



BTP News

Butler County Airport Authority

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Welcome to Our First Issue!

The Butler County Airport is proud to publish the first issue of its newsletter, the *BTP News*.

The newsletter will be a way to regularly provide the Butler County Airport community with information regarding scheduled events and activities.

After all, a lot can happen at an airport with 138 aircraft, including four jets and an average of 202 aircraft operations a day -- not to mention one of the very best FBOs in the tri-state area, AirQuest Aviation. Take a look at their excellent

newsletter, *Beyond Expectations*, the next time you drop in to see them.

BTP News will appear in your mailbox "as needed" when we have announcements or events to report at KBTP. We also hope to hear from some of our airport neighbors about happenings that relate to aviation. If you have a related story, message, question, or request, please call the Airport office at 724-566-6665 and let us know. We'd be happy to hear from you!



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Homeland Security Holds 1st Responders Training at BTP

An on-site security training workshop for first responders was held August 29 at the Butler County Airport.

The workshop was sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Participants included Ivan Longdon (Butler County Airport Manager), AirQuest Aviation, the Civil Air Patrol, Penn Township Police and Fire, Middlesex Police and Fire, Evans City Fire, Saxonburg Fire, Butler County Emergency Management personnel, and Jim Opalka of the Butler County Airport Authority. BCAA sincerely thanks all of the workshop participants.

The training was facilitated by

Bill Micklus, Executive Director of Centurion Skills, Inc. Mr. Micklus's background includes 30 years of law enforcement and qualifications in the use of force and SWAT. His experience includes expert witness testimony and Director of OPS – Aircraft Operator Security Coordinator, along with many other professional accolades.

This DHS training was the first in a series of trainings currently in the works at BTP. Future trainings include:

- GA Security Training;
- Post Aircraft Accident and Casualty Incident exercises (including local and state police); and

- Airport familiarization tours and Level III training.

The August 29 workshop was coordinated through Brian Dorow, Associate Dean of the Department of Criminal Justice and the Center for Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, and Counter-Terrorism Initiatives at Waukesha Technical College in Pewaukee, Wisc.

According to Dorow, the goal of the trainings is to engage as many of the country's 19,000 general aviation airports and their local emergency responders as possible.

Dorow further pointed out that general aviation community is very diverse and a one-size-fits-all approach to training does not work. GA airports range from small sod strips to large facilities with cargo jets and sophisticated corporate aircraft. Training must therefore take place on-site.

Note from Ivan Longdon – BUTLER COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER

October 1 marks one year since I assumed the duties of Airport Manager from Don Bailey, and it has been a most interesting one.

We began with a winter of extremely active weather. Russell Sarver, our maintenance person, was quickly brought up to speed, as he had only been employed at the airport for a couple of months. All three of the airport employees as well

as the line service at AirQuest got shoulder to shoulder and, except for a couple of problem days, kept us operating as well as ever.

During this same period, Bronder Technical Services completed our new runway lighting system. Most of the work was done during the night, in weather that was mostly below freezing, with snow, sleet, or freezing rain. This all added up to an

unusually trying and tiring winter season, and I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone for their great support. This goes out to my staff, AirQuest, Authority members, and especially our tenants and customers who supported and urged me on. Thanks to all!

The future brings more noteworthy happenings. We received a grant and have completed the design and

bid phases to extend Taxiway Gulf to intersect with Charlie. During this project, grading and paving of an area for two new T-hangars will be completed. The project was designed by Lee-Simpson Assocs. They have designed several projects for BTP and have become an integral part of the airport.

I believe this airport is at a point of real growth and I invite you to watch for many exciting things to come.

Penn Twp. VFD Mega Car Cruise Revs Up BC Airport

The Penn Township VFD held its 9th Annual Mega Car Cruise on July 18 at the Butler County Airport.

Almost 500 classic and specialty cars were on display for the more than 1500 people who attended.

This year's show was a great success, despite a bit of inclement weather.

The fire department uses the proceeds of the event to purchase much-needed equipment. Kent Shoemaker, of the Penn Twp. volunteers,



Visitors enjoy the 9th Annual Mega Car Cruise at BTP.

explained that the VFD is looking to replace their aging engine in two years. The engine, according to Shoemaker, will cost in the vicinity of \$750,000. Proceeds from the car cruise help defray the costs, although further contributions are greatly appreciated.

AirQuest Aviation, of Butler County, generously provided low-cost rides and introductory flying lessons at their BTP site. For further information, please call AirQuest at 724-586-6023.



Sign in the window of this 1923 Ford Model T reads, "In memory of Richard May, 1929-2009."



One of many "street fighter" muscle cars at the Mega Car Cruise.



The Mega Car Cruise brought in some colorful displays.

A Note from Dale Pinkerton – BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER

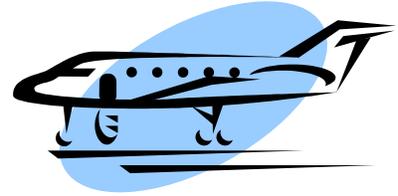
As the County Commissioner who serves as the liaison to the Butler County Airport Authority, I get to see first-hand the fine work that the members of the Authority do to oversee the maintenance and operation of the Butler County Airport.

