

WELCOME TO



TULLAHOMA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KTHA)

TULLAHOMA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

A YEAR IN REVIEW 2011

The Tullahoma Municipal Airport plays a vital role in the economic growth of Tullahoma and the surrounding region. Located less than a mile from restaurants, lodging, and shopping, it operates on an airport originally constructed in 1942 for the U.S. Army Air Corp as a B-24 bomber training base.



Welcome to the Clayton-American City Bank terminal building. We pride ourselves in our state-of-the-art facility with all the comforts you would expect from a major metropolitan airport.

We offer our base customers and transient guests everything they need for a comfortable and pleasant trip.



Our airfield is comprised of 775 acres with 3 runways, a 5500ft paved runway, a 4200ft paved runway and a 2700ft turf runway. Both paved runways have lights, GPS approaches and a VOR is located on the field. We are home to 145-based aircraft and average 30,000 flights operations per year. We are very proud to be the 5th busiest GA airport in the State of TN based on the number of daily operations and our based aircraft.



Governor Bill Haslim's visit to KTHA

During the last 12 months, KTHA has undergone some major changes. The TAA took over the fueling operations at our airport. In June of 2011 we welcomed Shell and Eastern aviation as our new fuel provider. Upon their arrival, our airport staff was given Shell Ace training and certification. We are now able to give our customers 24 hr. self service on AVGAS fuel. Our airport staff is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During the last 90 days, we have provided service to 40 plus after-hour call-outs to jets requiring fuel and forklift service.



Ribbon Cutting for Eastern Aviation with the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce and members of the TAA.

The TAA is very proud of the annual events we have hosted in the past 12 months along with some very exciting new ones. The 3rd annual Kiwanis's 4th of July Air Show and fireworks event featuring the US Air Force A-10 West Coast demo team and a P51 entertained our crowd of 12,000. Once again, young and old were able to come out and spend the afternoon and evening walking our airport grounds and enjoying interaction with our static displays, crews, wonderful food and an exciting air show topped off with the ever popular fireworks display.



US Air Force A-10 West Coast Demo Team



4th of July Air show

Along with the Beechcraft Heritage Museum, we were home to the 31st annual fall Beech Party. We welcomed 125 aircraft and 400 people to the 5-day event which included fellowship and flying over the beautiful Tullahoma landscape.



During the month of May, our skies were filled with 70 plus aircraft coming to attend the 2nd annual American Bonanza Society (ABS) event. During this weekend, 200 plus guests were able to attend aviation seminars, aircraft maintenance and safety classes.

Airport traffic triples every June during the Bonnaroo Music Festival in nearby Manchester as 90,000 rock stars, music producers, promoters and fans pour into the area for the week. Celebrities and music groups such as Pearl Jam, Metallica, Sting, Bruce Springsteen and Jimmy Buffet routinely fly into our airport, stage and have their aircraft serviced for this event.



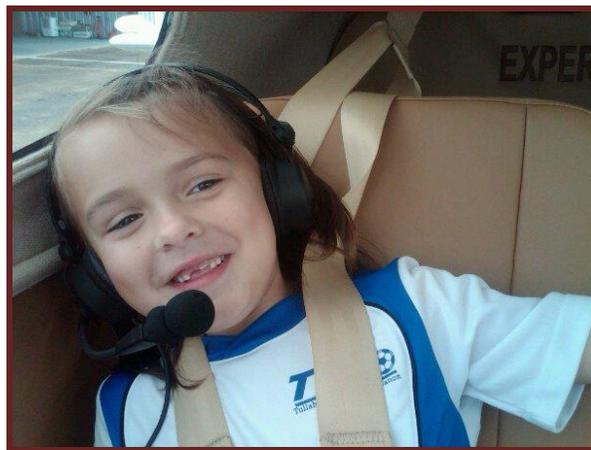
Aerial View of Bonnaroo

This year we were thrilled to have a date on the Sport Air Race League's schedule. On a perfect September Saturday, our ramp was the starting line for 25 air race aircraft. This event was a huge success and we are looking forward to welcoming them back in September 2012.



Members of the Sport Air Racing League

The members of the TAA along with our airport community made it a goal to increase our community outreach programs to help promote aviation to the next generation of aviators. We co-hosted, along with our local EAA chapter, 3 Young Eagle events which gave 120 local children the opportunity to fly in a GA plane and learn more about careers in aviation and the love of flying.



The smile alone says it all!

With the coordination from a Black Hawk crew from Ft. Campbell, we were able to allow 75 very excited Boy Scouts to work on their aviation badge.



These Boy Scouts were given the opportunity to not only learn about general aviation but were also given the opportunity to explore a Black Hawk helicopter and ask a million questions to the crew.



