

MINOT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEWSLETTER




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Greetings!

2024 is looking to be a busy year for Minot International Airport (MOT)! We have future construction projects, a Fly-In and pancake feed, a tabletop exercise and more. We look forward to seeing everyone and continuing to work together to have an adventurous and prosperous year!

Top News

New ARFF Truck
Delivered!

Operations Techs
Journey to Snow
Symposium



New ARFF Truck



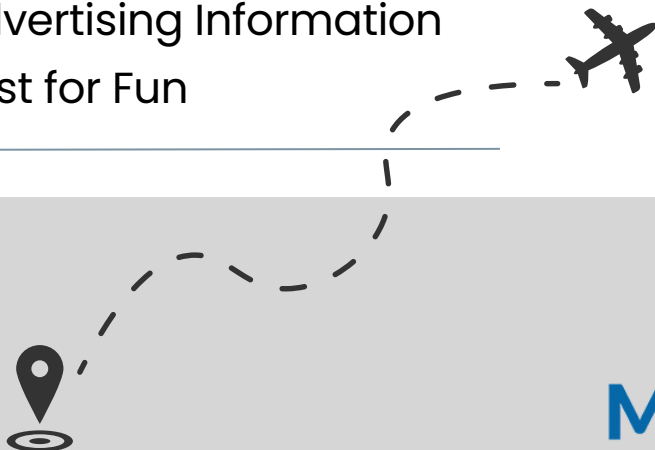
The new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) truck has arrived.

This has been two years in the making and MOT is very proud to have the new truck on board. This helps ensure that the Fire Station 3 has the proper equipment for the safety of the passengers and crew.

What a Beauty!

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Employee of the Quarter



Congratulations to our Office and Administrative Assistant Brittany Schriock on being named Employee of the quarter. Brittany is professional, friendly, and a hardworking employee. We greatly appreciate her dedication to MOT and her respect for all passengers and tenants that come in and out of our office. Congratulations Brittany!



Newsletter Highlight

Operations Technicians travel to the International Aviation Snow Symposium

Brandon, Airport Operations and Maintenance Technician, earning 2nd place during the annual Snow Plow Rodeo!

Great Job Brandon!



A heavy snowstorm can easily cost an airport a good chunk of money for snow and ice removal alone. Associated operating delays commonly multiply the cost, and the value of the time lost by air travelers is practically incalculable but very real, nevertheless.

Fortunately, these costs and delays can be minimized by sound strategies, effective equipment and efficient techniques for coping with snow, slush and ice. These elements are exactly what the annual International Aviation Snow Symposium is all about.

Two of MOT's Operations Technicians had the opportunity to attend 2024's annual Snow Symposium conference. At the conference they were able to learn about equipment, technique, and how other airports handle their weather. Making the most of their time there they also decided to enter into the annual snowplow rodeo with Brandon earning 2nd place.

Thank you to all of our techs for keeping the runways and terminal open and ensuring we continue to run no matter what mother nature throws our way!





Upcoming Construction Projects

Coming in Summer 2024

- T-Hangar Taxilane Reconstruction
- B2 Reconstruction
- F Taxiway Repair
- Wetland/Wildlife mitigation
- Drainage Improvements
- Crack Sealing (airside and landside)
- Painting



Notices will be sent out and displayed at the FBO for tenants once project timelines become more certain.

MOT UPDATES



FUEL FARM

During a winter freeze we lost the main pump for the fuel farm. Through some ingenuity and elbow grease Gefroh was able to get us by until a new pump could be purchased. After alot of hard work the pump was purchased and over the last week installed.

The contractors (Gefroh and O'Day) were able to come out and get in installed faster than expected which was a great Thursday morning surprise for MOT.

Thank you to the contractors, MOT Operations, and Avflight for working together to get this accomplished.

