



SOUTH GRAND LAKE
AIRPORT RUNWAY CELEBRATION
APRIL 9, 2021





SGLRA AIRPORT TRUST

KETCHUM, OKLAHOMA

“TO DATE, MORE THAN \$500,000 HAS BEEN RAISED FROM IN-KIND DONATIONS AND MORE THAN \$1 MILLION HAS COME FROM CASH DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS, WHICH MAKES THE AUTHORITY INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THIS COMMUNITY.”

- BRENT HOWARD, SGLRA TRUST AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN



PUBLIC TRUST

9 VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS

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A MILE OF RUNWAY

WIDENED TO 75 FEET

The airport has been transformed from a sod strip with a pole barn hangar to a thriving airport including a fresh 5,200' x 75' lighted runway, GPS/WASS approach, 4 box PAPIs, Jet-A fuel truck, EPIC fuel, and on-site flying lessons.



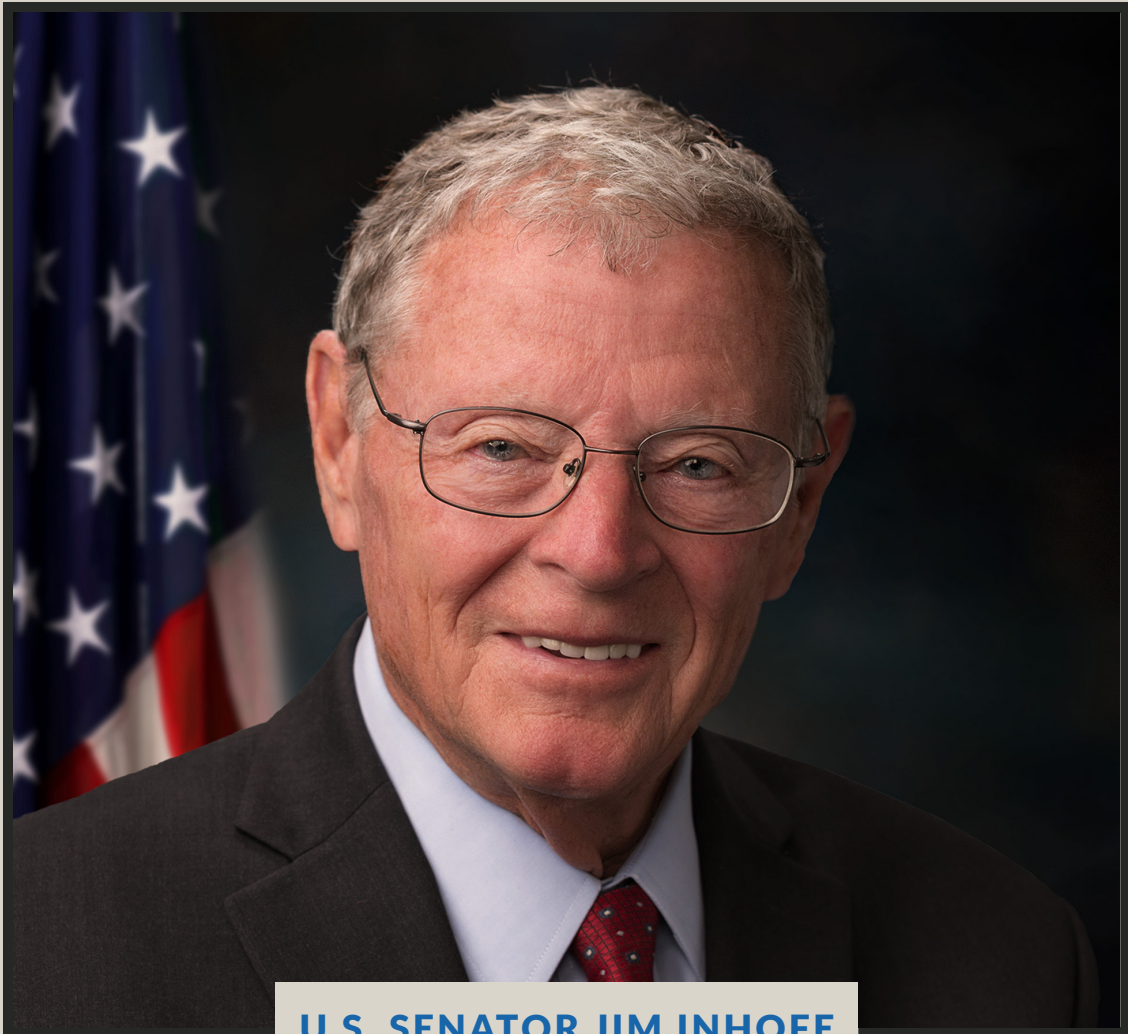
105 ACRES

\$2.3M ANNUAL IMPACT

The SGLRA Airport Trust developed a 54-acre pasture that has now become a 105-acre jet-capable regional airport with 20 based aircraft serving the greater Grand Lake Area. In 2017, it was determined the airport produced \$2.3 million in Annual Economic Impact.



UNITED STATES SENATE



U.S. SENATOR JIM INHOFE

Oklahoma

“I have been flying into the South Grand Lake Regional Airport for years and I am thrilled to celebrate this momentous occasion alongside the Grand Lake community. Businesses, governmental agencies and recreational flyers all utilize this airport—from the Grand River Dam Authority, DSA Aviation, K & D Aviation to the Grand Aces Organization. Oklahoma’s thriving aviation and aerospace industries are not done growing yet and I am excited to see this newly refinished runway as part of a larger growth opportunity for new businesses and economic growth in Oklahoma.”



SOUTH GRAND LAKE REGIONAL AIRPORT

A MODEL FOR PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

The South Grand Lake Regional Airport (SGLRA) in Ketchum, OK, is celebrating the airport's new and expanded 5,200-foot runway.

The \$4.58 million project began construction in 2019 and consisted of widening the runway from 60 feet to 75 feet, a new asphalt runway surface, and the installation of visual guidance systems and LED runway edge lights. The project, included in the Aeronautics Commission's Five-Year Airport Construction Program, provides better safety to the users of the airport while continuing to improve the economic impact for the greater Grand Lake Area.

