

# RST Airside Times



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Tower to  
Aircraft  
Conversations..

"Air Force '45, it  
appears your  
engine has...oh,  
disregard...I see  
you've already  
ejected."

"Citation 123, if  
you quit calling  
me Center, I'll  
quit calling you  
twin Cessna."

"About three  
miles ahead,  
you've got traffic  
12 o'clock, five  
miles...If you  
hear me, traffic  
no longer a  
factor."

"You're gonna  
have to key the  
mic. I can't see  
you when you  
nod your head."

## RST to host 2nd Annual General Aviation Forum

Rochester International Airport management has confirmed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Aviation forum will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Rochester International Event Center. Last year's forum was considered a success, with a large number of general aviation users attending.

This year's forum will include discussions on the Airport Master Planning process, upcoming airport construction projects, aviation security policy changes and other topics related to the general aviation community.

Representatives from the Transportation Security Administration and Federal Aviation Administration have been invited to attend as members of the forum panel.

Please mark you calendar to attend this event.

### Event Information:

Date: June 30, 2009  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Rochester International Event Center  
7333 Airport View Drive SW  
Rochester, MN 55902

For more information please contact:

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Assistant Airport Manager  
(507) 282-2328

### Did You Know...

*RST is Minnesota's 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest commercial service airport, with over 350,000 annual passengers, with daily service to Chicago, Detroit and Minneapolis and twice weekly service to Las Vegas*

## Upcoming Airport Projects..

### Airport to upgrade airfield signs & lighting



This June the Rochester International Airport will begin a significant airfield sign and lighting replacement project. This project, which has been in the works for the last couple of years, will replace existing direct buried wires (of which most has been in place since the late 60's) with wires in conduit. In addition, existing lighting fixtures (taxiways and runways, with

the exception of the new runway 13/31 addition) will be placed in cans, making digging up wiring and fixtures for repairs a thing of the past. All taxiway lights will be replaced with new, Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights and most airfield signs will receive new face panels.

This \$1.4 million dollar project, funded through Federal and State grants, is scheduled to begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> and continue through late September.

Please bear with us through this airfield enhancing project. For project updates please visit us on the web at [www.rochesterintlairport.com](http://www.rochesterintlairport.com). During this project the airport will be closed for short periods of time. Please visit [https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/geo/icaoRadius.html?icao\\_id=KRST&radius=2](https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/geo/icaoRadius.html?icao_id=KRST&radius=2) for current RST NOTAMs during this project.

### Terminal upgrades..

In the upcoming months Rochester International Airport will be making minor improvements to the RST passenger terminal. These improvements include upgrading the baggage conveyor systems, new carpeting and seating in the public waiting area, as well as other minor cosmetic improvements.

Another component of this terminal improvement project is the addition of in-line baggage screening systems used by the TSA. These new baggage

screening systems eliminate the need to open passenger luggage to meet TSA screening requirements. Once these terminal upgrades are completed the RST passenger terminal will be capable of accommodating the traveling public until the completion of the new RST terminal, which is planned for sometime in the next 8-10 years.

