LCK Steps Up Measures to Reduce Energy Consumption

Over the past year, Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK) has made great strides in reducing energy consumption and improving sustainability efforts. Just one lighting upgrade enacted at the airfield maintenance and storage facility, as shown in the above photo, conserved 118,000 kWh – enough energy to power 10 homes for one year.

At the facility, overhead lighting was upgraded to fluorescent fixtures with motion sensors. Because typically only a portion of the sizable space is in use at one time, the result was a significant cost and energy savings. Lighting upgrades were also introduced at the fuel farm, to the exterior of buildings and in administrative office shared spaces such as the copy room, break room and restrooms.

"A small trial of new LED lighting fixtures on the exterior of one building helped the airport to put numbers behind the volume of potential impact," explained Paul Kennedy, Energy & Environment Manager for the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, which operates Rickenbacker International Airport. "We're now able to translate these figures to larger scale executions, and over extended periods of time."

For Rickenbacker area businesses in the AEP Ohio service area, a rebates and incentives program may be available for smart energy use. "Not all Rickenbacker businesses will have access to the AEP Ohio program," noted Kennedy. "Where the program isn't applicable, such as at the airport, businesses may find it still makes financial sense to upgrade. It clearly has for us!"
FTZ #138 Announces 2011 Admissions Volume

After recently commemorating 25 years of helping Central Ohio stay competitive in the global marketplace, **Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) #138** is recognizing the accomplishment of more than $1.16 billion in foreign and domestic products that passed through the zone in 2011.

"Last year many FTZ users saw substantial growth," said Angie Atwood, Administrator for FTZ #138. "Two new usage-driven sites that activated at the end of the year, including retailer Gap Inc., will brighten the already positive trend throughout 2012."

An FTZ is a site within the U.S. that is legally considered outside of Customs territory, so goods may be brought in to the site duty-free and without formal Customs entry thereby enhancing a company’s global competitiveness. As Grantee of FTZ #138, the Columbus Regional Airport Authority has the ability to serve 25 counties in Central Ohio including areas within Rickenbacker Inland Port.

"Many Rickenbacker-area businesses are located in FTZ #138, but some may not yet realize it," explained Atwood. "The process to receive FTZ designation can be accomplished in as little as 30 days." To learn more about FTZ #138 and if your business can benefit, contact Atwood at 614-409-3622.
Annual Wage and Benefit Survey Provides Valuable Information

More than 20 members of the Rickenbacker Employers Assistance Network (REAN) recently participated in the 2012 wage and benefit survey.

The purpose of the survey is to give Rickenbacker-area businesses information on wage and benefits offered by companies in the area. Survey results help employers develop a competitive benefits package and identify potential ways of attracting and retaining employees. The results show that it is common for companies in the Rickenbacker area to offer medical, dental and life insurance as well as short-term disability benefits to their employees.

REAN is a volunteer network of human resource professionals and business owners interested in leveraging their strengths to further develop and grow the Rickenbacker area. Participation in the
group is free. The next meeting is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. on June 13 at Madison Township Community Center, 4575 Madison Lane in Groveport.

Contact Angie Atwood with the Columbus Regional Airport Authority at 614-409-3622 for additional information about the survey and REAN.

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**Join Us for Pull-A-Palooza at Rickenbacker**

This summer, Central Ohio’s first-ever Pull-A-Palooza to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio (RMH) will take place at Rickenbacker International Airport on Saturday, June 30.

Hosted by Lane Aviation, the fun event will bring teams together from throughout the community to test their might in pulling an aircraft, Black Hawk helicopter and more. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams in several categories. To enter, each team is asked to raise funds to help support families in need at the Ronald McDonald House.

Get involved by contacting Jamie Foltz with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio at 614-227-3740 and learn about forming a team or joining an existing team.

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**Change of Guard for Navy Operational Support Center**

Commander Donald Ross will be leaving the Navy Operational Support Center at Rickenbacker in June after more than two years in the role of Commanding Officer. He will be succeeded by Commander John Sterba.

Cmdr. Sterba is a Columbus native who was commissioned through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at The Ohio State University. His naval career has taken him to deployments in the Western Pacific, Japan and South Korea, to a master's degree at the Naval Postgraduate School and most recently to the state of Washington, where he served as the Surface and Expeditionary Requirements Action Officer for the Chief of the Navy Reserve.

