

Fall 2011

Words of Wisdom...

It's easy to make a small fortune in aviation. You start with a large fortune.

— *Unknown*

Tower: Mission 123, do you have problems?

Pilot: I think I have lost my compass.

Tower: Judging by the way you are flying, you lost the whole instrument panel!

Rochester ATC : Cessna 210 please report persons aboard.

Cessna 210 : Pilot ,two pax and one dog.

Rochester ATC (after **Cessna** finally **bounced to stop**): Assume the Pilot in Command was the dog ?



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Airport Manager's Update

For this edition of the RST Airside Times I thought a change in topic, other than Airport Improvement projects, airport security or the economic status of your airport, would be...well, different.



As you may have noticed in the last several editions of the RST Airside Times, while watching television, or listening to the radio, Rochester International Airport started a marketing campaign to increase the awareness, both locally and in the region, of the value and ease of access that Rochester International Airport affords the local community. As part of this marketing campaign Rochester International Airport, through our web and marketing service provider Corporate Web Services (CWS (www.cws.net), created a Facebook page to augment our other marketing tools. You can visit our Facebook page by visiting www.facebook.com/RochesterAirport.

This brings me to my next topic. Rochester International Airport is entering uncharted waters, doing something we have never done. We are having a major contest. Through the generous donations of our two major air carriers, Delta and American Eagle, you have an opportunity to win free air travel (I will explain the entry process in a moment). By entering the contest you will be eligible to win two (2), \$250 travel vouchers on Delta airlines or one (1), \$1,500 travel package from American Eagle. Both of the travel awards are for trips originating in Rochester and valid for travel in the contiguous United States. The American Eagle travel package travel is also valid for travel to Mexico and the Caribbean.

Is your interest piqued yet? We hope so. This is a great opportunity for those in the community and surrounding region to see how great traveling out of Rochester International Airport can be. RST offers some wonderful amenities that we believe make RST a great place to travel out of, including short security wait times, close-in (and inexpensive) parking, wonderful staff and a beautifully renovated terminal and airport restaurant. If you haven't used RST in a while, or ever, now is the time to take your chance and win free travel from the best airport in Minnesota (our opinion...and hopefully your opinion as well).

So how do you enter? There are several ways to enter. You can visit our website at www.flyrst.com and click on the "Fly Free With RST" banner, visit our Facebook page (mentioned above) or by mailing an entry to the airport (for more information on valid entry methods please see the Terms and Conditions on our Facebook page).

The contest is open now and will run through December 15, 2011. So get out there and register to "Fly Free With RST" and we look forward to seeing you on your way out of Rochester after you win the contest.

Thanks for choosing Rochester International Airport.

Steven W Leque

Steven W. Leque
Airport Director



Airport Projects Update...

Terminal and Airside Renovations Nearing Completion...

As fall begins to settle in that means we are nearing the end of the construction season at RST. The timing couldn't have been more perfect. The warm weather and lack of rain have allowed the contractors to continue work on the remaining airside projects, which include the installation of new taxiway direction signs on Runway 13 for taxiways A8 and A9, a new concrete ramp at passenger gate #3, new garage doors for both air carriers, concrete and bituminous rehab behind both airline operating areas, as well as directly behind the terminal. The fair weather also allowed us to perform the annual airfield painting project, refreshing the paint on all taxiways, runways and ramp areas.

We have also completed the tuck pointing and exterior repair of the main passenger terminal, as well as painting on a few areas of the exterior of the terminal.

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the airport and see the changes we would invite you to come and see what a little work can do to transform a 50 year old building. Maybe the next time you fly out of RST?



Upcoming / Past Events...

Last Honor Flight for World War II Veterans.
October 8, 2011

On October 8, 2011 Rochester International Airport hosted the last group of World War II veterans to participate in the Honor Flight program.

The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. The Honor Flight Network "is our way of paying a small tribute to those who gave so much—a memorable, safe, and rewarding TOUR of HONOR!!!" (<http://www.honorflight.org/>).

Rochester International Airport would like to say "Thank You" to the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, this great country during times of war. Your contribution to this country has allowed all Americans to enjoy the freedoms that we so often take for granted.

