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Rotary Club of Dalton Newsletter

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This Week:

February 7
Chief Bruce Satterfield
Chief Edward O'Brien
SPLOST Update

Upcoming Meetings:

February 14
Tom Bundros

February 21
Bill Blackman

February 28
Mike Maret
ESPLOST

March 11
Rotary Invitational Track
Meet

April 11
Rotary Golf Tournament

Dalton Municipal Airport

by Kathryn Sellers

A program about the Dalton Municipal Airport was presented by Manager Justin Morrow who obtained his pilot's license at age 17.

The Dalton Airport is one of 19 Instrument Landing System airports in the state of Georgia with a 5,500' runway that is 100' wide. It takes 1,000 – 1,500 feet for a single engine airplane to land, 2,000+ for twin engine and 4,000+ plus for a King Air or jet.

Dalton handles jets and planes as large as a Gulfstream G6.

Forty two aircraft are based in Dalton. This airport is one of only a few that makes money with an income stream from hangar rental, land leases and fuel sales. Cargo operations also add to income. Funding is 90% federal, 5 % state and 5% from the City of Dalton.



Justin Morrow

The airport produces a substantial economic impact in Dalton with pilots and customers using local restaurants, hotels and shopping.

The airport staff of five makes up the smallest department in the City. Three of these previously served in the military. Two are college students, one is a school principal and one is a retired carpet salesman. This staff is often the first face of Dalton that visitors see. They are ambassadors to the Carpet Capital greeting groups as diverse as salesmen, investors, travelers, softball teams, and business men. Their reputation for service to customers is appreciated and reaps repeat business.

Multiple tasks they facilitate:

- Southeast staging point for the Met Life Blimp
- Defense operation against rabies – 5 King Airs spread vaccine for the USDA hoping to eradicate rabies in the region
- Home base for the US Forestry Service, especially during fires like we experienced recently, housing six helicopters and many crews
- Home base for the Governor's drug task force, housing military and state helicopters
- Training assistance for fire, police and EMT for air accidents
- Host Civil Air Patrol
- Host events for various groups: Boy Scouts camp on the property and learn about flying; Pre-school tours
- Host large events: Fly-ins, this year open to the public and Safety seminars

Soon they will be providing flight training and will have a ground school.

Upgrades in the next few years will include crack sealing and repainting the runways. They hope to open up land for more parking and to alleviate their critical need for more hangars, especially those large enough for larger aircraft. Morrow stated that they are losing business to Chattanooga for these larger aircraft. They have the land but just need the money to grow.

Announcements:

Greg Dent was voted unanimously for the position of President Nominee He will serve in 2018-19.

Polio Update:

President Bruce reported that a group from Georgia and Florida is going to India to help with vaccine distribution in the continued task of eliminating polio worldwide. He provided some interesting facts: 172 million children have been immunized by 2 ½ million vaccinators using all types of transportation from cars, trucks and buses to camels and elephants.

The large Civic Club signs at entrances to Dalton are going back up with the Rotary logo included.

Important Rotary events need your volunteer help:

Ronnie McClurg Invitational Track meet -- March 11

Earl Lusk Golf Tournament – April 11

Club Officers:

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Youth Service Chair

Scott Minter

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Archana Srivastava

International Service

Chair

Greg Dent

Foundation Chair

February 7th Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Birthday

Chappell, William J.
(WILLIAM)

12-Feb

Partner Birthdays

Member Name

Birthday

Adcock, Diane

Adcock, Don W.

7-Feb

Brunson, Cindy

Brunson, Kevin M

8-Feb

Member Anniversaries

Start Date

Years

Bronson, William
III(WILLIAM)

2/13/2007

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Wedding Anniversaries

Partner's Name

Anniversary

Years

Cruse, Lesley Dale (DALE)

Amy

12-Feb

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