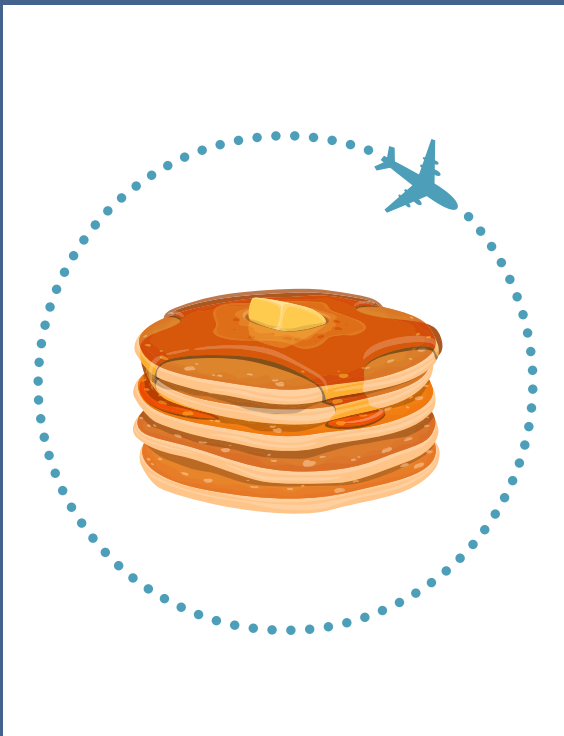


FLY-IN AND PANCAKE FEED

MOT, in conjunction with the General Aviation Community, is working on planning a fly-in for this summer. The date has not been set as we are waiting for the planned construction dates for the taxiways/taxilanes, but a notice will be sent when we know more.

We are reaching out to local boy scouts and other groups to see if they would be interested in hosting the event and selling some delicious breakfast to some hungry pilots. It is our goal to make the day spectacular and highlight our partners in General Aviation.

Once the date is set anyone who would like to volunteer to help plan the event, please reach out to Jessica Long at jessica.long@minotnd.gov



Letter from the Director



It seems like time flies at the Minot International Airport. I can't believe it is already May. The rest of the year is going to be just as busy as our construction season starts to gear up.

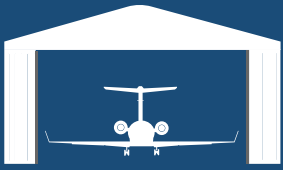
We have many projects planned to help maintain, repair, and improve the airport's safety and efficiency. The first project is the taxilane/taxiway reconstruction which includes the replacement of the grass between the T-Hangars with a paved surface. We anticipate this will help with some of the area's drainage issues and also expedite the winter snow removal. Taxiway B2 and a portion of taxiway F are also scheduled to be repaired during this project. The approval of the wetland/wildlife mitigation grants will enable the airport to improve drainage and prevent wildlife attractions on airport property. As we all know birds and planes do not go well together. Crack sealing will begin both landside and airside along with summertime painting. If that wasn't enough on our plates the terminal's restaurant Trestle Tap House is doing a major update to its space in order to better service our passengers.

As we all know the winter was rough with an arctic blast. It took out the Jet A fuel pump. The new redundant pump system just finished up last week. In addition to last year's front-end loader, continuous friction monitoring equipment (CFME), and other equipment, the airport purchased a new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) truck. Station 3 anticipates being fully trained on it by mid-month and ready to bring it online at that time.

At the end of 2023, Allegiant added a new destination flight to Sandford/Orlando. This family-friendly destination continues to create high load factors and increased enplanement numbers for the airport. I will be attending ACI-NA's JumpStart Conference mid-month and I hope to entice more flights and destinations from the airlines.

The airport is helping to plan a pancake feed and Fly-In on the General Aviation ramp planned for some time this summer. If you are interested in helping plan or volunteering for the event please contact, Jessica Long at 701-389-8345 The airport has a number of new faces or new roles, so please take the time to introduce yourself to our newest team members: Mike P. (Operations); Conner W. (Facilities); and Judy N. (Security).

It has been a very busy and productive year so far for MOT. Let's hope for a summer of blue skies and tailwinds!



General Aviation Tenant Spotlight



MINOT AERO CENTER

The Minot Aero Center is a locally owned & operated business. It was founded in 1952 by Alfred Pietsch offering crop spraying and flight instruction. In 2009, Warren Pietsch partnered with Brian Sturm to expand the business to a full-service fixed base operation (FBO). After 9 years, they sold the maintenance department and flight department portions of the business to Jay Blessum.

