

Independence Municipal Airport

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## Monthly Statistics

Hangar Status: Full

N/A

Aircraft Movements: 250

- (Down 58%)

Courtesy Van Mileage: 19.9

- (Up from previous month)

City Fuel Income: \$37.24

- (Down 60%)

Conference Room Use: 3

Note: Normal transient pilot, passenger, and student use.



A current student preparing the aircraft before a snowy flight lesson.

## Waiting List:

As of 2/1/2015

### Standard T-Hangar

1. Kyle Bainer
2. Chris Schutte
3. Dwanye Eilers
4. Brian Finnegan
5. Brian Wendt
6. David Hogan
7. Jim Connell
8. Dan Whealy
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### Large T-Hangar

1. ChemAir Inc.
2. Craig Schutte

# Airport Update

## January 2015

## Manager Update

With the new year, we are excited to announce a new opportunity in the works for the Independence Airport.

Plans are in progress to develop land lease packages for private aircraft hangars on the airport property.

These lease options will allow a private entity to lease land from the city and build a private hangar for aircraft storage. This options will make use of the extra land purchase required during the runway expansion project, and allow private funds to add facilities to our airport.

This will generate new growth on the airport, to include more aircraft based at Independence.

More based aircraft equals more potential revenue in terms of fuel, maintenance, and variety of other services. The city makes \$0.10 for every gallon of fuel sold, thus an active airport equals a greater revenue source to offset operational costs.

Lease agreements and building guidelines are being developed with the intent to have them available by March 1st, subject to FAA and City Council approval.

3. Todd Summers
4. Leon Bachman
5. \_\_\_\_\_



## **Facility Updates**

New compressed air system now available for airside public use on the South side of Hangar #1. The system has a 50' hose allowing pilots to service their tires and struts 24/7, free of charge. Walter Aviation will be installing signage soon.



**Jonathan Walter**  
Airport Manager

## **Project Updates**

### **Current:**

- **Airport Layout Plan / Master Plan** - Final Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Master Plan documents have been submitted for final FAA approval. FAA has notified that they expect the plans to be approved mid February to March.
- **Old Farm Buildings** - All of the old concrete has been removed, and the remaining dirt work shall be done this spring once the ground thaws.
- **Snow Removal Equipment Building (S.R.E.)** - The S.R.E. building has been release for bids, with a due date in March. Construction is scheduled to begin in July 2015.

### **Upcoming:**

- Land Lease Options are being developed to allow private entities to build private hangars on leased land from the City. Currently there are 4 parties interested in pursuing this option.

### **Completed:**

- Minimum Standards & G.A. Operator Permit Application

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## **Flight Training Continues**

The Walter Aviation flight training program has been going strong now for the last two and a half years, and this winter has been exceptionally busy. The mild winter has allowed for many extra flight lessons during the shorter winter days, and the surplus of students has not dwindled as is typical in the winter season.

When most students would all but stop flying for a few months until weather conditions allow for regular flights, most of the current students are nearly completion of their pilot certificate.

**Gretchen Fisher** (CFI - Walter Aviation)

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