



ADDISON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE AIR TRAFFIC MANAGER

The first month of 2012 seems to have flown by us. The tower had seven (7) developmental controllers fighting for training time on position. We had a large amount of other supplemental and refresher training to accomplish for all personnel. Both of these kept everyone busy.

Addison Airport did not encounter any Runway Incursions in January, but we did have one Surface Incident in which a vehicle entered a taxiway without a clearance. We will continue to keep the focus on this issue and encourage each of the airport users to assist us in educating folks that are not routinely on the airport or new to Addison about the unusual position of the Hold Short lines along Taxiway Alpha and the proper actions when encountering these lines.

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RUNWAY SAFETY ACTION TEAM MEETING

As was stated in last month's *Newsletter*, Addison Tower and Airport Management will be hosting the annual Local Runway safety Action Team Meeting (LRSAT) on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 from 2 PM until 4 PM in the Addison Airport Conference Room, 16051 Addison Road, Suite 220, 75001. I have again attached the official invitation for all tenants and users to come and participate.

We welcome any new insights and suggestions on ways to make the airport a safer environment. As several have already done, please RSVP so we will know how many folks to prepare for and possibly get some information from you prior to the event. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

CONGRATULATIONS

Please join the tower personnel in congratulating Jason S. on becoming the newest Certified Professional Controller at Addison Tower. He has now certified on all control positions in the facility.



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We have four (4) controllers that are still training on the Local Control (Tower) position and two (2) that have begun training on the Flight Data/Clearance delivery/Ground Control positions.

The entire training process from entering the facility to Certified Professional Control status generally takes nine (9) months to one (1) year to complete for employees with no previous experience. You will be hearing a lot of these new voices on your radios in the coming months.

PLEASE USE YOUR CALL SIGN

The tower personnel have advised me, and I have observed when performing my required operational monitoring, that many pilots are not stating their call signs when reading back a clearance or a control instruction received from the controllers. Several pilots have voiced their annoyance at the controller for requesting them to read back the acknowledgement and include the call sign in the read back.

Please understand that the controller is required to hear the call sign with each read back of a clearance or a control instruction. It is not their intention to “hassle” the pilot in these circumstances. The controller is just doing what his/her rules and regulations require.

This acknowledgment of a clearance or control instruction with the call sign included is the only method the controllers have of insuring the correct aircraft received the clearance or instruction. As we have had numerous instances of the incorrect aircraft acknowledging a clearance in the past, this inclusion of the call sign is the only means available to the controller to recognize and correct the incorrect acknowledgement and prevent a possibly unsafe situation from developing.

The Airman’s Information manual (AIM), Paragraph 4-2-1b states in part. **“The single, most important thought in pilot-controller communications is understanding. It is essential, therefore, that pilots acknowledge each radio communication with ATC by using the appropriate aircraft call sign.”**

Please help reduce the radio frequency congestion, the controller workload, your own workload, and increase the safety of the air traffic system by including the call sign in your transmissions.

ADDISON AIR TRAFFIC COUNTS

January continued the downward traffic count trend at Addison. The weather during the month did affect the counts, but we had bad weather last year with snow and ice, so this



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does not appear to be the big difference in counts from January 2011. Over-flight traffic was up quite a bit, so the Addison traffic was down even more than is noticeable at first glance. It is apparent that people are just not flying in and out of Addison as much as in the past.

January Total traffic was down 5.5% from the same month in 2011.

January IFR traffic was down 2.1% from the same month in 2011.

January VFR traffic was down 7.5% from the same month in 2011.

January Itinerant count was down 8.6% from the same month in 2011.

January Local operations were down 10.3% from the same month in 2011.

January Over-flight count was up 19.4% from the same month in 2011.

JANUARY 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	
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									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	
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 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	
Total	27	850	2229	4	0	206	2636	24	5976	425	0	425	183	50	110	1	0	30	507	6	887	7288

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	
Total	22	793	2358	20	0	221	3074	9	6497	347	4	351	207	74	171	0	0	52	578	5	1087	7935



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MARCH 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	900	2565	2	0	351	4099	24	7954	505	0	505	179	57	163	2	0	80	548	5	1034	9493

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	787	2709	21	2	257	4434	29	8261	609	0	609	324	106	244	1	0	57	762	12	1506	10376

APRIL 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	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								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	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								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	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								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	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	IFR			VFR				Total				
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI			CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI		AC	AT	GA	MI
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	IFR			VFR				Total				
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI			CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI		AC	AT	GA	MI
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	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	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	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	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	IFR			VFR				Total				
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI			CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI		AC	AT	GA	MI
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	IFR			VFR				Total				
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI			CIV	MIL	Tot	AC	AT	GA	MI		AC	AT	GA	MI
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								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	
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								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	
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								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	
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								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	
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								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	
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								AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	
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								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI							AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	
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								Total	Local			Overflight								Total Ops	
	IFR				VFR					CIV	MIL	Tot	IFR				VFR					Total
Date	AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	MI							AC	AT	GA	MI	AC	AT	GA	
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
02/11	3601
03/11	4221
04/11	3323
05/11	3105
06/11	3036
07/11	2804
08/11	3231
09/11	3878
10/11	3505
11/11	3612
12/11	3495
Total	41166