Over the years, Jay expanded his experience and gained important knowledge and the training necessary to provide maintenance on those aircraft. With this firsthand knowledge, he was able to grow the business to include PT6 maintenance.

The business has grown into a full-service shop providing quality maintenance for their customers as well as on call maintenance. They also provide flight instruction (private pilot; instrument; commercial; certificated flight instructor; certificated flight instructor instrument; multi-engine rating; multi-engine instructor; tailwheel; and complex.) You can get everything accomplished including knowledge and practical testing right at the Minot Aero Center.



The Minot Aero Center is a family operated business that provides excellent service in flight instruction, aircraft rentals, pilot services, aircraft maintenance, testing center services, and more. If you are new to aviation or a lifetime enthusiast, they are excited to help you meet your aviation goals and needs!

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Terminal Tenant Spotlight



THE TRESTLE TAP HOUSE

The Trestle Tap House is located on the second floor of the Minot International Airport terminal. The restaurant is located post-security and the offer full-service pre-security on the mezzanine. The Tap House is a full-service restaurant and bar that offers a variety of flavors including some North Dakota favorites.

The gift area also offers a variety of items for those including last minute travel accessories and a plethora of North Dakota themed items to bring home.

The Tap House also provides the opportunity for customers to order ahead through the Oak2Go app and online:

<https://orders.hazlnut.com/menu/b/Oakwells/n/156/p/29/g/1216>



In a rush?
ORDER AHEAD



oakwells.com



Trestle Tap House Renovation

Trestle Tap House is excited about the upcoming renovation of the existing space. The renovation will feature a more modern, sleeker space for travelers to shop, dine and relax.

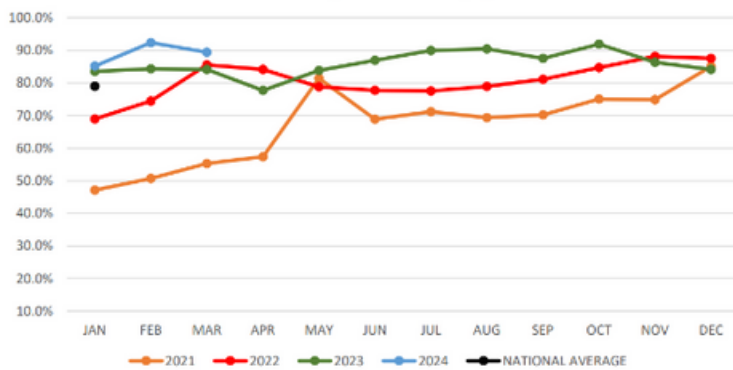
We will be featuring an updated menu with a few new items to include Breakfast Tacos, Make your Own Omelette, Philly Flatbread, Chicken Bacon Ranch Flatbread, Garlic Parmesan Wings, Jalapeno Poppers.



The Business of Airports

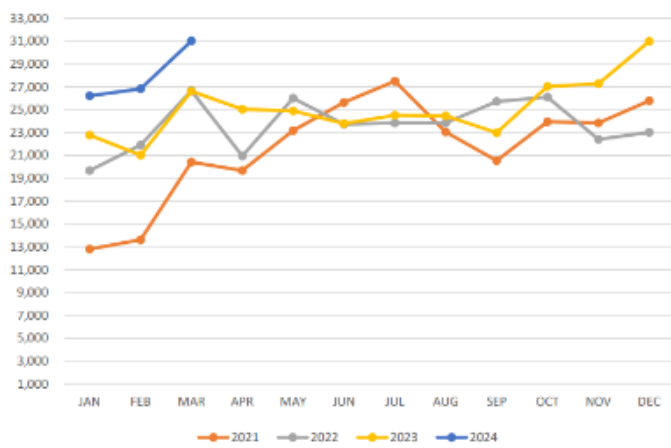


Monthly Load Factor (%)



With the addition of the newest destination of Sanford Orlando the Airport has been busier during the first few months of the year than normal. These flights have had consistently high load factors performing well above our averages the first quarter averages in 2023 and the national average.