The SGLRA community has raised an impressive \$1.5 million to support various airport projects and operations.

"The runway expansion at South Grand Lake Airport supports the fact that the state of Oklahoma is growing," Gov. Kevin Stitt said. "Air access to a community can be a deciding factor for many companies seeking a new or additional location. The Aeronautics Commission has directed federal funds and provided grants across the state, including \$229,000 in state dollars for this project, and the airport raised an incredible \$229,000 match, to ensure the needs of commerce and communities are met throughout Oklahoma's air transportation facilities. The further development of the Oklahoma Airport System is critical to our becoming a Top 10 State."

In 2004, nine volunteers formed a public trust to develop 54 acres of grassland into what has now become a 105-acre jet-capable regional airport with almost 20 based aircraft serving the Grand Lake Area. With improvements of an expanded fuel ramp, runway lights, and GPS all weather approach, this Craig County airport has reached a new level of 24/7 operation for business and personal aircraft, including coast to coast flights and destination leased aircraft.

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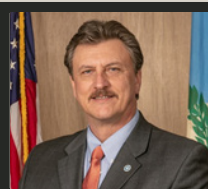


OKLAHOMA



SPEAKER CHARLES MCCALL

“Air access to a community can be a deciding factor for many companies seeking a new or additional location. The further development of the Oklahoma Airport System is critical to the cities and towns that Oklahomans call home.”



“SGLRA Airport advocates have dedicated their personal time and resources for the betterment of aviation in their community. They are the model for public/private partnerships. This is an airport that Oklahomans can really be proud of.”

TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY TIM GATZ



“It is remarkable how this airport has gone from a great idea to a state-of-the-art regional airport in less than two decades. Not only is it a quality transportation hub, the South Grand Lake Regional Airport is primed to help current businesses expand, and that will mean more quality jobs for the area.”