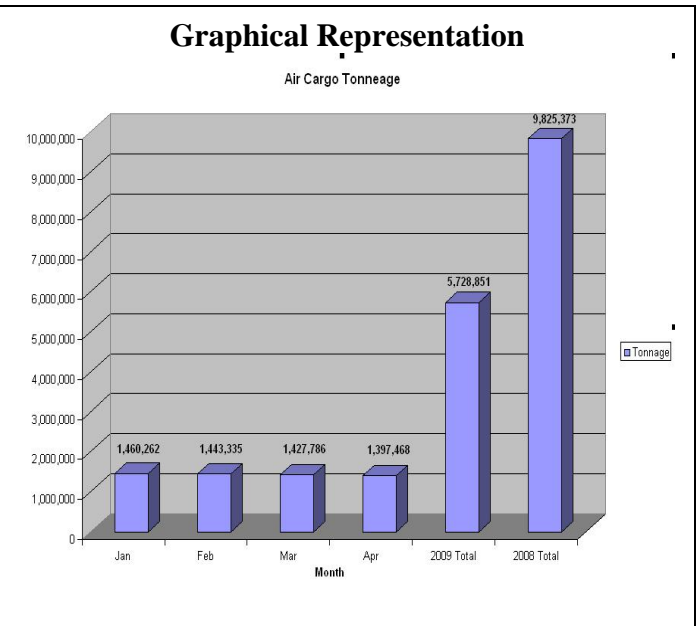
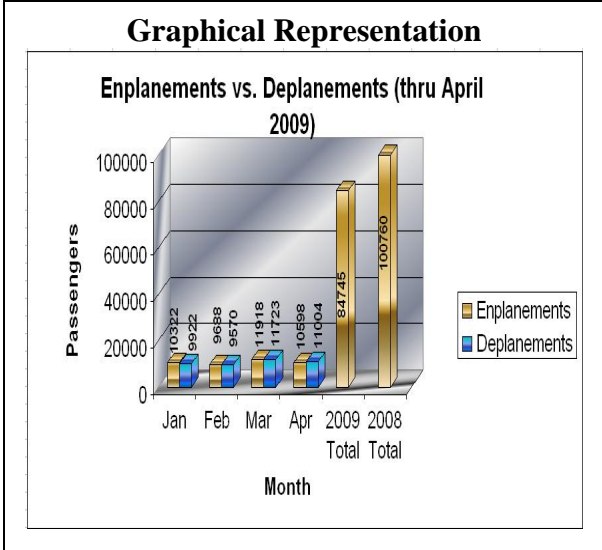
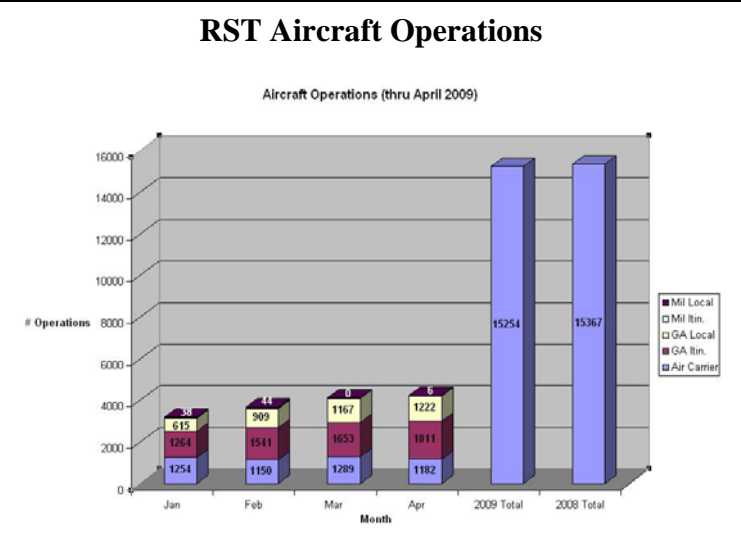


# Air Service Update



### RST Passenger Stats

Month	Enplaned	Deplaned
<b>Jan</b>	<b>10,322</b>	<b>9,922</b>
<b>Feb</b>	<b>9,688</b>	<b>9,570</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>11,918</b>	<b>11,723</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>10,598</b>	<b>11,004</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42,526</b>	<b>42,219</b>
<b>2008 Totals</b>	<b>52,838</b>	<b>52,566</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>	<b>-19.7%</b>



## Airline News !

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Travelers through RST should know that Northwest Airlines has now become Delta Airlines. Northwest ticketed passengers should check in at the Delta Counter, located on the North end of the passenger terminal.

# Security News..

In May of 2009, the Transportation Security Administration issued a new directive requiring all airport operators to issue airport identification media to all airport users, to include general aviation personnel. As of May 30, two days before the June 1, 2009 deadline, RST has complied with the measures outlined in this new directive. Between May 19 and May 28<sup>th</sup>, RST conducted 6 training classes and providing new ID media to approximately 180 airport users, most of whom are general aviation tenants.

Another aspect of this requirement is for all organizations to authorize a "Signatory Authority". This individual is responsible for authorizing and signing an employee's RST badge application. Training for all Signatory Authority's was scheduled for June 2, 2009 at 10 am in the Airport Operations building. If you need to be designated as a Signatory Authority please call Brian Thompson, Airport Security Coordinator, at (507) 282-2328.

Future class dates and times, as well as detailed badging requirements and instructions, will soon be available on the RST website at <http://www.rochesterintlairport.com>.



# Airport Emergency Exercise

Rochester International Airport will be conducting an FAA required Triennial airport disaster drill on September 19, 2009. This exercise, involving many local medical, fire and law enforcement agencies will test the airport and community's response to a mass casualty incident at the airport.

Airport operations will not be impacted during the exercise. The airport will remain open to aircraft operations during the exercise.



Coming Soon..

**A new and improved airport website,**

<http://www.rochesterintlairport.com>

