

# WRAP Meeting

07 MAY 2007

# Fly-in Planning

- Volunteers
- Next meeting MON 04 JUN 2007

# Volunteer Categories

- Food Service (Sam Andrews + 8)
  - 1130-1330; 2 shifts, 4 persons each
- Shepherds (Tony Sutsko + 3)
  - Tours: control tower, Penn College
- Aircraft Marshals (Jim Diehl + 2 + CAP cadets)
- Welcome Wagon (Larry Dieffenbach + 2)
- WX, Flight Plans, Speakers (Geoff Knauth + 1)

# Airport Authority

- Tom Hart, Executive Director of the Williamsport Regional Airport Authority

# Tom's Talk

- Before we start
  - Concern over liability during parking

# Projects Wrapped Up

- Addition to storage building
  - housing for snow removal equipment
- Grading near old 15/33, purchase of 13 acres of land from Silica Sand, for safety overrun

# Projects Coming Up

- Runway extension, approach end Rwy 09
  - site prep '07, paving '08
  - 300 additional feet of runway
  - clearing of trees, ILS 09 in ~5 years
  - cost: about \$5 million
- Relocate fuel farm?

# PennDOT Project

- New access road into the airport
  - Safety issue
  - Mutual aid with: Loyalsock, Montoursville and Pennsdale
- New exit between Super8 and Paulhamus Litho, open in fall 2009 (\$17 million)
  - Will reduce flooding into Montoursville
- Montoursville USPO may relocate to airport



# Congress, FAA

- AIP: Airport Improvement Projects
  - current targeted cut: \$1 billion
  - currently IPT gets \$1.2-1.4 million/year
  - Join AOPA!!!! <http://www.aopa.org/>
- Current shortages of pilots
  - military cutbacks
- Future shortages of controllers (retirements)

# Another air carrier?

- Small community air service development grant
- NWA interested, getting out of bankruptcy

# 5 Concerns from WRAP

- Insurance Liability for Fly-In
- Rotating Beacon (angle set by FAA; change light?)
- PAPI on Rwy 12
- Pilot-controlled lights on Rwy 12 at night
- Wind sock on top of hangar at DeGol

# Security Improvements

- \$125,000 grant from FAA
- Automatic rollback gates: key cards
- Camera systems

# How Can We Help the Airport?

- Almost 30,000 operations in 2006
  - 6,000 are commercial operations
- Trend is rising
- WRAP can help squash rumors

# Operations

- Touch & Go or Stop & Go — they count
  - 1 inbound, 1 outbound
- Low approaches count
  - anything below pattern altitude
- Itinerant operations count more than local

# Control Tower

- Airport pays \$19,999.95 per month for its share of cost

# Hangars

- Airport Authority can build hangars
- New hangars are on the master plan
- New 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> hangar to be built east end



# Disaster Drills

- Every three years
- ConRail train arrived during last drill
- FAA did not like the train blocking the road

# By-laws

- The draft by-laws were discussed and (later) accepted by the membership.

# Elections

- President: Larry Dieffenbach
- Vice-President: Tony Sutsko
- Treasurer: Sam Andrews
- Secretary: Geoff Knauth

# Votes

- Officers
- By-laws accepted as written

# Dear Requests

- \$20 for dues *PLEASE*
- cash only, till we have a bank account
- can't open bank account until we are organized with a state ID number

# Possible Fly-Outs

- 5/20 - Dansville NY
- 6/2 - AOPA Fly-In FDK
  - arrive by 0815, or plan to drive
  - FDK arrivals get very busy

# Fly-out Report

- Tangier Island
- Pictures of happy people eating great food
- Pictures of airplanes touching down on the numbers
- Picture of US Army Cessna that taxied onto the grass but shouldn't have (too soft)