

Boise Airport Connections

December 2007

Civil Aviation of China Visit to Boise Airport

In mid-November, Boise Airport welcomed a delegation from the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) during their visit to the United States.

The purpose of their visit was to understand the impact of migrating a CAT-I/Type I operation to a CAT-II on Type I operation using the Heads-up Guidance System (HGS). To view this system, they visited Boise to have an understanding of the operation and that

using HGS to attain CAT-II operations on a Type I field can save them money and airport budget.

This was the first of two delegations that will visit Boise over the next couple of months. The second visit is scheduled for December.

The contingent includes representatives from various departments and division of the CAAC:

- Flight standards
- Airport department

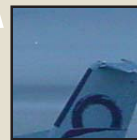
- Air traffic management bureau
- Safety technology center
- China eastern regional administration
- Air traffic station
- Air traffic center
- New airport design study

Boise is no stranger to hosting guests from other U.S. airports or countries, especially since opening the new terminal in 2003.



Members of the CAAC delegation with representatives from FAA, Rockwell Collins, and Boise Airport.

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Boise Airport (BOI)

providing present and future aviation infrastructure needs of general aviation, military aviation and air carrier aviation.



The World is Coming to Idaho

Boise Airport is the gateway to Southwestern Idaho. In February 2009, we will be a gateway for the world as athletes, coaches, officials, families, and friends from 85 countries arrive in Boise for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

This event, February 6-13, will showcase the skills of over 3,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities. Competitions include: alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, floor hockey, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and speed skating.

These athletes will also be bringing their coaches, delegates, friends, and families. So, airlines, concessions, and rental car companies can expect a large majority of these

participants and guests traveling via commercial air service.

However, the fixed base operators should also be prepared for celebrities and other guests who may arrive via general aviation or chartered aircraft.

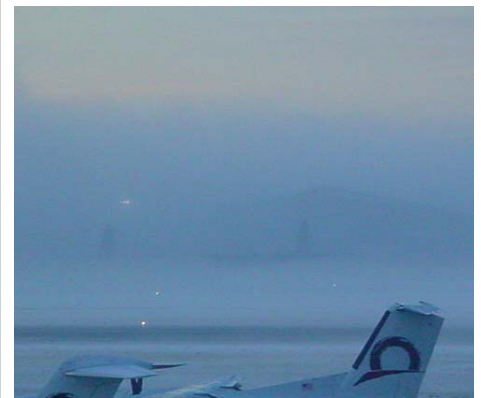
A 2008 invitational is also planned as a prelude to the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games. It is currently scheduled for February 25-28, 2008 with 540 athletes representing 10 countries, including all 50 states.

In the next 18 months, Boise Airport will have a great opportunity to make an impression. There are also opportunities for volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.2009worldgames.org.

Flying in the Fog Just Got Easier

You may recall that the FAA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with City in August 2006 which outlined establishing a Category III instrument landing system (CAT-III ILS), which reduces landing minimums down to 600 ft. with properly equipped aircraft, for Boise by Spring 2008.

That portion of the agreement was finalized on November 15 when the CAT-III was officially activated. Ironically, this was the same day the CAAC visited to learn more about our CAT-II operations on a CAT-I system. (See story on front page.)



Inspections, Inspections, Inspections

With the introduction of our new CAT-III ILS, which brings landing minimums down to 600 ft. from 1200 ft. with properly equipped aircraft, BOI is required to have a Surface Movement Guidance & Control System Plan (SMGCS).

Recently the FAA inspected and exercised our plan and was exceptionally impressed with coordination and cooperation demonstrated by air traffic control tower and BOI personnel. They intend to suggest to other airports that they consider modeling their plans and procedures after BOI's. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

Doug Albert
BOI Deputy Director
Business Affairs



Airport Officers sworn in as BPD Officers

During a ceremony on October 1, Boise Airport Police Officers were sworn in as Boise Police Officers which officially integrated Airport Police into the Boise Police Department (BPD).

From the Director's Desk

I would like to express my appreciation to all in welcoming my family and myself to Boise and the Boise Aviation Department. I especially thank those who organized the ice cream welcome. How did you know I have a weakness for ice cream? I have had the opportunity to visit several work areas on the airport and have visited with quite a few of you. For those who have not received a visit, do not get discouraged as I have not forgotten you. I very much look forward to working with each of you as part of the aviation department team.