"I am proud and honored to be selected to lead the Navy Operational Support Center at Rickenbacker," said Cmdr. Sterba. "I'm pleased to be stationed in my hometown of Columbus and look forward to working with the great men and women who serve here."

Cmdr. Sterba succeeds Cmdr. Ross who has received numerous awards during his 21-year career including the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.
Air National Guard Ramp Reconstruction Under Way

The 121st Air Refueling Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard Base at Rickenbacker recently began a two-year reconstruction project that replaces nearly 160,000 square yards of existing aircraft parking ramp.

The project will be constructed in phases and will extend from the Air National Guard ramp to Taxiway Alpha. The ramp will continue to be used for some aircraft operations while other aircraft have been relocated to areas controlled by the Columbus Regional Airport Authority.

"The Airport Authority and Air National Guard will work closely to coordinate the closing of Taxiway Alpha as needed and phase aircraft operations while Runway 5R-23L is being rehabilitated this summer," explained Eric Hensley, Project Manager for the Airport Authority, who will partner with the Air National Guard on the project to ensure continuous airport operation. "Access control and security will remain high priorities throughout construction."

Other project elements include a new storm drainage system and adjusting to grade existing utility infrastructure, including an underground jet fuel hydrant system. Construction costs are expected to total approximately $21 million, funded by the Department of Defense.

CRLC Event: Demonstrating a New Approach to the Business of Logistics

Calling all logistics executives! The Columbus Region Logistics Council (CRLC) will be hosting an educational event on May 15 titled "Demonstrating a New Approach to the Business of Logistics." The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City.

Among the topics slated for the afternoon are why the White House recently visited the Columbus State Community College LogisticsART program, how well positioned the logistics industry is in Central Ohio and how a successful, national organization is running its business. A surprise guest speaker will be in attendance.

CRLC members as well as non-members can register online for the free event. For more details, contact Lenee Pezzano, LogisticsART Supervisor at 614-287-5613.

Tee Off at the Southeastern Franklin County Chamber Golf
Outing

Come play at the newly renovated Links at Groveport during the Southeastern Franklin County Chamber of Commerce golf outing on Friday, June 1.

The annual event is open to both members and non-members. Cost is $280 per foursome and includes golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, two beverage tickets, team photo and goodie bag. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Register by May 20.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Each sponsor will receive recognition on all marketing material for the event as well as signage at the golf course. Contact Heather Bolin, Chamber Executive Director, at chambersefc@gmail.com or 614-834-7700 for registration and sponsorship information.

Job Fair Coming to Southern Franklin County May 17

Life Skills Center of Columbus Southeast and The Community Partners of Southern Franklin County are teaming up to provide a job fair for employers and job-seekers on Thursday, May 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. The event will take place at the Life Skills Center at 2400 South Hamilton Road in Columbus.

If you are an employer who would like to participate in this event, please contact Eunique Seifullah at 614-863-9185.

Support Rangers Football at the Second Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 12 the Hamilton Township High School Rangers football program will hold its second annual golf scramble fundraiser. Play begins at 1 p.m. at Homestead Springs Golf Course located at 5888 London Lancaster Road in Groveport. For registration details and sponsorship opportunities contact Nathan Hillerich at 614-531-2334.
Community Yard Sale Coming Soon in Hamilton Meadows

On June 1 and 2, the Hamilton Meadows Civic Association will hold their first of two planned community yard sales of the summer. Yard sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The Hamilton Meadows community can be accessed at the following intersections in Columbus:

- Lockbourne Rd. and Secrest Ave.
- Lockbourne Rd. and Edgeview Rd.
- Rathmell Rd. and Astoria Ave.

Email Chris Bush, Hamilton Meadows Civic Association President, for more information.

Summer Concert Series in Groveport Kicks Off June 3

The Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs is again hosting a summer concert series at Heritage Park in Groveport at 7 p.m. on the first and third Sundays in June, July and August.

The series kicks off on June 3 with Loosely Strung playing American bluegrass style music. Voices Off Broadway performs on June 17 and will feature songs and selections from 50 years of musical theater. Visit the Center website to view the complete line-up as it becomes available throughout the summer.

Concessions, provided by area nonprofit organizations, are available at every concert. Concerts
are free but a collection is taken to benefit the Center for Groveport Madison Human Needs. For more information contact Christine Boucher at 614-586-4017.

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