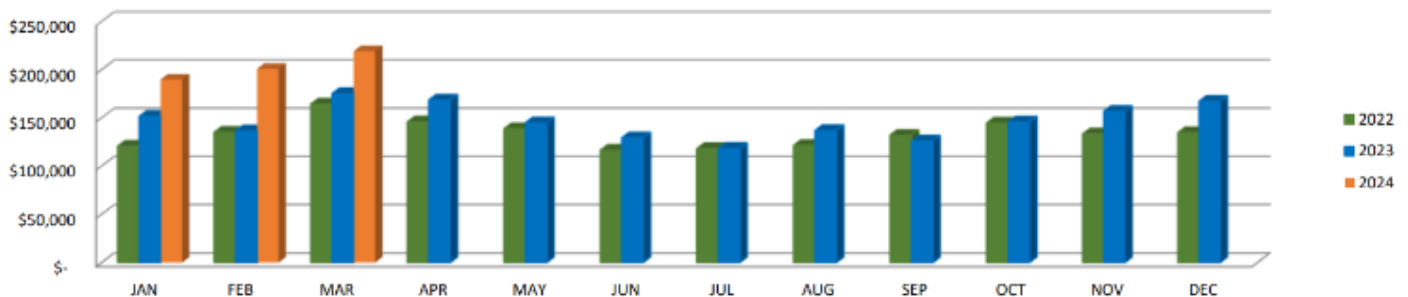
Total Passengers



With the increase of flights, the concessionaires in and around the airport have had growth and a great start to 2024. Comparison to 2021-2023 numbers shows statistically lower averages in the Jan-March timeframe.

MOT is grateful for the hard work and dedication from all of our tenants and partners who continue to work hard and provide amazing service to our community and beyond.

Parking Revenue



Do not forget

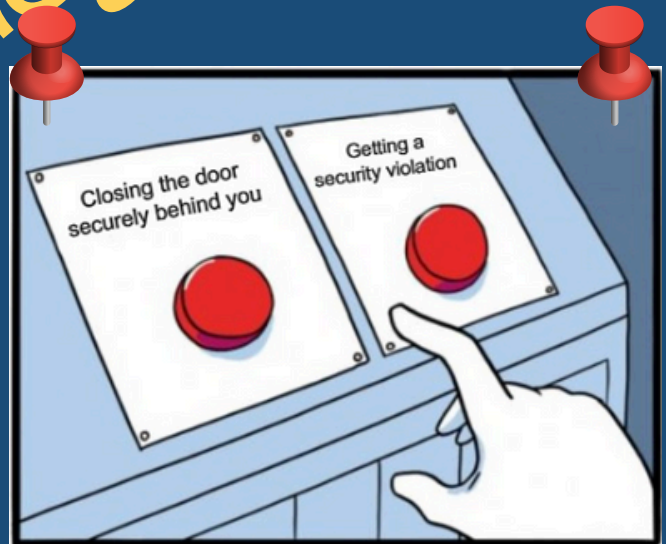
Your guests and visitors are your responsibility. If you allow a visitor to drive on the Airport make sure to brief them ahead of time and escort your visitors at all times.

Never leave a guest to find their way off of the Airport alone!

Reminder

Do not allow others to follow through at gates or doors. When you pass through a gate or secured door for access to the Airport.

It is your responsibility to assure that no one follows behind you and that the gate or door closes securely behind you.



Remember it is everyone's responsibility to help keep the Airport secure

UPCOMING EVENTS



May 2024

- **Project Clean for MOT**
 - **Start Date: 05.03.24**
 - **Location: Fenceline and Airport Property**
 - **Dumpsters will be available for tenant use 04.29.24 through 05.03.24**
- **Stop the Bleed Training Exact Date TDB**

June 2024

**MOT Tabletop
Exercise
06.27.24
8:00-12:00
Ward County
Room 106**

- **PACE Aviation Camp - 5th and 6th Graders**
 - **Start Date: 06.10.24**
 - **Location: Dakota Territory Air Museum**
- **ACE Aviation Camp - 3rd and 4th Graders**
 - **Start Date: 06.19.24**
 - **Location: Dakota Territory Air Museum**

July 2024

- **ACE Aviation Camp - 3rd and 4th Graders**
 - **Start Date: 07.15.24**
 - **Location: Dakota Territory Air Museum**



