

Wingin' It

Arlington Municipal Airport Newsletter



June 2023

Inspiring the Next GenAIRation

by Kian Hervey, Manager, Aviation Program Engagement

Earlier this month, our airport lobby transformed into a graduation stage as nearly 30 students celebrated their participation in a local Aerospace Career Education (ACE) Academy hosted by the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) and sponsored by American Airlines.



ACE Academies are open to students ages 13-18 and held every summer across the country.

This year's Fort Worth (FW) ACE Academy highlighted engineering and necessary STEM skills required to pursue a career in aviation.

Arlington operators Golf Aero and CareAire supported the academy by offering all students time in a Redbird simulator, a small taste of flight training, and discovery flights on Saturday, June 3.

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After their busy morning, students received recognition from Lahcen Armstrong, Director of FW ACE and Cory Glenn, Pilot Hiring Director of American Airlines.

Many of the students in the group aspire to become a pilot or work in the aviation field, so we're happy our airport could host and celebrate such a large group of youth, their parents, and OBAP volunteers.

For more information on the ACE Academy, please visit

<https://obap.org/outreach-programs/ace-academy/>.



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Runway Safety Action Team Meeting

The Runway Safety Action Team meeting was held June 6, 2023. The Runway Safety Action Plan, including QR codes shown during the meeting, is included at the end of the newsletter. Cheryl Litke, AOPA rep, was kind enough to take notes and forwarded the following for the newsletter.

Greetings,

On June 6, I was able to attend the annual RSAT meeting at KGKY. This is a discussion, as well as presentation, regarding runway hazards that is required annually by the FAA. Proctoring the meeting was KGKY Tower manager, Carol Latham. Also in attendance to offer insight and perspective was Airport Manager Trent Ballard, NATCA Representative Shawn Stevens, and FAA representative Maurice Williams. Attending the meeting was Dale Uberman, Manager, Harrison Aviation, C.K. Lee, Ray Bailey, EAA 34, several pilots from Golf Aero and roughly six other KGKY tenants. The presentation Ms. Latham offered was all-encompassing. Whether you use only KGKY or travel routinely to airports with more challenging runway configurations, there was a lot to learn here.

Here were my take-aways:

- There were four runway events at KGKY in the past 12 months. Only one, a C-172, included a runway incursion. One included a taxiway incursion and two included a runway excursion. Given the number of operations now handled at KGKY, that's a pretty good record. But, as we all know, it's that one written question, that one missed oral question, that one mistake that can lead to disastrous results.
- There are no hot spots at KGKY. Those would be red-circled areas on the airport diagram that require additional attention. However, the take-away is that should you travel to larger, more complicated airports, this is an area of concern. As you review the airport diagram, if there are hot spots, be sure to familiarize yourself with those areas and ensure you are "heads up" as you transition those taxiway or runway intersections. They are not the place to be completing checklists and the like, especially if you are single-pilot. As always, when in doubt of your instructions or position, ask.
- Pilots are still using Ground Control after the tower has closed. Ensure you are aware of tower operating hours and use the CTAF for all transmissions during these hours.
- The last RSAT topic that arose has to do with taxiing clear of the runway and then stopping to complete your after landing checklist. As you, I would never expect a single pilot to taxi while completing a checklist. The thing is, if the pattern is busy at KGKY, stopping as you exit, shall we say, gums up the works. To avoid this and be a good neighbor to ATC, be aware of who is in the pattern with you. If you wonder for a moment whether someone might be landing behind you and will need your taxiway, keep your checklist away and let ground know you'll need to taxi into Harrison directly ahead of you to complete your after landing checklist. Ground will be happy to accommodate and Harrison will not mind if you take up a bit of room for a moment. You can safely complete your checklist, then call Ground and let them know you are ready to taxi to wherever you need to go on the airport. ATC will appreciate your consideration and you haven't sacrificed safety regarding checklist discipline.
- There is an instrument approach coming to 16. There were no details on its track, but it will clearly be an RNAV approach with an arc of some kind. It's exciting in any event.
- During sequestration, KGKY lost funding for one tower controller. That funding has not returned. It means the Tower continues to operate shorter-staffed than would be best.
- Pilot controlled lighting is coming in about 6-8 months.
- Next year, the RSAT meeting will be after hours. The hope is that those who have normal jobs will be able to attend. This was a usual practice before COVID but became difficult afterwards. Mr. Ballard made it clear he hopes to return to alternating each year—one year during business hours, and after hours the following year. So, when you see Trudi's message inviting you to the RSAT meeting, please put it on your calendar.

