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What's in a Name?

The airport property is home to many streets and avenues named for individuals who have played important roles in Bartholomew County and Columbus.

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Have You Heard?

Ivy Tech Community College is offering an aviation ground school. The course is designed to prepare students for the FAA written exam and flight instruction. Info: 374-5244.

Who's Counting?

The airport has more than air traffic. In a recent study by city engineers, 12,760 vehicles traveled on Central Avenue from Rocky Ford to Poshard Avenue within a 24-hour period.

SIGNS OF LEADERSHIP



What's In A Name?

Renaming of streets at Columbus Municipal Airport started about 1972, the year that the Board of Aviation Commissioners received title to the property on behalf of Columbus. The streets were previously numbers or letters, and not compatible with streets within the city. Original street names are on Corps of Engineers drawings.

Several streets were renamed for Famous Air Force personnel, Base Commanders, or aviation pioneers. Dates for these changes can be verified from records at the City Planning and/or Engineering Office and possibly from minutes of BOAC meetings.

Arnold Street

This street was most likely named for General Hap Arnold. Extended from Andrews east to accommodate the construction of the Animal Shelter in the early 90s and onto Poshard at the insistence of Airport Management.

Wright & Mitchell Streets

Wright Street, now the east drive of Ray Boll Blvd, was probably named for the Wright Brothers. Mitchell Street, now the West Drive of Ray Boll Blvd., was probably named for General Billy Mitchell. Both were replaced in 1992 by Ray Boll Blvd when the Bakalar green was made.

Ray Boll Boulevard

Ray Boll was a long time Commissioner at the Airport and was the leading force in obtaining the property for the City. Ray Boll Blvd provided a new entrance to the Terminal Building.

Grissom Avenue

This avenue was mostly likely named for Astronaut Virgil Gus Grissom.

Hoff & Verhulst Streets

Hoff and Verhulst Streets were named for former base commanders - Col. John Hoff and Col. Ralph Verhulst.

Kelly Street

Kelly Street is believed to have been named after Colin P. Kelly, Jr., a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot. Kelly flew bombing runs against the Japanese navy in the first days after Pearl Harbor. When

Japanese Zeros attacked, Kelly stayed at the controls until his crew bailed out. The plane then exploded.

Grote Street

This street was named for an FAA Division Manager responsible for the 1974 overlay of runways, taxiways, and the south ramp. He directed the abandonment of the east west, and north south runways, the dedication of the streets to the City of Columbus, and the dedication of water and sewer lines to City Utilities.

Warren Drive

Warren Drive was named for Bruce Warren, a member of the BOAC.

Cunningham Drive

Cunningham Drive, named for the longest serving member of the BOAC, was previously Bakalar Drive. It was intended to rename only that portion of the street from Central to River Road, but the two isolated blocks on Ray Boll Blvd were also renamed.

Bakalar Drive

Named for Lt. John Bakalar for whom the Air Force base was named, this street provides access to Columbus Municipal Airport from the west.

Poshard Drive

Poshard Drive, between Central and Middle Road was named for Harvey Poshard, the first Airport Manager.

Chapa Drive

Chapa Drive was named for another FAA Division Manager who was instrumental in forwarding the development of the Airport.

Wade Drive

Wade Drive was named for a long-time consulting engineer, Henry Wade, to served the Airport from 1946 to the late 70's. (Also the father of Jim and Joe Wade of R. W. Armstrong, current Airport Consulting Engineers.)

Vickers Court

Vickers Court was constructed in 2001-02 to accommodate what is now Ivy Tech's Corporate Training Institute. Tom Vickers was a previous member of the Aviation Commission.



The Early Years

Left: Some of those playing a part in the airport's creation were, from left, John Hoff, Bruce Warren, Ray Boll, Max Address, and Joe Cunningham.

Below: Bruce Warren negotiated the release of the property from the federal government to create what is the airport today.



Warren, Boll instrumental in transformation of city's airport

Bruce Warren and Ray Boll traveled to Washington, DC in 1972 to convince the federal government to give the former Bakalar Air Base to the city of Columbus. They were successful in their mission, and the city received the deed to the property, which later became Columbus Municipal Airport.

A former Marine Corp F4-U Corsair fighter pilot in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during WWII, Warren was shot down off Okinawa while defending a US Destroyer from a Japanese suicide plane. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Medal with two

gold stars for his heroic action.

Warren was a member of the Board of Aviation Commissioners from 1963 to 1983, an appointment that was a natural continuation of his love for aviation and our airport. During his twenty years of service as a Commissioner, he was instrumental in supporting and guiding the effort to build our present terminal building, which houses Hangar 5 Restaurant, the FBO, Airport Administration, and meeting rooms.

Bruce Warren died April 28, 1984.

Warren

One of the most instrumental figures in the transformation of Columbus Municipal Airport.

Airport Tidbits



Education

The airport is home to Ivy Tech, IUPUC, Purdue, Columbus Learning Center and Indiana Business College.

Industry

Several businesses operate on airport property. The operations range from technical to industrial to service.

Museum

The airport museum website receives 10,000 visits per month. Check it out at atterburybakalarairmuseum.org

CAP

The Civil Air Patrol conducts training exercises each summer at our Columbus Municipal Airport.

HERCULES MAKING FREQUENT VISITS

From a distance, the engines are a monotonous drone, causing people to peer to the sky.

It's a sound unlike any other aircraft. As the large planes draw nearer the sound is unmistakable. It's the C-130, "The Herc."

The Lockheed C-130 Hercules was produced and put into service more than four decades ago.

Its primary function was to fill intratheatre airlift needs. However, as technology and design capabilities advanced, so did the Herc, with basic airframe modifications creating hundreds of configurations to meet the ever-changing environment and mission requirements.

The C-130 Hercules has been operating out of Columbus Municipal

Airport this summer, primarily to transport troops to or from their home bases. Many of these troops pass through Atterbury, which serves as a gateway for Iraq or Afghanistan deployment.

The C-130s, like the troops they carry, come from neighboring states and use our airport for their operations, sometimes practicing take-offs and landings. So, when you see and hear those thundering Allison engines, look up and say a prayer for their safe journey. They are working for you.

The C-130 can operate from rough dirt strips and is the prime transport for paratropping troops and equipment into hostile areas.

In addition, the Herc has been effective in delivering humanitarian relief to Third World countries, and aiding fire fighters in battling forest fires.

At 20,000 ft., the Herc cruises at 374 mph, with a service ceiling of 33,000 ft.

It carries 9680 gal. useable fuel, and has a 12 gal. oil capacity for each of the 4 Allison turbo-prop, 4300 hp engines.

Maximum take-off weight is 155,000 lbs, and it can carry 92



The C-130 runs operations at Columbus Municipal Airport on occasion



troops or 64 paratroops, or 64 litter patients. (these numbers change with different aircraft configurations) Basic crew is 5: 2 pilots, navigator, flight engineer, and loadmaster. (crew number is also contingent upon aircraft configuration).

C-130 Herc Stats:

Cost - \$22.9 million.

Length - 97 ft., 9 in.

Height - 38 ft. 5 in.

Wingspan - 132 ft., 7 in.

Range - 3,000 miles



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