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Join us for HawgsMOKE 2008 from October 15-18, 2008. HawgsMOKE is the biennial bombing and tactical gunnery competition and reunion of the A-10 Thunderbolt II community. Active duty, guard and reserve squadrons from across the country and globe, as far away as South Korea and Germany, will send teams to compete for the honor of the "Best of the Best" in ground attack and target destruction. The current champions, the 442d Fighter Wing from Whiteman AFB in Missouri, will host HawgsMOKE 2008 in Salina, Kansas.

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Salina Airport Authority has developed the premier airport and industrial center in the Nation. The board of directors and staff are proactive in providing the citizens of Salina, Saline County and North Central Kansas with a center that supports business and industry, which, in turn, provides jobs and payroll that benefit the region.



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"Kansas is a great place to do business. And, Salina is one of the best locations in the world for the aerospace industry."
– Kathleen Sebelius, Governor, State of Kansas

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The Salina Airport Authority is building a modern 69,000-square-foot hangar and office complex.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, number 82-0653, named the "Thunderbolt of Salina," parked on the Salina Municipal Airport ramp prior to its dedication. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. William Huntington)

CAV Aerospace, Inc. is a globally known company that provides complete airframe ice protection solutions. It benefits from the many SLN Aviation Service Center development incentives.

Nickell Hall is part of the Kansas Regional Training Institute. The Training Institute has been established to provide professional instruction and state-of-the-art facilities for both military and non-military organizations.

SLN has a state-of-the-art air traffic control tower and modern navigational aids that help safely guide over 80,000 aircraft operations per year. The SLN Air Traffic Control Tower was awarded the FAA's 2006 Willie F. Card Contract Tower Service Award.

Currently, 80 businesses and organizations employ over 4,100 employees at the SLN Aviation Service Center and Salina Airport Industrial Center. Airport and Airport Industrial Center employers provide jobs with a combined payroll in excess of \$138 million.

The airport's two world-class fixed base operators (FBOs) annually deliver almost 4 million gallons of fuel to over 7,000 business jets and 5,000 government and military aircraft. This has earned the Airport the recognition as "America's Fuel Stop". The air traffic control tower is busy during the year with operations exceeding 80,000.

2007 Accomplishments

SLN Aviation Service Center

Successful marketing results can be seen by the fact that the SLN Aviation Service Center growth and development has been featured nationwide in aviation and aerospace publications. This has increased Salina's image in the minds of key aviation and aerospace decision makers.

Construction began on a 69,000-square-foot hangar and office complex (Hangar 600) in anticipation of continued growth at the SLN Aviation Service Center. The \$6 million project will feature a 41,400-square-foot hangar, 22,600-square-foot of multi-purpose office/shop space and a 5,000-square-foot customer service area. This modern hangar complex is attracting interest from top prospects and demonstrates the community's commitment to provide state-of-the-art facilities for aviation and aerospace job growth.

The success of 2007 can be measured in job growth at the SLN Aviation Service Center. In 2007, Salina realized a total increase of 36 aviation and aerospace jobs. Each new Salina/Salina County aviation aerospace job is valued at \$21.00 per hour according to the January 2007 Economic Impact Analysis of Salina Municipal Airport and Airport Industrial Center by Wichita State University. The year ended with a total of 604 aviation and aerospace jobs.

Salina Municipal Airport

Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. announced that it will return to Salina beginning on March 30, 2008, with daily flights to Kansas City and Denver.

In cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration, a multi-year airport capital improvement program was prepared. In 2007, the plans for the improvement program were drawn up and approved. The 2007-2011 plan will guide the use of the federal Airport Improvement Program grant funds for ongoing improvements at the Salina Municipal Airport. Since calendar year 2002, the Airport Authority has completed \$9.3 million in airfield improvements and equipment purchases using \$7.5 million in FAA grant funds. The Airport Authority's local share for the projects was \$1.1 million.

The Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2 aircraft-parking apron was milled and repaved in time for the return of Company D of the 108th Aviation Battalion to Salina after the unit's deployment to Iraq.

An improved checkpoint for the Transportation Security Administration allows for a more secure check-in of commercial air service passengers and adds to the efficiency of Salina's commercial service.

Additional Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) staff were added to the Salina Airport Authority. Recently a new and more detailed training curriculum was developed for ARFF personnel with an improved and even more rigorous training schedule. During the past year, Airport Authority personnel responded to 44 aircraft emergencies and 17 life watch standbys. The Airport Authority ARFF personnel work closely with and train with the Salina Fire Department to ensure the best response to all emergencies.

"Salina Airport Authority support has been essential for the rapid growth of the TKS ice protection product line in the United States."
- Kevin Hawley, President, CAV Aerospace, Inc.

Airport Industrial Center

Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center
The Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center continues to grow at the Airport Industrial Center. The Kansas National Guard has purchased and leased additional buildings and land during the past year. The training center prepares military personnel for missions locally, statewide, nationally and globally.

Geoprobe Systems Facility Expands

Kejr, Inc. purchased 13.57 acres of Salina Airport Industrial Center property from the Salina Airport Authority. The additional property was used to construct an additional facility for Geoprobe.