I have received several inquiries as what my expectations are regarding the operation of the airport. So here they are:

- I expect us to excel at **Communicating** with the customers we serve, other departments within the city, and especially with each other. It has been shown that communicating effectively reduces stress and tension. It also reduces negative conflict within the work place and increases productivity and overall job satisfaction. As I have stated to several of you already, "You may not like or agree with what is said, but at least you will receive the information and you will be informed."
- I expect us to **Act professionally** in all aspects of our jobs, to perform our jobs to the best of our abilities, and to take pride in what we do. Because we provide a service to the public, we all work in a fishbowl environment with many eyes watching us each day. Displaying a high level of professionalism is paramount to our overall success in operating and maintaining the airport and its facilities.
- I expect us all to **Respect** each other. In what we say, what we do, and how we treat each other. Remember, respect is earned. To receive it, one must show it. Enough said!
- Above all, I expect us to work together as a team. To treat each other **Equally**. For us to succeed in providing a premier service and facility to the City of Boise and surrounding region we must work together at it. No one individual, including myself, can operate or maintain this facility. It takes all of us working together to accomplish that goal. We must not only work together as a department, but also as part of a city.

In short, **I CARE**. Do you?

More to come.

- Richard McConnell, A.A.E.



K-9 Teams Pass Inspection. Good Dog.

After five days of testing, the Airport K9 teams passed their annual TSA certification. Five K9 teams have certified (the sixth team is out on medical).

Two TSA evaluators from the National Explosive Detection Canine Program in San Antonio, TX were in Boise to conduct the testing. The teams were evaluated on their ability to search aircraft, luggage, vehicles, cargo facilities, and the airport terminal. Three of the teams passed with 100%, and two teams with 94%.

I would like to thank BPD, Airport staff, and the airlines for supporting us over the last year.



Officer Damer & Yuma.

Officer Anthony Damer,
Boise Police Department
Airport Division K9 Unit



**American Red Cross
Blood Drive**

**Friday, December 14
9AM to 2PM
Boise River Room**

Donate and be entered
into a raffle for one of the following:

**Two night stay at White Tail Resort
(McCall)**

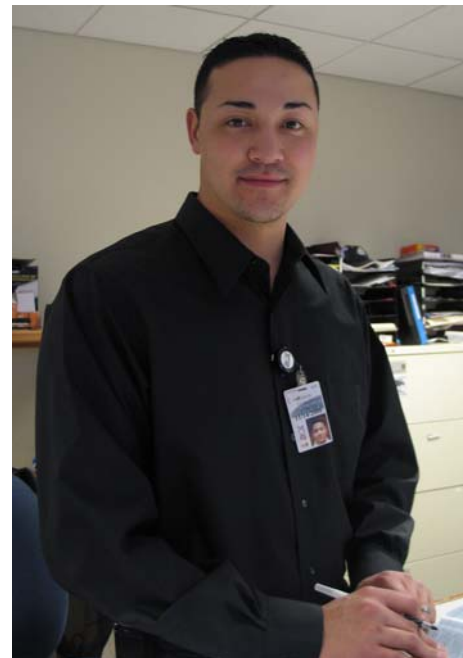
\$100 Stinker Station Gas card

Bogus Basin Day Ski Pass

To schedule an appointment contact
Larissa ter Veer
208-383-3110 or
lterveer@cityofboise.org

New Names, New Faces, and New Titles

You may have noticed that Larissa Stouffer is now Larissa ter Veer. That's because on October 13, Larissa and Dirk ter Veer were united in marriage in a very aviation-themed wedding.



Airport Operations has a couple of new faces. On November 13, Todd Smith (left) and Justin Ulrich (right) joined the staff.

Senior airport management has a goal of improving the quality and methods of training at the airport. One of the key elements of this program has been to establish a Training Coordinator position that can lead this effort. Gary Smith was selected to fill this position. Gary transitioned from Airport Operations to his new position on November 15th.

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Thursday, December 6
Boise Airport Commission
9AM
Salmon River Room

Friday, December 14
Red Cross Blood Drive
9AM to 2PM
Boise River Room
Contact Larissa ter Veer
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to schedule an appointment

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day (City Holiday)

Tuesday, January 1
New Year's Day (City Holiday)



Friday, January 4
Air Traffic Control Tower
Groundbreaking

Monday, January 7
10AM
2nd Floor Rotunda
World War II Army Air Corp statue
proposal unveiling

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will be issued at the beginning of each quarter. Please submit stories, events, announcements, and pictures to lterveer@cityofboise.org no later than February 15, 2008. Items that do not make it for the issue may be held until the following issue.