A couple of weeks later, we were able to coordinate a smaller event focusing on careers in aviation for our Boy Scouts. This time, Vanderbilt Life Flight and the University of Tennessee Space Institute gave tours of their operations.



Also, new this year was the “Southwest Adopt-An-Airport Program”. Along with The Beechcraft Heritage Museum, Vanderbilt Life Flight, UTSI, and Rounds Aviation (which has a program that includes avionics, aircraft rental and flight instruction) and members of the TAA and staff, we introduced 300 plus 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from Coffee County middle schools to all the options and benefits of general aviation and what their local airport has to offer. This event was a huge success and we are in the process of adding this program to the entire Tullahoma City school system and Moore County schools as well in the coming years.

We were given the opportunity to co-host the First Baptist Church of Tullahoma’s family night for the end of their vacation bible school that just so happened to have an aviation theme. Therefore, 350 children and parents were given tours of our state-of-the art terminal building, flight line, access to plane rides and remote control plane demos. This was topped off with a cook-out inside our community hangar.



In an effort to reach out to our very important business community, we hosted 2 Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce Coffees. This gave the 175 local business leaders the chance to tour our building and to learn how important our Airport is to not only the business community but also the average citizen. We also hosted a standing-room-only-meet -and greet with Congresswoman Diane Black. This well-attended reception spoke highly of how local government bodies view the very important roll KTHA plays in the economic development of our region.

With the TAA taking over the daily operations at KTHA, we trained our staff to better serve our customers and base clients. We changed our arrival policy to make sure every detail is covered to make our guest feel welcomed and to arrive and depart safely. As planes are arriving, they are first greeted by a radio call welcoming them to KTHA. They are then given parking instructions and asked if they need fuel. Once on the ground, they are marshaled to their parking spot and the plane is checked. Our airport logo red carpet is placed at their aircraft door. Our staff then greets the guests and offers the use of our covered golf cart to transport the guests and/or crew to our terminal building. Once they arrive in our terminal, we offer the use of one of our two courtesy vehicles for their convenience while they are parked on our ramp. At that time, if needed, our staff will fuel their plane. During departure, we assist our customers with loading of any items into their plane. We then follow our arrival policy basically in reverse.

To better meet the needs of our customers, we obtained a Jet-A truck for fueling our jet customers along with the purchase of our own AVGAS truck. Our goal was to be able to better serve our customers during Bonnaroo and all the Beechcraft and ABS events.



To help promote strong fuel sells, the TAA put in place our own fuel discount program for our locally base customers and transient clients. We are very pleased with our fuel sales during our first full year of being in the fuel business. During 2010, our total fuel sales for the year were 97,000 gallons sold. For the year 2011, we are very proud we ended the year with 140,000 gallons sold therefore increasing our fuel sales almost 70% from the previous year.



Fueling planes or even washing them, our staff always gives 110% to make sure they do their jobs safely and correctly.

Primary entities on the field are the Beechcraft Heritage Museum, University of Tennessee Space Institute Flight Research Center, Vanderbilt University Life Flight and Northern Field Aviation. The Beechcraft Heritage Museum complex houses over 30 vintage, fully-restored Beechcraft-built Staggerwing, Twin Beech, Baron and

Bonanza aircraft and is open to the public. The University of Tennessee Space Institute conducts advance aerospace research and offers masters and PhD curriculums. The Vanderbilt Life-Flight facility provides rapid 24/7 helicopter medical evacuation services to hospitals in the entire region. Northern Field Aviation provides minor and major aircraft structural repairs, engine overhauls, annual inspections, routine and major maintenance. Other businesses operating from KTHA are National Aerospace Education Center (NAEC) a 501 (C) 3, Ragwing aircraft, BI Plane Aviation and Momentum Corp, Tennessee Skydivers, XP Services and our local chapter of the Civil Air Patrol.

The Tullahoma Municipal Airport has undergone some major changes and during the past twelve months. Members of the Tullahoma Airport Authority, along with our staff are very proud of what our team has accomplished this past year. First, our fuel sales were increased by 70% from the previous year. Our positive comments on Air Nav have increased 10-fold from the previous twelve months and we are very excited about that accomplishment. The Authority has made great strides to improve our total airport image, again with our main goal of a perfect safety record and outstanding customer service.

Thank you for your consideration for the 2012 Tennessee Red Carpet Award.

Attached:

Marketing Brochure

City of Tullahoma Web Site

Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce Website

KTHA Facebook Page

Current Air Nav Comments

Marketing write-ups in Tullahoma Magazine

KTHA Air Nav page

Ad in The Air Racing League flyer

Kiwanis Airshow Web Page