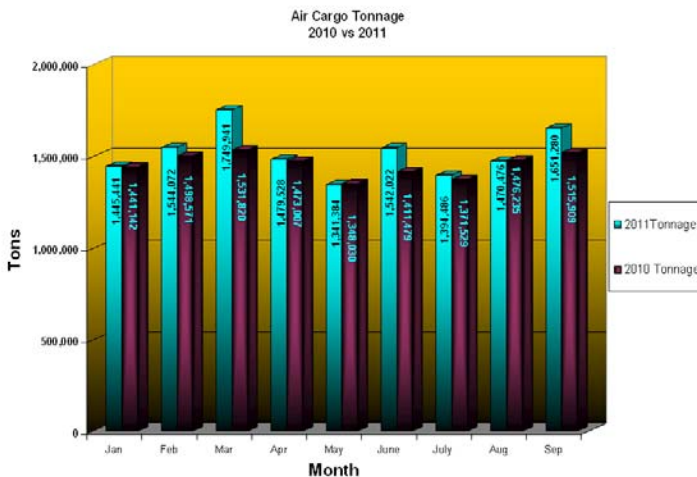
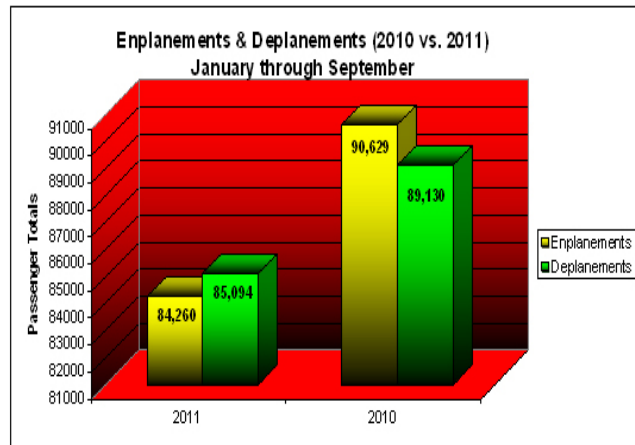
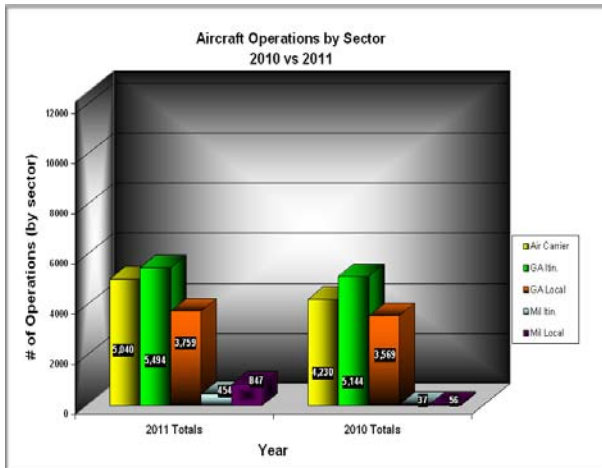
In the words of Will Rogers, "We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by."



** Photos courtesy of Ken McCasland and Midwest Lifeshots Photography...Thanks Ken !

Air Service Update

RST Passenger Statistics		
2011 Totals		
Month	Enplanements	Deplanements
Jan	8,940	8,791
Feb	7,995	8,040
Mar	9,675	9,402
Apr	9,421	9,795
May	10,075	10,645
June	9,562	9,404
July	9,074	9,261
Aug	9,528	9,526
Sep	9,990	10,230
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
2011 Totals	84,260	85,094
2010 Totals	90,629	89,130



Public Safety Services

The Rochester International Airport Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Department recently conducted extensive training with the City of Rochester Fire Department at the airport.

According to Troy Reed, RST ARFF Training Officer, the purpose of the training was to “familiarize both City and Airport fire department personnel on airport vehicle water re-supply procedures in the event of a prolonged fire event on or off airport.”

The training, conducted over a three day period, was an opportunity to familiarize all City fire department personnel on airport vehicle capabilities and general operating procedures. According to City of Rochester Fire Department Deputy Chief Chris Bailey the training allowed the City to determine that certain procedures and equipment that would be used at the airport can be utilized in other response scenarios, but that certain procedures and tactics must be refined as a result of this training exercise.

The Rochester International Airport ARFF Department and City of Rochester Fire Department have plans to continue these extensive training exercises, dealing with a wide variety of response procedures and tactics that are airport specific, but may have an impact to the local community.

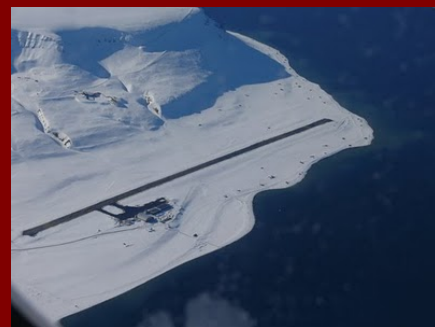


Trivia Time

Look at the picture to the right and answer the following 2 questions:

1. What is the name of this airport?
2. What makes this airport unique?

The first person to email the correct answer to bthompson@flyrst.com will receive a \$5.00 voucher to the 331 Express.



