



ADDISON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE AIR TRAFFIC MANAGER

It was a fairly quiet month at Addison Tower with no news to report. I will discuss one new issue a little later in this edition of the *Newsletter*. If you have any requests for topics to be discussed in next month's issue of the *Newsletter*, just send an email to the address below.

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I received this photo from one of our *Newsletter* recipients. I thought you might like to see it, as well. He reminded me that the hummingbird is the symbol of the American Helicopter Association because a helicopter can do everything a hummingbird can.



Thanks, Don!



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CLASS DELTA AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS

The month of March brought Addison a new issue that we have not frequently experienced in the past. There were five (5) instances of aircraft entering the Addison Class Delta airspace without making radio contact and receiving the required permission to enter from the tower. We have not had this many such cases reported at Addison in the past four (4) years put together, and now we have seen this number in one month.

I know that the readers of this *Newsletter* are very aware and abide by the rules regarding airspace entry. I have had numerous discussions with many of you about the subject of Class Delta and Class Bravo entry. This mention of the issue is meant to remind anyone that might be reading the *Newsletter* for the first time, or is just beginning to learn to fly in the area, that the Dallas area airspace is very complicated. A pilot needs to know exactly what the procedures are to move about the airspace, where and when they have to be in contact with a tower or approach control, and at what altitudes the differing airspace classes are in effect.

There are many, many aircraft flying in the DFW area at any time. This includes the Addison area. The collision hazard created by an aircraft flying into the controlled airspaces without permission is a very real one. One of this month's violators came very close to an IFR aircraft inbound to ADS. The controller issued the traffic call to the IFR aircraft and that pilot saw and avoided the intruder, but that might not always be the case.

I would ask all instructors reading this *Newsletter* to talk with your students and verify that they know how to use the charts, the requirements for contacting towers and/or approach control before entering Class Delta and Bravo airspace, and the dangers of not following these procedures.

GPS ADVISORY

I sent this out on Friday, March 30, 2012, but thought I would attach it with the *Newsletter* for anyone that might have missed it. The advisory may affect those of you utilizing GPS equipment and flying today, April 2 and Wednesday, April 4. Be sure to check the Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) before you depart for any further updates.



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ADDISON AIR TRAFFIC COUNTS

Total traffic counts for March were down 4.1%. IFR counts were very slightly up, but VFR count declines made the negative difference. It appears that the price of fuel is affecting our users again. We did have a few days of weather (fog and rain) but not enough to make a huge impact.

March Total traffic was down 4.1% from the same month in 2011.

March IFR traffic was up 0.6% from the same month in 2011.

March VFR traffic was down 7.4% from the same month in 2011.

March Itinerant count was down 14.1% from the same month in 2011.

March Local operations were up 15.8% from the same month in 2011.

March Over-flight count was down 18.3% from the same month in 2011.

JANUARY COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	16	690	2353	2	0	274	4362	28	7725	465	0	465	156	57	126	5	0	52	646	11	1053	9243

ADS '12	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	5	722	2143	8	0	213	3957	13	7061	417	0	417	289	122	245	3	0	38	554	6	1257	8735

FEBRUARY COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	22	793	2358	20	0	221	3074	9	6497	347	4	351	207	74	171	0	0	52	578	5	1087	7935

ADS '12	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	3	787	2295	9	0	156	3831	19	7100	701	4	705	267	116	216	7	0	59	472	94	1231	9036



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MARCH COUNTS 2011 AND 2012

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	22	787	2709	21	2	257	4434	29	8261	609	0	609	324	106	244	1	0	57	762	12	1506	10376

ADS '12	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	4	814	2431	8	0	210	4155	19	7641	555	0	555	464	185	336	4	0	125	547	92	1753	9949

APRIL COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	18	883	2568	7	0	377	3926	19	7798	469	5	474	292	69	186	3	0	55	590	11	1206	9478

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	6	575	2134	8	1	247	3687	33	6691	570	0	570	294	93	208	5	0	60	725	5	1390	8651

MAY COUNTS 2010 and 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	14	774	2676	8	1	358	4443	39	8313	793	0	793	222	74	161	5	0	75	602	9	1148	10254

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	6	521	1680	7	0	220	3593	32	6059	411	0	411	393	139	355	4	1	64	713	10	1679	8149



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JUNE COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	27	810	2525	3	0	318	4518	20	8221	788	0	788	240	80	211	8	0	47	568	21	1175	10184

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	7	512	1453	14	0	299	4330	32	6647	620	0	620	409	194	422	5	0	70	864	14	1978	9245

JULY COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	12	791	2442	12	0	282	4315	22	7876	1550	4	1554	299	96	182	2	0	37	540	14	1170	10600

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	3	498	1652	10	0	234	4655	26	7078	635	0	635	273	134	227	7	0	47	776	18	1482	9195

AUGUST COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	17	783	2220	14	1	349	5110	22	8516	971	0	971	192	82	139	4	0	31	602	5	1055	10542

ADS '11	Itinerant									Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA
Total	1	605	1867	10	0	322	4257	15	7077	583	0	583	284	167	292	5	0	55	644	5	1452	9112



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SEPTEMBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	13	804	2571	7	0	239	3892	25	7551	610	0	610	230	59	193	1	0	37	378	9	907	9068

ADS '11	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	6	611	2065	6	0	362	4531	32	7613	593	0	593	147	70	149	0	0	48	645	2	1061	9267

OCTOBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	12	760	2527	8	0	299	5462	45	9113	532	2	534	253	73	186	3	0	37	518	6	1076	10723

ADS '11	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	2	594	2290	16	0	318	4668	30	7918	597	0	597	215	137	242	9	0	113	687	8	1411	9926

NOVEMBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	30	909	2566	7	0	255	4357	35	8159	639	0	639	190	69	194	3	0	34	528	7	1025	9823

ADS '11	Itinerant								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		
Total	18	696	2211	15	0	263	3559	23	6785	660	2	662	286	122	258	6	0	65	488	11	1236	8683



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DECEMBER COUNTS 2010 AND 2011

ADS '10	Itinerant								Local			Overflight								Total Ops		
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR				Total	
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI					AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		AC
Total	33	962	2351	10	0	299	4328	32	8015	445	0	445	232	72	143	5	0	32	708	10	1202	9662

ADS '11	Itinerant								Local			Overflight								Total Ops		
	IFR				VFR				Total	CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR				Total	
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI					AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI		AC
Total	15	860	2139	17	0	186	3387	11	6615	428	0	428	196	85	180	3	0	54	503	3	1024	8067

Itinerant = Aircraft that land/take off from ADS airport.

Local = Aircraft operating in the local traffic pattern (touch-and-goes, low-approaches, etc.).

Overflight = Aircraft that enter/exit the ADS Class Delta Airspace from points other than ADS airport.

AC = Air Carrier

AT = Air Taxi

GA = General Aviation

MI = Military

ADDISON IFR TRAFFIC COUNTS

Month	Count
01/12	3335
02/12	3700
03/12	4248
04/11	3323
05/11	3105
06/11	3036
07/11	2804
08/11	3231
09/11	3054
10/11	3505
11/11	3612
12/11	3495
Total	40448