Advertising Opportunities at Minot International Airport

Digital

- 65"-80" Displays
- Prices start at \$125/Month

Wall Mounted

- Pre and Post Security locations available
- Prices start at \$250/month

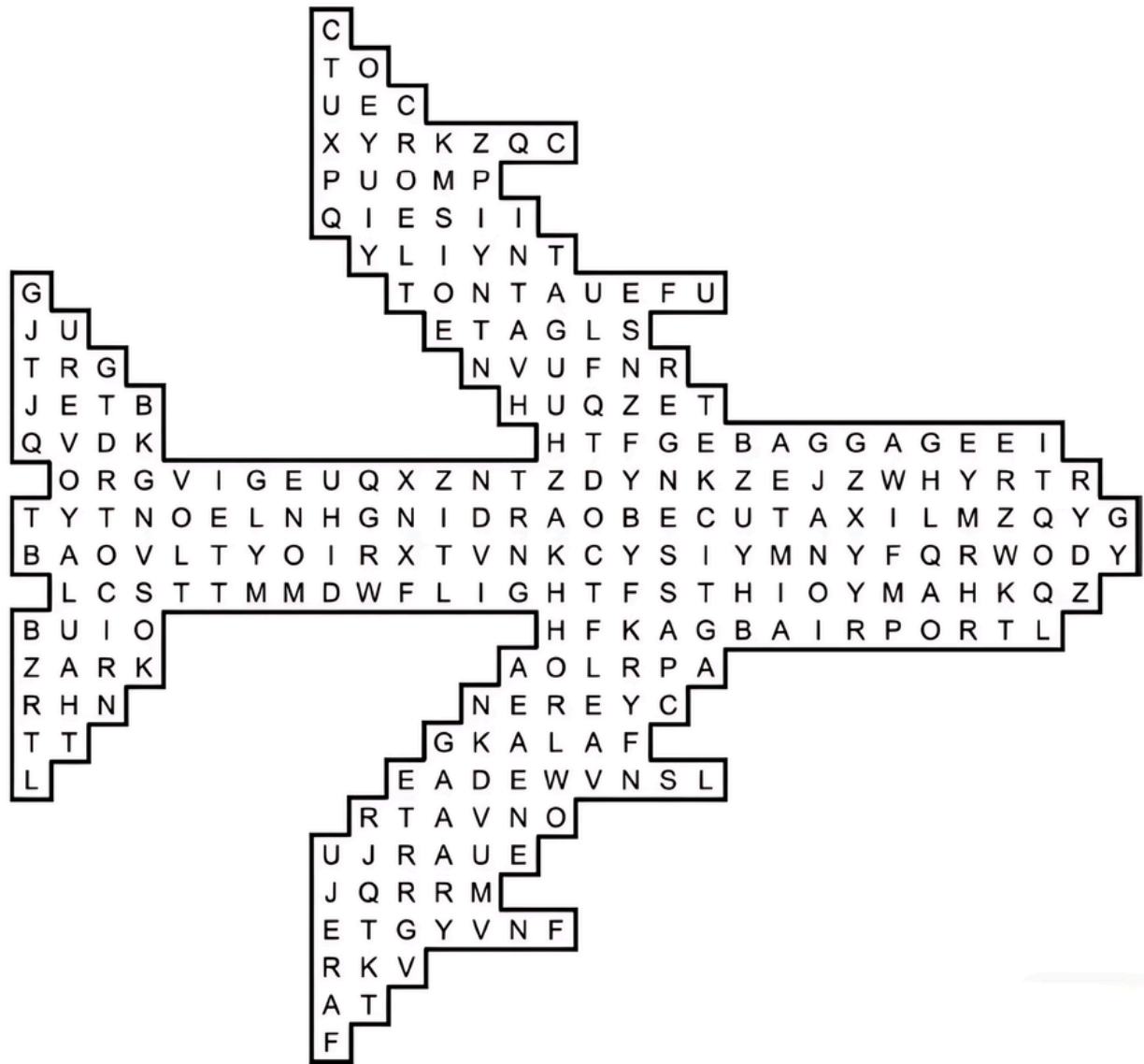
Window Clings

- Available in passenger hold room
- Prices start at \$400/month

Start from
\$125
/Month

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