Runway Safety Action Team Meeting (cont'd from page 3)

Finally, a couple conversational points - - -

- Mr. Ballard spent some time explaining new development at the airport. He shared info on the drainage issues that KGKY plans to address as flood waters spread onto Greek Oaks. An upcoming project plans to immediately address those issues. The hope is to always be a good neighbor, and it is hoped this new project will alleviate issues with the south end of the airport. Infrastructure funds and the new national airport designation has helped make this all possible. As well, Mr. Ballard spoke about development plans on the west side of the airport. Those plans are truly coming closer thanks to work by the previous manager as well as the City of Arlington. It's a fact that World Cup will need additional ramp space and the hope is that KGKY will be able to accommodate that event.
- C.K. Lee reiterated his need for a grass landing area at KGKY. OK. So just a sad face here. ☹️

Finally - - I will not see you at KOSH ☹️. This would have been my 31st year. But AA has finally seen fit to award me a wide body bid as a 787 CA after 32 years at AA. So that's a good thing, but KOSH, I will miss everything. I'll continue hosting tenant gatherings at KGKY. If you have ideas as to how to make them better or have advice as to who I should invite, I am all ears. Each AOPA ASN volunteer has a different mission. At KGKY, I hope to meet as many tenants and introduce them to their neighbors as possible. EAA 34 has been a huge supporter of those efforts and I appreciate their efforts beyond measure. Stay in touch, stay informed, stay safe, keep your hangar doors open :) and keep me posted.

Kinda - - - keep the blue side up 😊

Cheryl

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817-875-2427 - - no texts please 😊

Special Events Schedule

AT&T Stadium events typically increase airport operations, as visitors come in to attend. Extended ATCT hours are expected for those events in **bold**. If interest is strong, the Tower is generally open for five hours from the *start* of the evening events. Airport and ATCT staff also analyze departure patterns from similar games in prior years before making a decision. *Game times are subject to change due to TV network commitments.

Sun. Sept. 17, 2023	3:25 PM	Cowboys vs. New York Jets
Sun. Oct. 1, 2023	3:25 PM	Cowboys vs. New England Patriots
Sun. Oct. 29, 2023	12:00 PM	Cowboys vs. Los Angeles Rams
Sun. Nov. 12, 2023	3:25 PM	Cowboys vs. New York Giants
Thurs. Nov. 23, 2023	3:30 PM	Cowboys vs. Washington Commanders
Thurs. Nov. 30, 2023	7:15 PM	Cowboys vs. Seattle Seahawks
Sun. Dec. 10, 2023	7:20 PM	Cowboys vs. Philadelphia Eagles
Fri. Dec. 29, 2023	7:00 PM	Cottonbowl
Sat. Dec. 30, 2023	7:15 PM	Cowboys vs. Detroit Lions

ORDER

GKY 7050.1

ARLINGTON TOWER

RUNWAY SAFETY PROGRAM



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June 6, 2023

**ARLINGTON TOWER
ARLINGTON, TX 76018****SUBJECT: RUNWAY SAFETY PROGRAM**

- 1. Purpose.** This order assigns responsibilities and procedures for this facility in compliance with FAA Order 7050.1 National Runway Safety Program.
- 2. Distribution.** Arlington Tower personnel, Airport Authority, Area Manager, and RRSPO (ASW Region c/o David.Dohlman@faa.gov).
- 3. Effective Date.** June 6, 2023.
- 4. Cancellation.** This order cancels GKY 7050.1, dated June 22, 2022, same subject.
- 5. Procedure.**

a. The primary AT Runway Safety Representative (ATRSR) shall be the ATM.

b. The ATM will conduct Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) Meeting once per fiscal year.

(1) The ATM will establish the RSAT meeting for pilots, Fixed Base Operators, Airport Management, FSDO, ETSU, and ATC personnel. The meeting shall be conducted at a suitable location at the airport or at the tower if no other facility is available.

(2) A Runway Safety Action Plan (RSAP) is attached as Appendix A to this order. Input to this plan from Airport Management, airport users FSDO and Service Area remains an open Item. If items are identified, they will be added to the plan. The ATM shall assign an action to the responsible party and track the item until the action has been completed.

(3) The ATM will write a report to the files on the meeting.

Carol Latham

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Air Traffic Manager, Arlington FCT

APPENDIX:

A – RUNWAY SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Runway Safety Action Plan

Arlington Airport (KGKY) Arlington, TX

6 June 2023



Approved by: Carol Latham Date: 06-06-23

Carol Latham (Chairperson)
Air Traffic Manager, Arlington FCT

The LRSAT chairperson is the ATCT manager or designee and they approve the RSAP by signing this document.

Accepted by: CHRISTINA MICHELLE SHELLY Date: 2023.06.12 14:19:18 -05'00'

Christina Shelly
Regional Runway Safety Program Manager

I. Introduction**A. General Description of the Airport**

- FCT Tower
- Tower Hours of Operation: **0700-2100L (365 days a year)**
- FAR Part 139 Airport: **No**
- Airport Hot Spot: **No**
- Line Up and Wait (LUAW): **No**
- Multiple Runway crossings: **No**
- Flight Training: **Yes**

II. Historical Information / Event History

The previous Runway Safety Action Team Meeting was conducted on June 22, 2022.

