

FROM THE AIRPORT OFFICE

I am excited to start off 2023 by sharing the first St. Louis Regional Airport newsletter. Since joining this airport community in April 2022, I have been amazed by the interest and involvement from the tenants and the community surrounding the airport. ALN is a fantastic asset to the region and an asset that I personally enjoy having the opportunity be apart of.

With this newsletter, I hope to periodically share with the community, interesting updates, facts, and information about the airport in an effort to communicate a variety of current events.

As you will see, 2022 was a busy year for the airport where a lot of great things happened. From a successful annual fly-in event to the apron rehabilitation construction project, numerous items were accomplished and we're excited to carry this positive momentum into 2023.

Most importantly, thank you for your involvement at St. Louis Regional. We are nothing without you; the tenants, visitors, and users of the airport. Please feel welcomed to contact us for more information on anything airport related.

Danny Adams
Airport Director

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AIRPORT'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total Economic Impact: \$480million

Visitor Spending: \$3.8million

Airport Specific Employment: 682 jobs

Total Employment: 1,533 jobs

26TH ANNUAL FLY-IN EVENT

SEPTEMBER 24TH AND 25TH 2022

From what is believed to be the largest turnout in recent years, the annual fly-in event was a great success in 2022 bringing thousands of visitors and families to the airport for the weekend. With great support from EAA Chapter 864 and the Bethalto Chamber of Commerce, this event brought in a variety of different aircraft as well as non-aviation themed events.

The event started off Friday with the arrival of the Global War on Terror Wall of Remembrance. This traveling memorial honors the names of nearly 11,000 individuals lost in the War on Terror, America's longest war. While on site, the memorial was attended continuously throughout the weekend by a variety of volunteers.

Saturday brought the largest number of visitors to the airport. Speed Demons Car Club hosted the car show which included live music. New for this year, the Bethalto Chamber of Commerce provided the Kids Zone which included bounce houses, a craft area, and barrel car rides. Thanks to the numerous aviators for attending, 34 different aircraft made a visit to ALN for the event.

Sunday was the busiest day for aircraft traffic. Thanks to the organization efforts and volunteers associated with EAA Chapter 864, free flights were provided through the Young Eagle program to individuals ages 8-17! Conditions were windy, but not a single kid was turned away. Most impressively, 178 kids were able to experience their first ever flight. Also on Sunday, Bethalto Spirit moved the weekly Bethalto Farmer's Market to the airport bringing along about two dozen different vendors selling everything from crafts to food to jewelry. Plus, the food trucks were a huge hit!

This event would not have been possible without the volunteers and organizers of the event. This includes: St. Louis Regional Airport staff, EAA Chapter 864, ALN Air Traffic Control Tower, Bethalto Chamber of Commerce, Bethalto Spirit, U.S. Navy SeaCadets, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, Bethalto Police Department, Bethalto Fire Department, Cottage Hills Fire Department, and the Speed Demons Car Club. Look for information on the upcoming 27th Annual Fly-in early in 2023.

2022 FLY-IN NUMBERS

Saturday

346 aircraft operations
142 car show participants
Over 5,000 airport visitors

Sunday

371 aircraft operations
270 Young Eagle kids flown
178 first time flyers





2022 RECAP

2022 was a year that included some large improvements such as our North T-Hangar Apron rehabilitation project as well as some minor improvements like our airport roadway signs. Some items worth mentioning:

- Clearing brush around airport fence line
- Facility improvements with new roofs on Hangar 2, airfield electrical vault, and other non-aeronautical structures and technology improvements in the Airport Administration Building
- Main Apron concrete patches
- Painted airport roadway signs
- Painted several airfield markings to include: tie downs, movement lines, and mandatory hold position markings
- Refurbished taxiway signs
- Completed North T-Hangar apron rehabilitation with assistance with federal and state funds
- Equipment purchases to include: Bobcat Track Loader, zero turn mower, FOD Boss, and solid chemical spreader for snow removal

FLIGHT ACTIVITY

For 2022, ALN had a reported 26,454 aircraft operations.

The busiest month was September with 3,323 operations.

Have an idea for a newsletter story or do you have a picture worth sharing? Contact us with your ideas or photos.

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St. Louis Regional Airport

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Runway 17/35 Rehabilitation and LED Runway Edge Light upgrade

T-Hangar Taxilane Pavement Reconstruction

Aviation Fuel Farm Improvements

Public Parking Lot Rehabilitation

Please be mindful of moving snow equipment. With limited visibility, the driver may not see you or your vehicle