SEN. MICHEAL BERGSTROM, DISTRICT 1

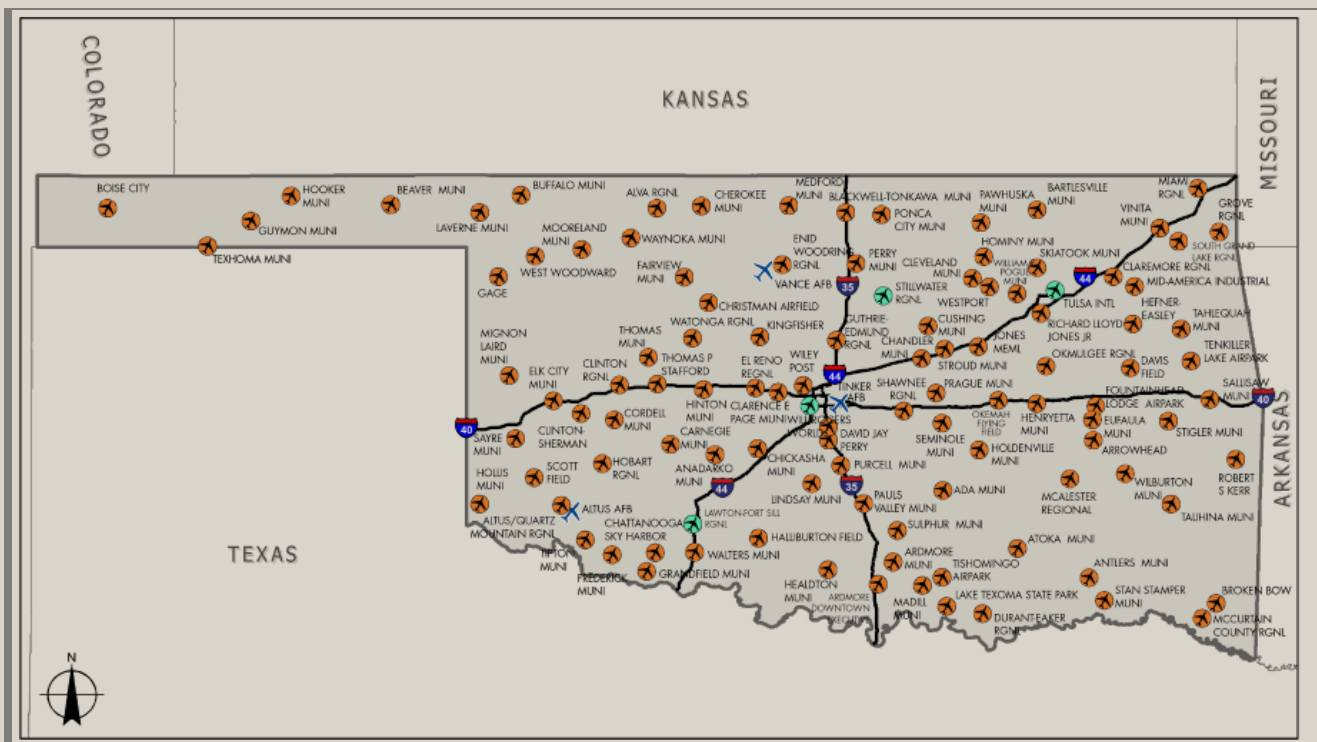


“I have had the privilege to watch the growth of the South Grand Lake Regional Airport through the years, and I’m grateful for all those forward thinking citizens of Ketchum and Craig County, along with the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission for their hard work and dedication to make this airport a first class facility.”

REP. RUSTY CORNWELL, DISTRICT 6

OKLAHOMA AIRPORT SYSTEM

THE 108 AIRPORTS IN THE OKLAHOMA AIRPORT SYSTEM
GENERATE \$10.6 BILLION IN ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
THANKS TO THE 440 BUSINESSES LOCATED ON AIRPORTS AND
MORE THAN 1.6 MILLION ANNUAL VISITORS THAT COME TO OUR
STATE VIA COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT.



