



Happy Holidays
From The
Minden-Tahoe Airport Staff

AVIATION CENTER PROPOSED FOR AIRPORT

In its continued efforts to support sport and recreational flight activity, as well as aviation training, education and tourism, the Minden-Tahoe Airport is pleased to announce the official kick-off of Phase I in the development process of an Aviation Center to be constructed on the east side of the Airport. The proposed facility would have an international component, along with a strong focus on aeronautical education and training, soaring heritage and the growing sport flying industry. This premier facility would house a wide range of interactive exhibits, historical displays and classrooms for a variety of training and educational activities.

"We have a great opportunity to create a world-class soaring, sport aviation, education and training facility that truly reflects the jewel of our area and the wishes of our residents," said Linda Mae Draper-Hivert, a local pilot, original founder of Soar Minden and Douglas County's Economic Vitality Champion for the Airport.

AVIATION EDUCATION DAY

Special thanks to Linda Mae Draper-Hivert for her tremendous assistance in putting the Aviation Education Day together and her on site support and Hutt Aviation for the generous donation of their hangar and ramp for the displays. Thanks also to the school districts Lyn Gorrindo, Assistant Superintendent Education Services and Kerry Pope, Director of Curriculum & Instruction for coordinating the school portion of the event. The National Weather service and the USDA Forest Service donated gift bags and multiple educational items for each student to take home and Douglas County presented each student with their own "NASA Flight Crew" Minden-Tahoe Airport t-shirt. East Fork Station #14 provided a fire engine and an ambulance.

As you will see from the pictures on the next pages the 200 plus students found out how fun it can be to do some hands on learning. It would be difficult for me to determine which activity was the highlight as each student seemed to have smiles and enthusiasm for each item. All of the aircraft and fire equipment were open for the students to climb on, over, around and through with the crews providing answers for an unending number of questions.

1ST ANNUAL AVIATION EDUCATION DAY



Third grade classes from the Douglas County School District Elementary Schools





Manager's Perspective

Steve Mokrohisky

After the successful adoption of the new Airport Use Ordinance by Douglas County voters on November 2, 2010, County and Airport management, along with our engineering consultants, met with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials, including the District Manager, Program Manager and engineers in Burlingame, CA on November 17, 2010. We discussed the new ordinance, sought direction on next steps for compliance to get back in the funding cycle and reviewed critical pavement maintenance needs. The meeting proved to be a very positive step in the right direction to get our Airport back on track.

The first step that we have already taken is to update the Airport Layout Plan (ALP), consistent with the requested changes the FAA made in 2008, including modifications to the two proposed new turf runways for safety, environmental and land acquisition issues, as well as correction of Runway 16/34 weight limits consistent with the engineering studies that have been done. The changes have been made to the ALP, approved by the Board of Commissioner and will now be sent to the FAA for review and approval. Once the modified ALP is approved by the FAA, Minden-Tahoe Airport will be eligible for grant funding. The FAA has already indicated that once the modified ALP is approved, we should receive nearly \$500,000 in funding that we intend to use to begin design work on rehabilitation of Taxiway Alpha.

Federal funding will be tight through 2015, due to commitments that have been made to other airports and a number of runway safety projects at several airports around the country, but we remain cautiously optimistic about future funding for our critical pavement maintenance projects. The FAA recognizes our need for funds to repair our pavement and we will continue to work to advocate for available funds.

We will also continue to work hard to keep you informed about activities and issues at the Airport. As we have said before, we want your ideas, participation and constructive feedback, and we look forward to working with you to make our Airport a success.

Upcoming Airport Events

**Civil Air Patrol
Spring Soaring Camp
Cadet Glider Training
June 2011**

**Boys & Girls Club Rib Cook Off & Fundraiser
May 21, 2011
Hutt Aviation Hangar**

Airport Advisory Committee

**Next Meeting Dates
January 13, 2011**

Election of Officers



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FAA Finalizes Recurrent Aircraft Registration Rule

In an effort to create a more accurate aircraft registration database, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requiring re-registration of all civil aircraft over the next three years and renewal every three years after that. The final rule can be found at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-17572.htm>

Airport Advisory Committee

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