

TENNESSEE AVIATION

April 2011



2011 Tennessee Aviation Art Contest Winners

New Morristown Terminal Honors "Mama Bird"

45th Annual Tennessee Midsouth Aviation Maintenance Conference

Memphis Hosts Airport Cities World Conference

From the Cockpit

By Bob Woods, Director

Even with our limited state and federal funding, 2011 is turning out to be a busy year. Our 45th Annual Tennessee Midsouth Aviation Maintenance Conference was a great success with over 420 attendees and 36 vendors.

Our Tennessee Airports Conference is coming up August 17-19 with a "Roaring 20s" theme. We also will be presenting a new prestigious Red Carpet Award.

TDOT Aeronautics Division is hosting the NASAO Convention and Tradeshow on September 11-13. We are excited to showcase Tennessee to 50 state aviation directors, staff, guests and exhibitors.

We continue to see new terminal building construction and openings across the state -- Winchester, Tullahoma, Carroll County, Somerville, Sevierville and Morristown. Clarksville has a new business center underway. Many other airports have new projects under construction. Hopefully, our revenue will improve in the coming year.



The Tennessee Cadet Drill Team took second place in the SER Cadet Competition. Photo submitted by Lt. Col. Barry Melton, TN Wing Commander.

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EVENTS

- May 1 Wings Over Savannah Fly-In, Savannah-Hardin County Airport
- May 3-12 2011 Sports Class Nationals for Gliders, May 1-2 Practice Days for Entrants, Chilhowee Gliderport, Benton
- May 7-8 Great Tennessee Airshow, Smyrna Airport
- May 12-15 First Annual ABS Spring Fly-In, Beechcraft Heritage Museum, Tullahoma
- May 21 Armed Forces Day Celebration, Arnold Field, Halls
- May 21 First Annual Open Hangar Gala, Hixson Museum of Flight, Dallas Bay Skypark
- May 23-28 Swift National Convention & Fly-In, McMinn County Airport, Athens
- July 1 Kiwanis Club Independence Day Air Show, Tullahoma Municipal Airport
- Sept. 11 Cornfest Airport Extravaganza Everett-Stewart Regional Airport, Union City
- Sept. 17-18 Memphis Airshow, Millington Regional Jetport
- Sept. 17 Upper Cumberland Air Show, Upper Cumberland Regional Airport, Sparta
- Sept. 24-25 Wings Over Halls Air Show, Arnold Field, Halls
- Oct. 12-16 Beech Party, Beechcraft Heritage Museum, Tullahoma Regional Airport

Please let us know if you would like your event added to the list.

Change in Performance Studios Costume Rental

For liability reasons, Aeronautics Division staff will not be able to return costumes rented for the conference. Everyone must return their own.



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NEVER TOO LATE TO TAKE UP FLYING

Springfield:

Like Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson in "Bucket List," many of us make a list of things to do during our lifetime. At the top of Mildred Brindley's list was flying. With the coordinated efforts of Second Wind Dreams, Morningside Assisted Living and McCauley Aviation, Brindley got her wish.

Brindley thought she was going shopping, so she was totally surprised when she was driven to Springfield-Robertson County Airport and told she was going to fly. "Everything looks little from up there," Brindley said "It's not big like when you're down here. It was fun." Certified flight instructor Jeremy Binkley let her briefly take the controls to experience piloting an aircraft.

When Brindley's feet touched the ground, she was so excited that she was laughing nonstop. "It was a good surprise for me. I've never been up in one," she exclaimed. Her husband had been a pilot, but she had never flown with him.



Mildred Brindley, a resident at Morningside Assisted Living, gets her lifelong wish to fly in an airplane. Photo submitted by Becky Mednis.

Nelda Myers, administrator at Morningside Assisted Living, said the caregivers listen to residents' stories, wishes and dreams to find out what is important to them. Myers then finds the resources in the local community to make the dreams come true or contacts Second Wind Dreams.

Second Wind Dreams is an international non-profit organization that focuses on fulfilling dreams of those living in nursing homes, long-term care facilities or assisted living communities. Dreams vary from a new dress to wear to church, seeing a long lost family member or being a teacher for a day. One Morningside resident's wish was to

dance one more time. She had been a ballroom dance instructor for years but now has a debilitating disease. It was planned that a gentleman walk into the facility saying he was looking for a dance partner, but she must be able to wear the sapphire dress he was carrying and he would pick her. He and his dance partner were driven to a local dance studio where miraculously she was able to dance once more.

Showcasing Your Airport Brings Business

Sewanee:

Aaron Willis has always been in love with planes but can't tell you why. No one in his family was a pilot. He learned why when he approached Sewanee Airport Manager Rebecca Gibson about taking flight lessons.

Years before when she was just out of college and trying to generate business, she figured one option was to inspire future flight students. She arranged an airport tour for Sewanee's first grade class. According to Gibson, they "petted the airport dog and cat, crashed the simulator over and over and got to see runway lights, hangars and airplanes."

