

# The State of Kansas Aviation Newsletter

## Where the skies are *not* cloudy all day!



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## Aviation Day at the Capitol Increases Attendance Airport Revival for Greensburg from KAIRP Bonus Pages: Art Contest and "Fly Kansas 138"

### Aviation Day at the Capitol Lands More Attendees

The third annual Aviation Day at the Capitol arrived on February 9th with more than 29 exhibitors and several speakers ranging from KDOT Secretary Richard Carlson to FAA Regional Administrator Joe Minace. And, while exact attendance figures are not recorded, organizers estimated a turnout of 400 by legislators, stakeholders and the public. "It was significant to see many sectors of Kansas aviation represented and to see new, first time exhibitors, too," according to Lindsey Dreiling, Manager of Marketing and Outreach for KDOT Aviation. The Aviation Division partners with the event's sponsor, the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education, to hold Aviation Day in the rotunda of the Capitol.



KDOT Secretary Richard Carlson addresses Aviation Day at the Capitol next to the display for manufacturers from Wichita.



State Representative Roger Elliott of Wichita shared the Aviation Day podium to highlight a theme this year of hometown benefits from aviation.

First-time exhibitors included a variety of groups that represent the public service and business sides of aviation: KU, Pilots for Christ, and the Vintage Aircraft Association. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of Frederick, Maryland took part to exhibit advocacy, and for the manufacturing segment, Lee Aerospace showed how it supplies companies like Bombardier. For education, the Cosmosphere from Hutchinson highlighted its events and programs that range from history to space camps. And for business services that utilize or support aviation and airports, Garver Engineering, Pulse Aerospace and Westar Energy highlighted their UAS and professional activities.



# KAIP Projects for FY 2018

## The first steps for a new airport in Greensburg OK'd

KDOT Secretary Richard Carlson has approved project work for the first steps that will bring an airport back to Greensburg through the Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP). With the 10-year anniversary of the devastating F5 tornado to be marked this year, airport reconstruction will become another key part in the town's comeback. The projects for fiscal year 2018 are listed below:

City	Project	KDOT Project Amount
Abilene	Main apron pavement preservation	\$ 96,525
Augusta	Mill and overlay S. 1000' of Runway 18/36	\$ 76,500
Baldwin City	Drainage culvert replacement under runway	\$ 43,055
Chanute	Design pavement repairs for apron and hangar taxilanes	\$ 9,500
Colby	Design and construct runway and taxiway repairs	\$ 49,750
Dodge City	Airline passenger boarding ramp (to meet ADA access)	\$ 28,690
Eureka	Runway Repairs	\$ 47,295
Great Bend	Replace Primary Runway Regulators	\$ 34,545
Greensburg	Grading & Drainage for new airport Runway, Taxiway & Apron	\$ 1,080,000
Herington	100LL fuel system replacement and upgrade	\$ 41,225
Hutchinson	Runway 04/22 pavement preservation	\$ 315,000
Independence	Jet-A fuel card reader	\$ 29,750
Jetmore	AWOS install	\$ 135,000
Kingman	AWOS ceilometer replacement	\$ 28,800
Lawrence	Apron replacement	\$ 133,560
Lincoln	Grading & associated work for new runway	\$ 720,000
Lucas	Runway pavement preservation and Phase II Airport Development Plan	\$ 131,270
Mankato	Runway, taxiway & apron pavement preservation	\$ 117,000
McPherson	Rehabilitate turf Runway 08/26	\$ 60,750
Parsons	Design runway pavement preservation	\$ 9,500
Rose Hill	Runway and taxiways pavement preservation	\$ 7,200
Salina	Interim repairs and design of permanent KSU apron repairs	\$ 428,990
St Francis	Replace Rotating Beacon and AWOS Ceilometer	\$ 37,800
Syracuse	Runway pavement preservation	\$ 27,000
Wellington	Design GA apron reconstruction	\$ 71,250
Winfield / Arkansas City	Design and construct apron pavement preservation	\$ 267,650

The total number of applications reached 123, with earlier applications that were still eligible in the cycle, representing approximately \$31 million in need. Many applications concerned pavement maintenance. "And that's why we're anxious to get an updated pavement management study done this year with FAA," according to KDOT Aviation's Manager of Federal and State Affairs, Dennis O'Connor, adding: "We're just waiting to hear that AIP funding is OK'd in Congress." Meanwhile, as KAIP manager and State Aviation Planner Greg Chenoweth reports, "Several applications concerned hangar repairs and development. Since KAIP funds are always tight, airport sponsors might want to consider the idea of local public-private partnerships." KAIP funds remains set by state statute at \$5 million each year.