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRYAN KUTCHER, MINNEAPOLIS, FOR BEING THE FIRST TO CORRECTLY ANSWER LAST QUARTERS TRIVIA QUESTION.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS WERE: 1. Don Mueang International Bangkok airport, Bangkok, Thailand 2. Golf course in the middle of runways

Airport Happenings...

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following airport employees for their "endurance". Say hi to these individuals the next time you see them and let them know you appreciate their dedication to making RST a great place to work and visit:

Steven Leque	-Airport Director	- 33 years in August
Tom Smith	-Airport Maintenance	- 22 years in September
Kurt Claussen	-Deputy Airport Director	- 21 years in October
John Kassel	-Airport Fire Dept.	- 13 years in July
Ron Cropp	-Airport Maintenance	- 13 years in November
Tom Ostby	-Airport Fire Dept.	- 11 years in November
Tiana Rossow	-Airport Administration	- 5 years in August
Mitch Mosher	-Airport Maintenance	- 4 years in October
Robbie Veldhuisen	-Airport Fire Dept.	- 4 years in November
Brian Thompson	-Airport Operations Director	- 4 years in November

Did RST become a new Delta Hub?

Not exactly...On October 12, 2011 severe storms in Minneapolis caused many aircraft bound for MSP to be diverted to Rochester. At one point there were 10 diverted aircraft parked nose-to-tail on the airport cargo facility ramp.





New Passenger Screening Equipment at RST



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) unveiled the newest piece of security screening equipment at RST on October 6, 2011. The equipment, called Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT), quickly detects metallic and non-metallic threats that may be present on an individual's person. Unlike existing procedures for detecting these types of threats, the AIT equipment can actually detect, and display, the location of the threat on a person's body. Unlike previous versions of the full body scanner, this equipment does not display the actual figure

of the person being scanned. According to Tom Connor, TSA Federal Security Director, "This machine we have deployed here today is equipped with new automated target recognition software and uses a generic outline of a person sometimes called the gummy figure. It is identical for all passengers."

It is expected that this new technology will allow for more efficient and effective screening of passengers. Preliminary estimates show that the use of full-body scanners can allow for the screening of up to 300 passengers per hour. The next time you fly out of Rochester be sure and check out this new technology. As a note, passengers may elect to "opt out" of the full body scanning process, but must undergo additional screening if electing to opt out of the full body scanner.



Tenant Spotlight...

Have you ever wondered who provides service to the private aircraft that often visit Rochester?

Well, the answer is Signature Flight Support. For those who have been around RST long enough you may recall names such as Regent Aviation or Rochester Aviation. Those were the names of the fixed base operator (FBO) prior to Signature Flight Support.

With over 100 locations throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, Signature Flight

Support is one of the premier fixed based operators available to the private and commercial aircraft operator. Whether the aircraft operator needs fuel, maintenance, deicing, or just a place to relax between flights, Signature Flight Support offers all of these services and more. One identifiable characteristic of Signature Flight Support is free Starbucks® coffee and Otis Spunkmeyer cookies, baked and brewed each morning.

Signature Flight Support in Rochester also offers a pilots lounge, complete with a pool table, as well as a flight planning office, with all of the newest flight planning technology available.

For those flight crews that need to operate into Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., Signature Flight Support – Rochester is now a TSA approved DCA Gateway airport (DASSP).

For more information about Signature Flight Support and Signature Flight Support – Rochester, please visit their website at www.signatureflight.com. You can also contact Troy Case, RST Station Manager and his hard-working team at (507) 282-1717.

DID YOU KNOW?

...That Rochester International Airport has a large fleet of vehicles ready to battle the harsh Minnesota winters. RST currently has 3 plows (what we call a "rollover"), 2 snow blowers, 2 front end loaders (for making big piles out of little piles), 2 high-speed runway brooms, 2 sand / chemical application vehicles, and a multitude of other "toys" for the winter snow removal game.

RST has 30 minutes (from the time we begin plowing during a snow storm) to have the primary runway cleared of snow that has accumulated more than 1 inch.... Sometimes easier said than done, but RST is proud of the work that our maintenance personnel perform every winter to ensure that RST provides a safe operating environment for our users.



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