



Moontown Airport News

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DC-3 Day At Moontown

Dan Grider is bringing his AV Web Herpa Miniature Models sponsored DC-3 to Moontown Airport on May 23, 2009. Moontown is one of the 3's stops for the 2009 tour. We expect the plane to land around noon and it will be at Moontown overnight. Along with the DC-3 we will have a covered dish dinner and BBQ beginning at 6:00 P.M. Dan leads a blue grass band so we are expecting the evening to include music in the shadow of this beautiful DC-3/C-47. This event is for all friends and customers of Moontown so bring your favorite dish, your lawn chairs, and enjoy the evening. We will park the DC-3 near the midfield hangars (Myers and Seuell) and set up tables and chairs in one of the two hangars. We are also expecting some transient planes and warbirds.



Dan Grider and his Blue Grass Band



Dan's DC-3 making a 3-point landing, one wheel at a time

A special note from Dan Grider and crew: **“All are invited. Just show up and bring a dish to pass if you are able. Official Av Web Pie testing and evaluation will be available by the Av Web DC-3 crew as a courtesy to those that make and bring homemade pies. There is no charge for having your pie tested or evaluated by DC-3 crew - We consider this a service that we are proud to provide.”**

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Moontown Looking for A&P and IA

Kim McCutcheon has decided that he cannot continue his aircraft maintenance business at Moontown. He has been filling in since Rickey Weldon's accident last August. Therefore, the aircraft maintenance hangar and some equipment and

supplies are available to the right A&P/IA after July 1, 2009.

It is difficult to find good maintenance people and most airplane owners do not appreciate the effort and knowledge it takes to do the job correctly and efficiently. There is plenty of business at Moontown for the right person. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call or see me at the airport.

UFO's at Moontown?

Last month a History Channel film crew showed up unannounced at Moontown and wanted permission to film. They came complete with actors, directors and UFO experts. They set up in Gordon Seuell's hangar and commenced to describe saucer shaped German and U.S flying vehicles. The show, UFO Hunters, was on TV the last Wednesday in April and should be repeated sometime later this year.



UFO Hunters at Moontown discussing German and USAF UFO projects

People have asked me how and why they picked Moontown. It turns out that they were scheduled to use the Barrett Museum but their contact did not show up. Someone in the production crew knew of Moontown and suggested that they try filming there. They also did some filming at the Space and Rocket Center.



UFO Hunters' Bill Baird interview at Moontown Airport

Moontown Staff

Jerry Barnett has joined Moontown as Airport Operations Manager. Jerry also assists Kim McCutcheon with aircraft maintenance. In his spare time, he has been doing tons of airport repair work. We have been concentrating on hangar repair and rainwater drainage.

Jerry is a retired USAF pilot who flew B-52s and the U-2. He is a member of the Huntsville Soaring Club and has displayed broad talent that is a great asset to our airport

Janet Weldon staffs the FBO along with Sunday and Monday support from Ted Mavrotheris and Patrick Pearsall. Shirley and I spend most of our airport time with payroll, accounting, and "supporting" the tax collectors, ADEM, TSA, and ALDOT. In our spare time we are also do upkeep and repair work around the airport.

EAA 190 Support

The local EAA chapter has been taking on projects to help improve Moontown Airport. Last month a Chapter crew led by Wayne Johnson repaired and painted all of the runway light cones. Billy Perry, Frank Putnam, Ed McWhiney, Charles Cozelos and some other Chapter members helped with the project.

At the same time I lead a crew to revise the threshold lights. Additional threshold lights are being added at the end of runway 9 to provide approximately 2500 feet of lighted runway for landing. Runway 27-lighted length remains 2180 feet to provide legal clearance over Moontown Road. The threshold lights that protruded into the runway were moved to the outside edge away from taxing traffic. The threshold light helpers were Jim Herchanko, Johnny Hooper, and

Jerry Barnett. Ed McWhiney also helped after he was done with the light cone project. Thanks to all who helped and I apologize if I missed anyone else that worked with us. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

EAA is the primary supporter of the fly-in breakfasts and we have had two great months. We had at least 65 visiting planes in March and 45 in April. Howard Heffelfinger reported 80 plus landings in March, counting the local planes that were flying young eagles and other local traffic. The added aircraft parking area on the southeast side of the airport has been a great asset for our fly-ins.

Members of the Meridianville Middle School Band Boosters are passing the breakfast chores on to Buckhorn High School. Meridianville Band Boosters and Biscuit Express have done an excellent job of preparing the breakfast foods. Thanks to all who helped.



Some of the 65 airplanes that attended the March fly-in breakfast