# Aviation Day at the Capitol

## More faces from more places



El Dorado airport manager Caleb Marsh greets visitors at the Aviation Day display for the Kansas Association of Airports.



Wichita Aero Club president Dave Franzen visits UAS technology displays, among many from business and universities.



Kansas Air National Guard from Topeka Regional (FOE)



In Hutch, but also outta this world!



New to Aviation Day, Pilots for Christ took time to meet returning exhibitor the Commemorative Air Force.



A few of the 8 planes parked at Topeka's Billard Airport (TOP) that arrived for Aviation Day.

# Aviation Art Contest

## Dreams of Flight Takeoff with Winning Prizes

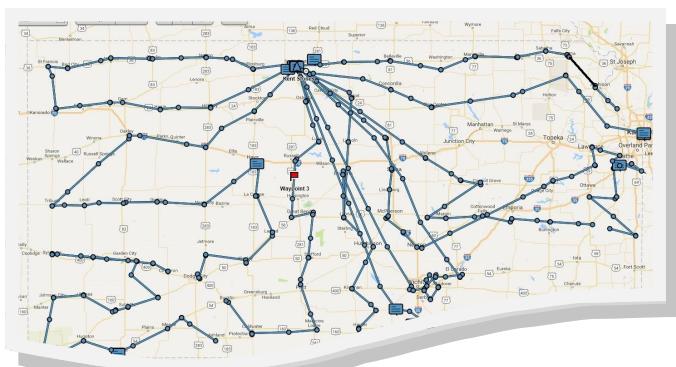
KDOT Aviation this winter embarked on participation with the 2017 International Aviation Art Contest. The contest, whose theme this year was "Beyond the Clouds," was for artists ages 6 to 17. "The contest goal for artwork was intended to celebrate the adventures and excitement that are only found beyond the clouds," as Marketing and Outreach Manager Lindsey Dreiling puts it. The first place winner in each age group earned a \$500 scholarship from the Kansas Commission on Aerospace Education, to be used toward an aviation education activity and advance to the national competition. The winners were Jade Benimon, 9, Lawrence; Kendra Hurla, 10, Delia; and Luke Schawe, 15, Hutchinson. Other top winners in each age group who are also advancing to the national competition include: Julietta Otter, 9, Lawrence; Tyler Hill, 6, Derby; Katie Golder, 13, Topeka; Lindsay Hayes, 10, Lawrence; and Christina Walton, 15 of Topeka.



KDOT Aviation Director Merrill Atwater and Marketing Manager Lindsey Dreiling flank the Lawrence aviation art winners in the international "Beyond the Clouds" contest. Jade Benimon, 9; Julietta Otter, 9; and Lindsey Hayes, 10; (l-r) were among several entrants from Lawrence. Fewer students participated from other schools, but all contestants shared an experience that might take them to the clouds and beyond. (See below for treats from the archives...)



## "Fly Kansas 138" Makes It (A love story...with a good laugh, too)



Kent Stones admits it: "Boredom got us going." And he and his wife Cindy kept going, flying their renovated Beechcraft E33 Bonanza to all public-use airports in Kansas...after a long road of recovery for the airplane. Early on, says Kent, "There was a long interval of engine trouble after buying the plane in 1986...kept cutting in and out, after doing virtually everything in repairs." As Kent adds, "The results were three choices...hangar it, sell it or start over and restore it." So he talked with Cindy one day that proved fateful. And she said, with a slight pause and true love, "We're not done flying, yet!"

The Stones' are based at Smith Center Municipal Airport (K82). Their arrival at Topeka's Philip Billard Municipal Airport (TOP) marked the end of their saga. Their endeavor earned them a certificate of merit from KDOT Aviation, compliments of Aviation Director Merrill Atwater, noting, "Kent and Cindy show how passion fuels aviation. They exemplify for anyone that aviation has something for everyone." Follow the Stones' whole story, with notes on the flights, and photos via Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/flykansas138/>

Near the end of the Stones' "138" trip Cindy called KDOT Aviation: "Hey, I just counted 137 public-use airports. What's up? We printed stuff!" Taking the call, the keeper of the airports database, Dennis O'Connor said, "Well... ah, gee...sorry I didn't catch that sooner for you." After getting to 140, with airport closings like Greensburg, Yates and some others, two local airports closed when a new regional airport opened in Rooks County. And the Gilmore airport closed when the Linn County airport was opened in Pleasanton. "But," as the counter-keeper notes, "they flew by Quinter's KAIP runway project. C'mon, that makes a great 138!" (And Quinter's new LOC ID is now reserved: it will be 1QK.)



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