"For over 30 years the Salina Airport Authority has been wonderful to work with. Because of the Authority we now have a beautiful new facility."
- Todd Engel, President, Flower Aviation

Several military deployments at the Salina Municipal Airport and Airport Industrial Center brought additional activity to Salina's hotels, restaurants and shopping areas.

- U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) Training Wing One, Meridian, MS T-45 deployment, June 15-30, 2007, 50 military personnel and 50 civilian contract personnel
- Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) class from Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma, training is ongoing with two to four planes per week
- Canadian FAC Course and Instructor Standardization, September 10-14, 2007 and November 5-16, 2007, eight military personnel and seven contract civilian personnel
- Ft. Riley, Battalion Field Training Exercise, April 4-7, 2007 and April 9-20, 2007 with 260 military personnel

Special Events and Projects also bring income into the Salina area.

- On January 23, 2008, The United States Air Force Reserve honored the City of Salina by dedicating an A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter jet, number 82-0653, the "Thunderbolt of Salina"
- Hawgsmoke 2008 committee convened in Salina several times during the year to plan the upcoming International event. The last meeting brought over 40 personnel to Salina and the October 15-18, 2008 event will bring several hundred military and civilians from around the world
- In partnership with the Kansas National Guard and the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, the Airport Authority hosted the second annual Kansas Unmanned Aerial Systems Symposium. This year's symposium attracted 160 participants from across the nation
- General aviation events like the Flying Dentists and Flying Farmers also brought people to Salina from all parts of the country
- The Airport Authority staff organized and hosted the spring Kansas Association of Airports conference that drew airport managers and other personnel from across the state

2008 Goals and Objectives

SLN Aviation Service Center

Hangar 600 is scheduled to be completed by September 2008. The first use of the facility will be the Hawgsmoke 2008 event.

The prospect list for the SLN Aviation Service Center has grown to over 15 firms that have interest in Salina. These aviation businesses have the potential to build over 1.2 million-square-feet of new facilities and create over 800 new jobs. According to the 2006 Kansas, Inc. Kansas Aerospace Industry Forecast, each aerospace job generates approximately 3.9 additional jobs.

The new year has already started well as existing employers Hawker Beechcraft Corporation and CAV Aerospace have already added more than 20 new employees. In order to support additional aviation and aerospace job growth, the Airport Authority will take additional steps to redevelop over 100 acres of former aircraft parking apron into a location offering over 2 million-square-feet of new hangars, shops, offices and classrooms.

During the first quarter of 2008 an architectural and engineering firm will be selected to prepare a preliminary design of a 50,000-square-foot aircraft paint facility.

BWR Corporation will complete a preliminary replat of the North Ramp area that will lead to the design of infrastructure improvements that will support over 370,000-square-feet of new hangar construction and 100,000-square-feet of office and shop space.

SLN Municipal Airport

Commercial air service at the Salina Municipal Airport will be continuous as service transitions from Air Midwest, Inc. to Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. The community will have daily access to flights to both Denver and Kansas City.

A self-service avgas system will be in place this year. The aircraft parking area for the self-service over-the-wing system was resurfaced during a recent project completed in November 2007.

Special Projects

During 2008, the Airport Authority will learn more about the thoughts and concerns of its tenants and visitors by emailing web-based surveys.



"I like working in Salina because it is a short commute, we have quality schools and a low crime rate. Most importantly, Salina has a labor force with great core values."
- Jeff Thompson, President and CEO, Vortex Valves



Airport Industrial Center

Completion of a new blast booth enclosure for the Kansas National Guard's Readiness Sustainment Maintenance Site (RSMS) located on property leased from the Airport Authority to the State of Kansas.

The Kansas National Guard's new organization structure for the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center has now been fully developed. The training center's key components include Smoky Hill ANG Range, the Salina Municipal Airport, the Kansas Regional Training Institute and Ft. Riley. Airport Authority staff will continue to support the Adjutant General's efforts to advance the mission goals and the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center.

Col. Randy Roebuck was named to command the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center in Salina. The National Guard received \$9 million in bonding authority from the Kansas Legislature to construct facilities for the training center; which also is being supported with federal funds.

Environmental Projects

A significant development during 2007 was the start of discussions to transfer the responsibility for environmental clean up from the Corps of Engineers to the Salina public entities (City of Salina, Salina Airport Authority, USD 305 and K-State at Salina). It will be one of the Airport Authority's highest priorities to work with the other Salina public entities to successfully conclude discussions with the Corps of Engineers.

"We are pleased with the great work ethic and high skill level displayed every day by our Salina employees. Those positive factors coupled with the fact that the state and community are responsive to the needs of the aerospace industry, make the Salina Aviation Service Center an attractive place to do business."
- Jim Schuster, President and CEO, Hawker Beechcraft Corporation

"The labor force here has a strong work ethic and is very dependable."
- Harry Smith, Senior Director of Manufacturing, Schwan's Global Supply Chain, Inc.