The Authority, along with Airport Manager Ivan Longdon and his staff, do a very professional job.

They have worked hard to upgrade different facets of the airport such as the runway lighting and the hangars.

All of these efforts are paying off by attracting new business to the airport. I'm sure I speak for all three County Commissioners when I say that we feel the Butler County Airport is a jewel for the County.

My thanks go out to the entire Authority and staff of the airport for all their time and efforts.



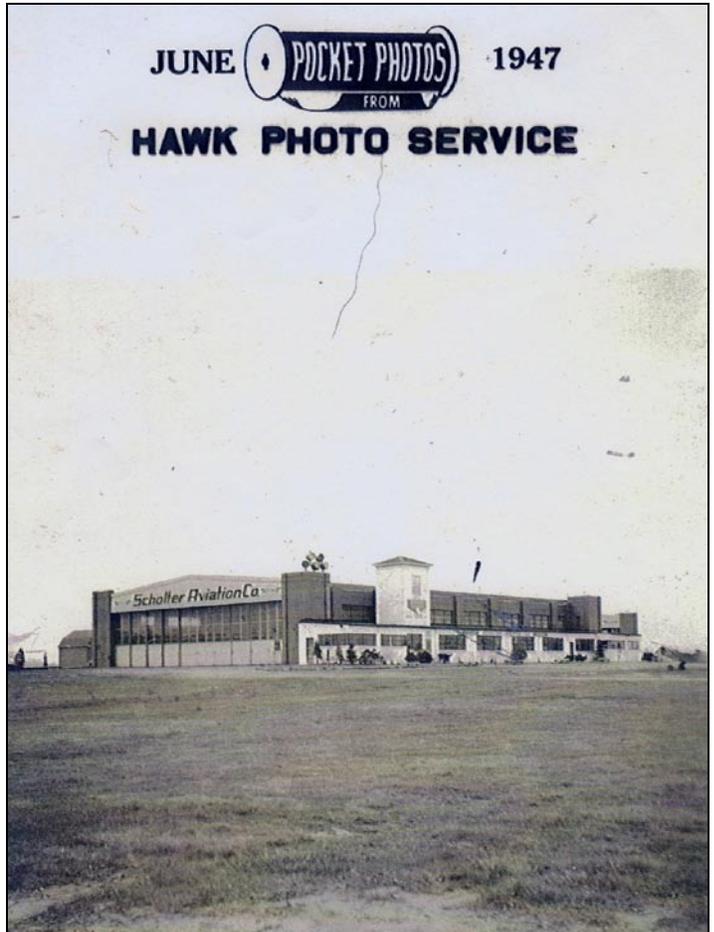
Butler County Airport: A Historical Perspective

The Butler County Airport, established in 1929 by Pittsburgh Aviation Industries, has seen many aviation pioneers walk through its doors, including Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart.

Earhart had long-range fuel tanks installed on her "Little Red Bus," a Lockheed VE02. She trained for three months at BTP, receiving her instrument flight training in preparation for her record-breaking solo Atlantic crossing from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, to Paris on May 20, 1932. The plane may be seen today in the Smithsonian Institution.

During World War II, the airport served as a military installation, training hundreds of American, Canadian, and British pilots. Trainees were housed in dormitories at Slippery Rock and Grove City Colleges. In 1935, C.G. Taylor, one-time partner of William Piper, located his aircraft operations in Butler. Taylor's plant manufactured the venerable Taylorcraft, a two-place side-by-side aircraft. It is currently being restored.

With a historical perspective and an eye on the 21st Century, the Butler Board of Commissioners and the Butler County Airport Authority welcome you to BTP.



Scholter Aviation (Butler County), 1947.

BTP Looking Forward to More Corporate Jets – THANKS TO AIRQUEST AVIATION

With the completion of the runway expansion project and the good fortune to have the tri-state area's premiere fixed-base operator, AirQuest Aviation, on-site, Butler County Airport looks forward to welcoming more corporate jets to the field.

The goal of AirQuest Aviation's charter services and corporate accommodations is to make the transition between flying and doing business a seamless and pleasant experience for the customer.

With its concierge service, travel planners, charter service, aircraft management, and maintenance, AirQuest Aviation offers the kind of personal attention and first-class accommodations that attract top corporate clients. All aircraft are fully equipped and stocked to the customer's specifications in order to assure that they arrive relaxed, refreshed, and ready for their busy day, whatever it may include.

In addition to these and other advantages, AirQuest offers

maintenance and turbo exchanges through Prime Turbines of Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Butler County Airport is proud to be the home for AirQuest Aviation.



King Air at BTP AirQuest – one of the aircraft types serviced and accommodated at AirQuest Aviation's BTP facility.



AirQuest charter customers at BTP – Fido got to come along this time.



Corporate Odyssey Honda Jet – one of the aircraft types AirQuest is looking to service at BTP.