A. OPSNET (12 month count)

Total airport operations for the 12-month period prior to the Runway Safety Action Team meeting, from **May 2022 through April 2023**.

Facility	Itinerant					Local			Total Operations
	Air Carrier	Air Taxi	General Aviation	Military	Total	Civil	Military	Total	
GKY	30	1,125	49,577	45	50,777	79,573	36	79,609	130,386
Total:	30	1,125	49,577	45	50,777	79,573	36	79,609	130,386

B. Surface Events since last RSAT meeting**Runway Incursions (RIs)**

Sept 11, 2022: C172 entered the Runway 34 RSA without ATC authorization. GC instructed aircraft to taxi from the Runway 34 run-up area to the ramp via Taxiway A. Pilot read back was correct. Aircraft exited the run-up area, proceeded west on Taxiway A and crossed the Runway 34 hold line without ATC authorization. No other traffic involved.

Surface Incidents (SIs)

Jan 2, 2023: (Taxiway Excursion) GLF4 turned toward Taxiway A from the ramp abeam Taxiway C. Aircraft veered into the grass strip between Taxiway A and the ramp to the north partially entering and excusing from Taxiway A.

Runway Excursions (REs)

Aug 30, 2022: C172 landed on Runway 16 and veered right off the runway at Taxiway Echo.

Dec 15, 2022: C550 landed on Runway 34 and veered right off the runway prior to Taxiway Echo.

Wrong Surface Operations (WS)

None

III. Meeting Overview

Utilizing the Power Point Presentation available from KSN website, Carol Latham (ATM), Trent Ballard (Airport Manager) and Shawn Stevens (GKY NATCA Representative) discussed RSAT meeting purpose, movement and runway safety areas/LOAs and airport markings. Also, runway incursions/excursions and surface incidents, covering national as well as local statistics, focusing on wrong surface landings. Introduced new QR code library, which are included in this instruction.

IV. Runway safety concerns, issues, or problems

- A. Airport Geometry** – None.
- B. Hot Spots** – None.
- C. Construction Discussion** – South Airport drainage repair project adjacent Green Oaks Blvd, beginning November 2023. Will not impact flight operations.
- D. Surface safety issues** – None.
- E. Weather** – None.
- F. Vehicles** – None.
- G. Wildlife** – Mourning Doves, Upland Sandpiper, Gulls, Raptors and Coyotes.
- H. LOAs** – Designation of Movement/Non-Movement Areas and Control of Vehicular Traffic on Airport Movement Areas - dated May 30, 2022;
Runway Safety Area - dated May 30, 2022.
- I. Special Events** – AT&T Stadium events bring numerous jets inbound/outbound traffic, often requiring the control tower to operate later than normal hours.
- J. Feedback** – None.
- K. Other** – None.

V. Best Practices

- 1) Utilize CTAF (128.625) during non-tower operations.
- 2) Use caution during ingress/egress of the T-hangar areas.
- 3) Landing checks should not be accomplished at the exit point of the runway.

VI. Action Items

Review of Previous Action Items

No previous action items.

Open Action Items:

None

Status Update: N/A

Revised ECD: N/A

Closed Action Items:

None

Effectiveness of completed action item: N/A

New Action Items:

Action Item: None

Action Item Rationale

Estimated Completion Date:

POC Organization:

POC name:

POC phone:

