modern corporate aircraft to the airport for tours and display by local students, as well as flight simulators and

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