Imagine her surprise when one of those students showed up for flight training years later. Willis couldn't remember ever touring the airport, but when he and Gibson inspected the display case, they found his name on the banner that all the kids had signed.

Gibson said, "It was really neat to witness what happens when you show a seven year old a good time at the airport, shake, stir and wait another six or seven years."



Aaron Willis fell in love with airplanes during an airport visit when he was seven years old. Photo submitted by Rebecca Gibson.



Civil Air Patrol Visits TDOT/Aeronautics

During a week at Cadet Leadership Academy, the Tennessee Wing visited as many governmental agencies as they could in four days. They gave Aeronautics a briefing of their many volunteer hours spent in search and rescue missions after the May floods in 2010.

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50 Years of Human Space Flight

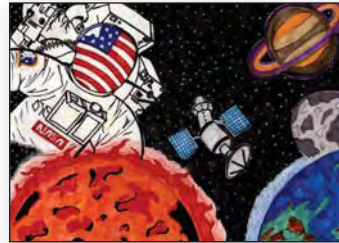
Ages 14-17



1st, Jessica Vincent
Shelbyville Central High



2nd, Brittney Melton
Shelbyville Central High



3rd, Brooke Yates
Shelbyville Central High



4th, Riley Richardson
Shelbyville Central High

Ages 10-13



1st, Riley Parker
Cascade Middle School
Wartrace



2nd, Natalie Boucher
Poplar Grove School
Franklin



3rd, Jacob Wade
Home School
Bell Buckle



4th, Samantha Salas
Poplar Grove School
Franklin

Ages 6-9



1st, Jackson Ahern-Cook
Cedar Bluff Elementary
Knoxville



2nd, Stephen Dai
Cedar Bluff Elementary
Knoxville



3rd, Emily Williamson
Cole Elementary
Antioch

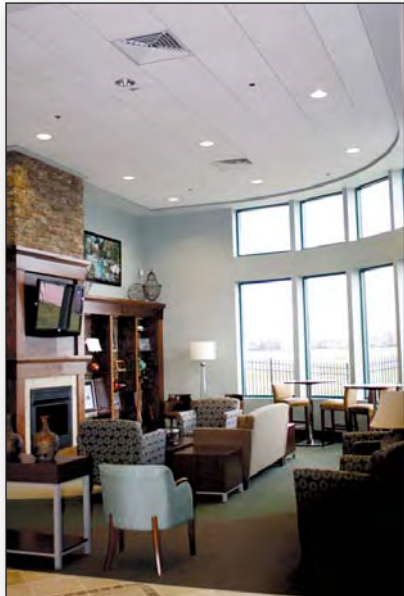


4th, Marion Caine
Thomas Magnet School
Shelbyville

New Morristown Terminal Named in Honor of “Mama Bird”

After 50 plus years as manager of Moore-Murrell Field, 101-year-old legendary pilot Evelyn Bryan Johnson saw the opening of a new \$1.2 million terminal named in her honor on March 11.

Johnson is renown in the aviation world. She holds the record for the most flight hours (57,635.4) of any woman in the world. She has trained over 5,000 pilots and holds numerous ratings. She has been inducted into various aviation halls of fame and received many awards, even the Bronze Carnegie Medal for saving a man’s life.



The modest, genteel lady said she loves flying and teaching people to fly. “You can get a little relaxation from problems and look around and see all of God’s beautiful country,” she commented.

Johnson greeted visitors as they surveyed the eloquently designed terminal. Construction had started over a year ago. The Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce pioneered an initiative to furnish the building through the “Front Door Committee” which raised money from local businesses.

The large crowd, including state and local officials, were not deterred by flurries or frigid weather as they gathered to celebrate the official opening of the Evelyn Bryan Johnson Terminal. The Morristown Hamblen West High School Marching Band performed, and the CAP Kingsport Composite Squadron Cadets presented the colors before the official presentations; the Morristown Squadron also participated in the activities.



45TH ANNUAL TENNESSEE MIDSOUTH AVIATION MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Randy Smith of Smyrna who received the 2011 Tennessee Technician of the Year Award during the 45th Annual Tennessee Midsouth Aviation Maintenance Conference on March 8.

Smith is the general manager at Stevens Aviation, Inc., in Nashville. His aviation career started in the U.S. Air Force where he received numerous awards for his expertise, including being awarded Best Aircraft Maintenance Technician of the year for 1987 by the 8th Air Force and the entire Strategic Air Command.

Smith stated, "My focus on excellence has been never ending from the first moment I had the honor and privilege of first touching an aircraft. Nearly 28 years later, my love and passion for this career has only increased."

