



**AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT
APRIL 2019**



ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



AIRPORT FEES

LAND LEASE AND TIE DOWNS

Airport staff has invoiced and collected tie-down and land lease fees.



THROUGH THE FENCE FEES

Airport Staff has invoiced and collected the 2019 Through the Fence Fees.

AIRFIELD PLOWING AND MOWING

Airport staff is in the process of winding down plowing operations and gearing up for mowing operations

NOISE COMPLAINTS

Airport Management did not receive any noise complaints during the month of April.

AIRPORT PROJECTS

The Snow Removal and Equipment (SRE) building project is scheduled to begin construction in late April.

NATIONAL BASED AIRCRAFT INVENTORY UPDATE

Airport staff has completed updating the National Based Aircraft Inventory. The Erie Municipal Airport is currently home to approximately 177 aircraft, 167 single engine aircraft, six multi engine aircraft, and four helicopters. The number is approximate due to the fact that Airport Staff does not have access to any of the private hangars in the Air Park or any of the private hangars that are off airport property.





AIRPORT INSPECTIONS

Airport staff performed daily and weekly inspections of the airport. These inspections include but may not be limited to:

- Ensure all NOTAMs are current
- Check for FOD (foreign object debris). Remove as needed
- Inspect condition of the runway surface, and markings
- Inspect condition of the taxiway and connector surfaces and markings and Performing routine maintenance as needed
- Inspect performance of runway and taxiway lighting and signs and performing routine maintenance as needed
- Inspect performance of navigational lighting performing routine maintenance as needed
- Inspect condition of the ramp areas
- Ensure tied down aircraft are secure
- Inspect all airport equipment and vehicles and performing routine maintenance as needed.
- Inspect all airport wind socks for wear. Replace as needed
- Inspect segmented circle. Perform maintenance as needed



FUEL SALES

YEAR-TO-DATE FUEL SALES

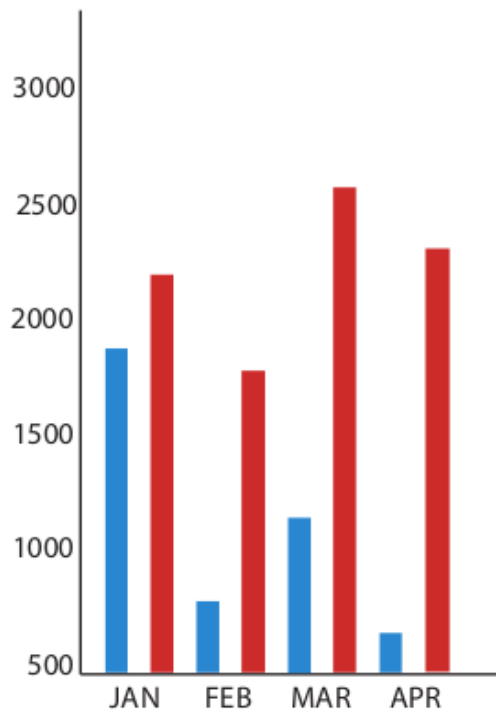
	JetA	100LL
January	1833	2153
February	712	1733
March	1097	2525
April	584	2262

APRIL FUEL SALES

Total gallons of fuel sold to date

JetA – 584

100LL – 2262



Key: ■ JetA
■ 100LL



FUEL ISLAND INSPECTIONS

Airport staff continues to perform daily, weekly and monthly inspections of the fuel island. These inspections include but may not be limited to:

- Physical inspection of tank exteriors, including fitting, valves, connections etc, for leaks
- Verify security of ladders
- Inspect tanks opening to ensure proper seal
- Inspect overfill prevention equipment and spill bucket
- Inspect tanks for contamination by water
- Inspect the area around the tanks for signs of leakage
- Verify fuel levels and alert Airport Management if fuel needs to be purchased
- Sump fuel tanks to check for contamination





AIRPORT FACT OF THE MONTH – THE HISTORY OF THE ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Special Thanks to Bev Cameron, former Air Park Resident, for providing historical information.

Forty two years ago, a gentleman named Tom Pierce and his business partners had a vision. They envisioned a private airport in the Town of Erie, with a few homes to help support the project. The business partners annexed the airport property, located on the southeastern edge of the town, into the Town of Erie and began selling properties in 1977. Home construction began in 1977 and the Tri-County Airport was born.

