



# City of Findlay

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## **City of Findlay Airport Annual Report- 2014**

Findlay Airport, a general aviation airport located in Findlay, Ohio, is owned and operated by the City of Findlay. Major Facilities at the airport include a 6,500 foot primary runway (18-36) with a full parallel taxiway and a 5,883 foot long cross-wind runway (7/25). Other facilities include the City of Findlay as fixed base operator, aircraft storage and fuel (Jet A and 100LL). Findlay Airport supports all types of corporate/executive and private use general aviation activities.

The daily responsibilities of safely operating and maintaining a first class general aviation airport include: airport lighting checks and maintenance, winter operations snow and ice control, issuing runway condition NOTAMs, airfield mowing and safety compliance maintenance, general hangar and building maintenance, bird and animal control, overseeing farming operations, the parking and refueling of all types of aircraft, hangar rental and leases, maintenance of inventory items and billing, collecting and processing payments and overseeing all of the maintenance and construction projects on the airport. Airport staff consisted of four full-time employees and one part-time clerk.

These are the highlights for 2014:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

- Winter Operations: Snow removal- numerous large snow fall events occurred in January and February requiring continual action to keep the facility open.
- The second project for 2013 FAA grant projects was completed in February, with REIL replacement on Runway 7-25.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

- Bob Johnston retired as Airport Supervisor on April 30<sup>th</sup> and the position was filled by Matt McVicker.
- 2014 FAA grant project for Runway 18-36 Overlay Design was pushed back due to FAA funding issues. Grant funds were elected to be rolled over to 2015's projects.
- The airport hosted a WWII B-24 aircraft event, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>. The Commemorative Air Force, which brought in the WWII aircraft raised an estimated \$14,000 in donations and aircraft rides during their 3-day stay. The community response was very favorable.

- The airport facilitated a large scale aerial spraying operation for gypsy moths during this time, resulting in considerable fuel purchases and servicing fees.
- By request of a migratory bird study non-profit, the airport allowed for audio recording equipment to be placed on the field to assist this group's study of migratory birds through the Northwest Ohio corridor.
- The air terminal building was restored back to operating condition to make available for leasing.
- Fuel Office landscaping project: landscaping retaining walls were removed from the front of the fuel office and were replaced with leveled stone and brick paver edging.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

- Summer Operations: Maintenance of fields (mowing), runway lights and hangars.
- The Airport accommodated the storage of a wrecked aircraft by request of the FAA and NTSB in order for the two agencies to complete a crash investigation.
- Received a new New Holland loader tractor from capital improvements funds to replace a 20 year old Ford loader.
- In late October, a charter flight came in after-hours for call-out services and upon its departure taxi the aircraft made a wrong turn towards the departing runway and executed a corrective turn that buried the nose gear into the grass. No injuries were reported and airport personnel assisted with the removal of the aircraft. No damage was done to the aircraft or airport property.
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### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

- The Airport Fuel Office's gas service line had a slow leak detected which required a complete replacement.
- Corporate Hangar A-1 door motor was replaced due to a burned out motor.
- Winter Operations: Snow removal – small trace of ice and snow in early November and December made for lighter operations through year-end.

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**City of Findlay Airport – 2014 Fuel Sales/Landing fees**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>JET A GALLONS</b>	<b>100 OCTANE GALLONS</b>	<b>LANDING FEES</b>
January	13,196.00	906.90	9
February	13,648.00	938.70	15
March	7,231.00	1,033.20	14
April	13,788.00	2,096.70	18
May	17,074.00	2,760.40	20
June	15,962.00	2,886.10	15
July	18,253.00	3,843.30	9
August	20,180.00	3,593.10	11
September	20,441.00	3,051.60	12
October	10,571.00	2,288.40	16
November	9,844.00	2,507.50	17
December	19,175.00	1,377.90	11

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179,363.00</b>	<b>27,283.80</b>	<b>167</b>
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Respectfully submitted,



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