Walter Bevan of the FAA FSDO Office in Nashville presented John Toy and Donald Mitchell with the prestigious Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award and Max Anderson and Mike Lyons with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

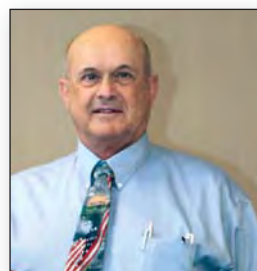
Around 424 people showed up to renew their IA licenses. Of that number, only a few were female.

Paola Guevara and Kathy Gregoric are students at North Central Institute in Clarksville. Guevara said she made this career choice because it is different, and few women choose to be aircraft mechanics.



Randy Smith, Tennessee Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year.

Charles Taylor Master Mechanic



John Toy



Donald Mitchell

Gregoric said she comes from a family of aircraft mechanics and has worked in aviation for 15 years. "There aren't really more obstacles for women, but there are some things women aren't strong enough to do," she said.

Jennifer Baker, president and director of the Baker School of Aeronautics in Nashville, estimates that two percent of her students are female. She said the percentage is not as large as she would like to see, but surmised it was largely because women just don't think about that career choice. "It is the way we're raised," she said. "My parents wanted me to be a teacher, but I always scored high in mechanics."

She also commented that many male supervisors have told her they like females in their shops because they are neater and more detail oriented.

Wright Brothers Master Pilot



Max Anderson



Mike Lyons



Paola Guevara studies aircraft mechanics at North Central Institute in Clarksville.



Senior Mechanic Mark Weiler (1) of Cincinnati, Ohio, said there is a shortage of senior mechanics.

Whether male or female, the market is still good for aircraft mechanics. Senior Mechanic Mark Weiler of Cincinnati, Ohio, said there is a shortage of experts (senior mechanics). "Aviation is going global," he said. "Foreign entities are wanting our skills, but we need to keep them here."

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011

9:00 am — 5:00 pm	Canoe Trip (Duck River)
11:00 am — 5:00 pm	Golf Registration & Tournament (Windtree)
1:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Conference and Exhibit Registration & Setup (Hotel)
*7:00 pm — 8:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Ribbon Cutting and Cocktail Hour

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011

7:00 am — 5:00 pm	Conference Registration
7:00 am — 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:30 am — 8:45 am	Presentation of the Colors
8:45 am — 9:00 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am — 9:30 am	Key Note Address
9:30 am — 10:00 am	Break with Exhibitors
10:00 am	Spouses' Tour (leave from hotel)
10:00 am — 10:45 am	Presentation—Legislative Update
10:45 am — 11:30 am	Presentation—State of Aviation
11:30 am — 1:00 pm	Lunch



CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session I

1:00 pm — 2:00 pm	Salon A Presentation— Airport Management Workshop I Salon D Presentation— Aviation Fuel Update Salon E Presentation— Understanding your Obligations
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2:00 pm — 2:30 pm	Break with Exhibitors
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Session II

2:30 pm — 3:30 pm	Salon A Presentation— Airport Management Workshop II Salon D Presentation— Organizing an Airport Event Salon E Presentation— Airfield Lighting
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3:30 pm	Adjourn
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Commemorative Photo Opportunity
6:00 pm — 6:45 pm	“Speak Easy” Reception
7:00 pm — 8:30 pm	“Roaring 20’s” TAC Awards of Excellence Banquet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011

7:00 am — 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am — 9:30 am	Presentation—NextGen Implementation
9:30 am — 10:15 am	Break with Exhibitors
10:15 am — 11:00 am	Presentation— Marketing Your Airport
11:00 am — 11:45 am	Airport Spotlight
11:45 am — 12:00 noon	Red Carpet Awards Conference Giveaways
12:00 noon	Adjourn— Publicity Photos to Follow

Memphis Hosts World Conference

Memphis:

Participants from around the world congregated at the famous Peabody Hotel in Memphis for the Airport Cities World Conference and Exhibition on April 11-13 to discuss economic development and the connectivity between modes of transportation.

President and CEO Larry Cox, Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, stated, "The modern airport is such a large part of the local economy and its boundaries have been extended so much that it becomes a city and not just a transportation provider. It also has restaurants, convention facilities, hotels, retail, office space, warehouses and logistics and is truly a city unto itself."

Memphis International is a world-class facility in a central location with intermodal transportation and a strong distribution center, making it an ideal logistics center. Cox said, "Memphis is considered an aerotropolis by virtue of the fact that our airport is such an important part of the mid-south economy. In fact, the aerotropolis here includes all of Memphis and Shelby County and parts of West Tennessee, North Mississippi and Eastern Arkansas.

Conference participants not only enjoyed the sights and sounds of Memphis, but they also had an opportunity to visit the FedEx Global Hub. Fedex's package-sorting complex, along with the company's



Larry Cox, president and CEO of the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority, is the mover and shaker who has steered the airport toward being an airport city. Photo by Larry Kuzniewski of Kuzniewski Productions.

around-the-clock operations, has combined to make Memphis International the number one air cargo airport in the world for 18 years.

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