Gateway to the World

The state has 108 public airports in the Oklahoma Airport System, four of which are commercial airports and the remaining 104 that are general aviation airports. 43 of these airports are considered jet capable (5,000 feet or longer). These airports provide important connections for Oklahoma communities to ensure that people, services, and goods can be transported across the Country and World. There is a famous saying in aviation, "build me a mile of highway and I can get a mile down the road, but build me a mile of runway and I can take you anywhere in the world."

2nd Largest Industry

Convenient access to a general aviation airport is rated as one of the top reasons businesses relocate or expand to a particular community. General Aviation increases a businesses efficiency and productivity by reducing travel time and allowing greater access than that of commercial aviation. As a major part of the \$44 billion aviation/aerospace industry in the state, our 108 airports support over 74,000 direct and indirect jobs. Our state's economic well-being is greatly improved by our airport transportation network. Nearly 93% of Oklahomans live within 25 miles of one of the state's 43 jet-capable airports.

Military Aviation

Oklahoma has an important legacy of military airports that support our National Defense. A key date, April 25, 1953, is the last date the United States of America lost a ground soldier to an enemy air attack. This is due much in part to our advance armed services personnel and the aircraft our United States Air Force operate. Many military aviators get their flight training right here in Oklahoma at Vance Air Force Base and Altus Air Force Base. Tinker Air Force Base has more than 26,000 military and civilian employees and is the largest single-site employer in the state of Oklahoma.

RUNWAY CELEBRATION PRESENTATIONS

CEREMONY ORDER

Presentation of Colors by Pack 66--Vinita Cub Scouts

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem performed by Ketchum High School

Warbirds Fly-over

Welcome by Secretary of Transportation, Tim Gatz, State of Oklahoma

Sen. Jim Inhofe, United States Senator for Oklahoma

Speaker Charles McCall, Oklahoma House of Representatives

Sen. Micheal Bergstrom, Oklahoma State Senate District 1

Rep. Rusty Cornwell, Oklahoma State House District 6

Executive Director of Commerce, Brent Kisling, State of Oklahoma

State Director of Aeronautics Grayson Ardies, State of Oklahoma

Ribbon Cutting

Oklahoma performed by Ketchum High School

(Reception to Follow)



SGLRA AIRPORT TRUST

OUR PROUD HISTORY



In 2005 the airport was a pasture grass strip and a pole barn hangar. From 2005-2015, a Public Trust with nine volunteer directors was formed and a mile of hard surface runway was built. The board purchased 16 acres adjacent to the airport for development and 25 commitments to lease lots and build hangars were secured. A development loan was acquired to develop the hangar tract and build a fuel farm as well as 35 hangar lots with utilities and taxiways. A self service Jet / Avgas fuel farm and fuel ramp were built and a loan was secured to build a temporary terminal and rental vehicle storage. An entry and entry road were built as well as four hangars. The Trust then purchased 20 acres to provide a runway safety area, airport entry and future development. Organizers built a pavilion for aviation and public events and 25 acres were purchased and fenced for a runway safety area. The fuel ramp was expanded, a fuel farm shelter was built, runway lights were installed, and a runway crack seal and new marking paint were completed.

From 2016-2018, the Trustees could really start to see their vision develop, so an 80 by 125 foot hangar was constructed with a 160% increase in hangars. The airport received a donated 5,000 gal JET-A fuel truck, completed a ramp expansion, and added an additional 48 acres, fencing, & Avigation Lease purchases. Navigational aids were added including RNAV (GPS) and a WAAS GPS All Weather Approach. A paved entry road was completed along with a fuel truck shelter. A business was added for Citation management, mentoring, and brokerage as well as AI and A&P Services, and Flight School & Aviation Services.

In 2019, a new conference room was added. Brand fuel became available with EPIC Aviation, and a new entry security gate was installed. A very important mission is to train future pilots, and a Flight Lessons Scholarship Fund was established. A widen and overlay project on the runway to 75 by 5,200 foot was completed and four Box PAPIs were added to both ends.

In the very near future, an AWOS III will be added as well as an Aviation Light Industrial development, along with the expansion of the parking apron. The airport will continue to strive for greater heights with a new parallel taxiway, terminal building, and terminal hangar.

South Grand Lake Regional Airport would like to thank the community and the following:



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