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New AZO Review



Construction Progress:

- Installation of gate and ticket counters underway
- Installation of carpeting on second floor underway
- Installation of interior glass nears completion
- Installation of metal wall panels underway
- Installation of the generator is complete

By the numbers



Electricians have installed over 475,000 feet of building wire and over 245,000 feet of CAT6 cabling to-date.

Badging blackout period begins next week

As part of the process of upgrading the access control system, the following limitations will be in place for the period of Monday, 3/14/2011 through Sunday, 4/3/2011:

- **No badges can be printed. This includes renewing badges and issuing new badges;**
- Completing Criminal History Record Check (CHRC) fingerprinting will be available during this period;
- Security Threat Assessment (STA) will be available during this period; and
- SIDA and Driver Training

classes will be available during this period.

While the ability to print badges is suspended during this period, no other changes to use or function of the access control system will occur.

The original blackout period was estimated as 3/14—3/18; however, the vendor has determined that the additional time is required to provide uninterrupted coverage in both terminals for the testing of the new system.

Welding baluster to stair.



Completing the terrazzo.

Rumor has it...

This week's rumor: Old airplanes will be parked in the lobby of the airport for decoration.

The fact of the matter: Two planes will be suspended from the ceiling using winches and cabling capable of holding many times the weight of the aircraft. See page two of this newsletter for details.

Hear a rumor? Contact Ann, athorvik@chrysalisglobal.com

Worker Appreciation Event on March 26

The construction and operation of the new terminal involves the talent and efforts of a large workforce. Construction project workers and airport employees are invited to bring their families to the new

terminal on Saturday, March 26 for a Workers' Appreciation Open House. The event, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM, will provide the opportunity to share with families the work done and the work environ-

ment in which operations will be conducted when the new terminal opens. The next newsletter will provide information on the food and fun planned for the March 26 event.

Taking flight inside AZO

Kalamazoo’s connection to aviation history will be on display in the new terminal at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport. Through a five-year loan agreement with the Air Zoo, the new terminal will display a 1940s Aeronca Chief floatplane and a Beechcraft T-34 Mentor.

The Chief, a grade A, cotton fabric-sided float plane that came to the Air Zoo in the 1980s, will be displayed over the bag claim lobby of the new

tiss P-40N Warhawk, which continues to be displayed in the lobby of the Air Zoo. The T-34, a training craft, was fully restored in the 1990s. It will be displayed over the ticketing lobby of the new terminal. A pilot with over 7,000 hours of flight experience, Sue was a co-founder of the Air Zoo in 1977. Her service in the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during World War II was recognized with a Congressional Gold Medal. The mere mention of her name



Air Zoo, and Jim Mihalka, owner of Kalamazoo Aircraft Inc., the T-34 was transported from the Air Zoo’s North Campus to the new terminal on Thursday, February 24, for reassembly. The Chief was moved on Thursday, March 3, for reassembly, removal of landing gear, and installation of pontoons. Kalamazoo Aircraft technicians and over a dozen volunteers from the Air Zoo worked to complete the



terminal. It was owned by Irving Woodhams, a pilot with 60 years and over 14,000 hours of flying experience. Although Irv was flying before the 1926 requirement for pilots to be licensed, he received his license in 1926, signed by Mr. Orville Wright. Mr. Woodhams was also the first manager of what is now the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport and in 1941 became the instructor to another local aviation legend, Sue Parish.

Sue’s Beechcraft T-34, with its distinctive pink paint, closely resembles her cherished Cur-

brings a smile to faces those in Kalamazoo’s aviation community.

Under the direction of Bob Ellis, Executive Director of the

relocation and reassembly of these planes. An official unveiling of the aircraft will occur in April.



Next Time

In the next newsletter:

- What’s for dinner?
- What’s happening?
- Rumors

Events

- Saturday, March 26, 10AM – 3PM, Worker Appreciation Event in the new terminal
- Date/Time TBD, Art unveiling
- Tuesday and Wednesday, 12–13 April, Pre-Opening Move (Phase I of the move)
- Saturday, April 16, 10AM–5PM, Public Open House Event in the new terminal
- Tuesday, 26 April, Overnight Move (Phase II of the move)
- Wednesday, 27 April, Opening Day!

Contact Us

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