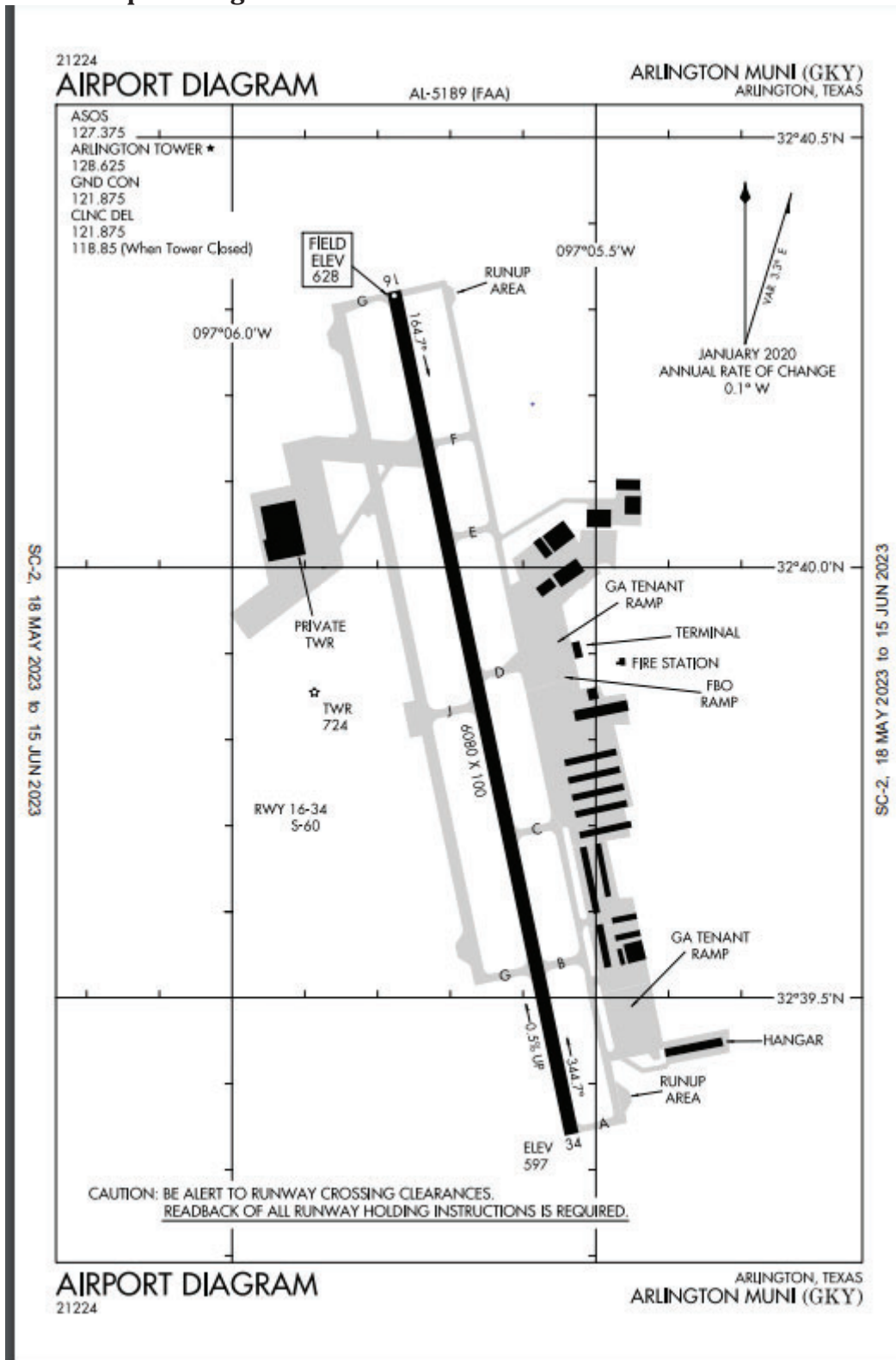
POC email:

VII. Recommendations

None at this time. Any concerns or questions can be discussed with the ATM and/or the Airport Manager.

VIII. List of participants, their affiliation, and email contact information

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Brandon Andrews	Hangar 124		
Maurice Williams	FAA – AOV		
Robert Hubener	Bell		
Lloyd Wimberly			
Dayna Graves	Golf Aero Corp		
Dale Uberman	Harrison Aviation FBO		
Mohammed	Golf Aero Corp		
Cheryl Litke	AOPA ASN volunteer		
Ray Bailey			
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IX. Airport Diagram

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QR CODES

FROM THE FLIGHT DECK VIDEOS:



FAA



YouTube

Complex
Geometry

AIRFIELD DRIVERS:

Situational
Awareness

Phraseology



Winter Ops

Runway Safety Home Page



CONSTRUCTION:



Checklist



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ACAC
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FAA WEBSITES/LINKS:

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DiagramPilot
Simulator

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Hot Spot
Description

RIM video

LINKS

FROM THE FLIGHT DECK VIDEOS:

FAA: https://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety/videos/

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCfONL2r7C4>

Complex Geometry: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5vHkqHi51DQi1Qy-tAsk19DdXdjwk5Y>

AIRFIELD DRIVERS:

Situational Awareness: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=gTc-SZ9nk8&feature=share>

Phraseology: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLHsgz3aWZY>

Winter Ops: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=FNqAN1tHJUE&feature=share>

Runway Safety Home Page:

https://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety

CONSTRUCTION:

Checklist: https://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety/runway_Construction/

CND: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/aero_data/Apt_Constr_Notices/

ACAC mailbox: 9-AJA-ConstructionCouncil@faa.gov

FAA WEBSITES/LINKS:

Airport Diagram: https://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety/diagrams/

Pilot Simulator: <http://faarunwaysafetysimulator.com/>

AAN: https://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety/hotspots/aan

NOTAMs: <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/disclaimer.html>

EMAS: https://www.faa.gov/airports/engineering/incursions_excursions/emas

FFAST: <https://www.faasafety.gov/>

Hot Spot Description: https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dtpp/search/

RIM Video: <https://youtu.be/v4oC6MFrkY>