



# City of Findlay

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## **City of Findlay Airport** **Annual Report- 2015**

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 2015:

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

- Winter Operations: Snow fall amounts near normal for the area. Weekend snows made for icy early weekday morning departures due to freeze/thaw cycles on the runway and taxiway surfaces.
- The ladies restroom in the (inactive) air terminal building had a water leak from one of its sinks during an excessive freeze/thaw cycle that caused some pooling of the leaking water. The water department called to report high water usage prompting us to investigate. No damage was observed and the water was shut off.
- In March, a vehicle hit airport perimeter fencing off of TWP RD 80, the most southern portion of the airport property. Property damage was reported to the Hancock County Sherriff's Department. Airport personnel made the repairs; no party identified in the incident.
- Taxiway lights at the ramp/hangar corridor leading to taxiway Alpha were taken down to avoid confusion of where to turn to join the taxiway southbound at night. This decision was made stemming from an incident in the previous year (2014 Annual Report).

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

- Two holes were found on airport pavement; one on RWY 7/25 and another on TWY Bravo during a morning airfield inspection. It was determined that holes were most likely the cause of lightning strikes and sub-grade erosion over time. Shelly Inc. completed the work to fix the issues.
- Hangars A4 & A5 exteriors were power washed, primed and painted as part of a continual maintenance effort of airport facilities. Freed Painting completed the work.
- An unusual amount of deer were observed on the southern end of the airport on numerous occasions. Kill tags were secured from the DNR to mitigate the safety risk to aircraft, if needed. No deer were taken during the calendar year.

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

- Summer Operations: Maintenance of fields (mowing), runway lights and hangars.
- Annually the airport experiences an increase of traffic in July/August during the Oshkosh: EAA AirVenture event in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In an effort to attract more of this traffic, the airport advertises directly to these customers flying to and from the event to stop in for fuel and other services. As a result, seventy aircraft stopped in during the event; a large increase as compared to 2014.
- In August, airport personnel completed crack sealing on the southern third of taxiway Alpha as well as the entirety of taxiway Bravo. A crack seal and top seal was completed on the approach areas to the Marathon Hangar Complex as well as restriping of these surfaces. The top seal was completed by Clean Line.
- The airport hosted the Findlay Air Expo, September 22<sup>nd</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>. The main attraction was the CAF Red Tail Squadron's 'RISE ABOVE' exhibit, which featured the history and legacy of the WWII era Tuskegee Airmen. The first five days of the event were open to school groups from the area, including Findlay City Schools, Liberty-Benton & Van Buren. Nearly 1000 students were able to attend. September 26<sup>th</sup> was open to the general public, with an estimated attendance of nearly 2500. Additional funding for the event was made possible through individual and business sponsorships.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

- 2015-2016 FAA Grant Projects: In 2015 the airport completed the design/engineering of an overlay project for runway 18/36. It is anticipated that the construction will occur in the late Summer/early Fall 2016.
- Winter Operations: Due to warmer than average temperatures throughout the close of 2015, no winter weather events occurred.

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**City of Findlay Airport – 2015 Fuel Sales/Landing fees**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>JET A GALLONS</b>	<b>100 OCTANE GALLONS</b>	<b>LANDING FEES</b>
January	13,840.00	629.90	8
February	14,137.00	1,031.00	19
March	24,142.00	1,584.60	12
April	8,968.00	3,555.00	13
May	15,131.00	2,264.30	12
June	19,822.00	2,444.90	17
July	18,891.00	5,718.20	15
August	16,832.00	2,934.30	11
September	15,221.00	2,609.10	16
October	21,013.00	1,766.00	17
November	6,688.00	1,895.70	10
December	5,441.00	1,237.70	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180,126.00</b>	<b>27,670.70</b>	<b>167</b>

Respectfully submitted,



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