As the project progressed the partners realized the need to open the airport to the public to help support fuel sales, a maintenance facility, and a flight school that were planned at the airport. By 1978, the Fixed Base Operations building, the maintenance shop, flight school and a fuel island were in place and a Grand Opening was held.



Another vision the partners

had was a restaurant at the airport. So, the partners bought a Convair 990 and moved it to the Tri-County Airport and perched it on pillars. Moving the aircraft was quite an endeavor. It took at least 14 vehicles to move the plane, in pieces, from the old Stapleton Airport to Tri-County Airport. The restaurant opened in 1980 as BJ Strawberries at the Convair and operated for 10 years. It was a sight to see driving along Highway 7! The aircraft was dismantled and sold for scrap in 1996. The building

still exists today as an office building.

As a privately owned entity, the owners struggled to maintain the airport and the runways. They finally convinced the FAA to designate the airport as a reliever airport for the Jefferson County Airport. This allowed Tri-County Airport to obtain grant money for airport projects, the first of which was to resurface Runway 15/33. Even with the existence of an Airport Maintenance Fund, and the airport being named by the FAA as a reliever airport, the owners were not able to generate enough money to pay for the matching funds required for the grants and the airport fell into disrepair.

In 1994, the Town of Erie purchased the airport using FAA and Town funds.



Today, the Erie Municipal Airport is a thriving entity in the Town of Erie! In 2013, CDOT published its latest Economic Impact Study for Colorado Airports. The Economic Impact from the Erie Municipal Airport is derived from on-airport activities such as the administration, maintenance and operation of the airport as well as the activities of airport tenants that provide jobs and services to airport customers. Additionally, the approximately 9000 visitors who fly into the airport spend money locally on food, lodging, transportation and retail purchases. These purchases in turn support local businesses. The State of Colorado Economic Impact from the Erie Municipal Airport in 2013 is estimated to be over \$12,800,000. The Colorado Department of Transportation is in the process of generating the next Impact Study.



In the past, the airport has received approximately \$550,000.00 per year in grants for improvements, including a new concrete apron, updates to the taxiways, new runway lights, new fuel tanks and new taxiway lighting. The funds for these projects come from the FAA, the State of Colorado, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Town of Erie. The grant funds from CDOT are funded entirely from aviation fuel sales taxes. The funding provided from the Town of Erie come from the Airport Enterprise Fund, which is completely funded by aviation fuel sales, tie-down fees, through-the-fence fees and hangar land leases.

Many people who are unfamiliar with the airport are surprised by the many activities that take place at the airport and how much of a benefit the airport is to the surrounding communities. The airport provides over 100 jobs to people in varying professions. Vector Air's Flight School provides fixed-wing aircraft instruction for future airline pilots and military pilots. Vector Air's aircraft service center provides FAA inspections, service and repairs for both single and twin engine aircraft. Vector Air Management manages the airport.



Rocky Mountain Propellers is an FAA/EASA approved repair facility and an acknowledged leader for quality servicing of propellers, piston governors and PT-6 governors. The staff of highly trained technicians equipped to serve the aviators of the Rocky Mountain region and throughout the world.



Angel Flight is a nation-wide organization that provides transportation on a non-emergency basis, to critically ill people who may need to travel distances for treatment. The "Angel" pilots who fly the flights donate their time, aircraft and fuel to get the patients where they need to go.

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Airmen from Buckley Air Force Base and soldiers from Fort Carson regularly train here at Erie Municipal Airport. From here they are assigned to bases all over the world, working to protect our freedom.

During the devastating floods in September 2013, the National Forest service utilized the airport for refueling their helicopters during search and rescue operations of flood victims.

The Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to give interested young people, ages 8 - 17, an opportunity to fly in general aviation aircraft. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers. Many of these kids will go on to become aviation professionals.



Pilots N Paws is a non-profit organization where private pilots provide free transport to organizations who rescue animals from high-kill shelters to rescues or forever homes. Today the organization has 3,168 pilot volunteers and 10,551 volunteers. Each year, the volunteers of Pilots N Paws save thousands of lives. Those lives come in the form of any animal that can be transported using a plane. Dogs, cats, pigs, reptiles and rabbits are just a few who have taken one of our flights. About 40 rescued animals have been flown in to KEIK in the last two years on Pilots N Paws missions.

The Erie Municipal Airport has in the past and will continue in the future, to play a vital role in the economy of the Town of Erie and the surrounding communities.