

# Morgantown Municipal Airport



✈ **MISSION STATEMENT:** To serve as a premier gateway in support of the current improvement and future development vision for the Greater Morgantown Area.

✈ **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

**A.** Provide affordable commercial air service focused on the general air transportation needs of business, industry, government/education, and the general public in the region.

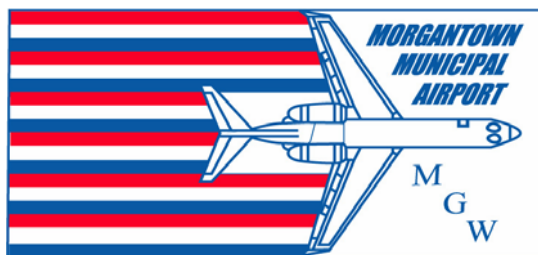
**B.** Serve as a center and catalyst for technical and air industry related economic development.

**C.** Maintain an airport information program designed to involve local and surrounding public and elected officials.

**D.** Advance General Aviation interests and aspirations.

**E.** Develop the full potential of the Morgantown Municipal Airport.

**MANAGEMENT AND STAFF:**



**Back row:** Josh Shuttleworth, Randy Ross, Russ McCormick, Doug West, John Marhefka, Jim Winaught, Tom Sisler (Not pictured – Kenny Myers)

**Front row:** Jackie Marhefka, Bob Hammel, Mary Lou Baker



**Morgantown Municipal Airport -- 2006**

✈ **FIXED BASED OPERATION (FBO):**

The airport's Fixed Base Operations (FBO) continues to provide quality line and fuel service comparable to major airports throughout the country. Flight line personnel have distinguished themselves by receiving the Exxon Mobile Premier Service Award for 2006, the third year in a row, and are expecting to repeat the honor again in 2007. From July 2005 through June 2006, the FBO sold over 332,911 gallons of Jet fuel and 71,252 gallons of Avgas. Gross sales for this period were over \$1.5 million. The FBO provides pilot supplies, catering, hotel, conference room and car rental reservations, and also manages T-hangar rentals. Pilots enjoy a comfortable lounge furnished with recliner chairs, satellite TV, wireless internet, and a weather computer for flight planning. The FBO is open for business from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. daily, and serves an average of 100 customers a day. In winter, deicing services are available as well as aircraft towing, aircraft engine pre-heat, aircraft lavatory services, and Ground Power Unit (GPU) starts as required

✈ **FLIGHT SOURCE, LLC:**

The flight training school, FLIGHT SOURCE LLC, located at the airport, has quickly become one of the premier new pilot training programs in the area. The school has gained many new students within the past year and now has three Cessna 172 airplanes that are used for student pilot training. All of the school's instructor pilots are professionally certified and highly experienced. In addition to pilot training, FLIGHT SOURCE, LLC provides air charter services, medical/cargo, aircraft rental, hazmat transport, and sightseeing tours. Additionally, FLIGHT SOURCE, LLC constructed their new aircraft maintenance hangar during 2006 that will provide on-call and scheduled maintenance for local and transient aircraft requiring either emergency or routine maintenance or repair.

✈ **CONTINENTAL CONNECTION (COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE):**

During 2006, Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW) experienced the transition of a new commercial air service to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE), operated by RegionsAir, Inc. as "Continental CONNECTION". Continental launched the new service on July 15, and provides three daily flights during the week, one flight on Saturday, and two on Sunday. This service is a cooperative effort between the Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW) and the Harrison-Marion Regional Airport (CKB) in Clarksburg. The flight route offers one-stop/round-trip connecting flights originating at CKB through MGW, then on to CLE. A marketing and advertising campaign was initiated in October and continued on through December of 2006.

**✈️ MGW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER:**

Tower operations experienced a significant increase in 2006. The number of flight operations far exceeded the projections from 2005. The highly professional ATC employee group of the MGW contract tower consistently distinguished themselves through dependable safe performance since the inception of operations, which began in 1972. MGW is extremely proud of the “track record” of the air traffic controllers who have been solely responsible for an incident free, non-incursion period of air traffic movement operations for the last 34 years. They continue to demonstrate, without exception, an absolute commitment and dedication to insuring that every aircraft operation is provided the maximum attention to safety, runway operations and procedures, ease of movement, and customer comfort, which is all done courteously and professionally. As a matter of merit for the MGW ATC, there have been over 1.7 million operations conducted since the opening of the Tower in June 1972 without any operational errors. The safety and efficiency record of the Morgantown Tower has been validated numerous times by the FAA with its last inspection/evaluation receiving an outstanding score of 100%. Airport users and pilots from all levels of experience and training from the White House to the General Aviation pilots have given testimony to the superb and friendly service extended by the professionals of the Morgantown Tower. Remarkably, the five controllers represent a combined total of **158** years of military, FAA, and contract tower experience.



✈ **VOYAGER'S RESTAURANT:** The Airport restaurant has become a favorite attraction of Morgantown and surrounding communities for business luncheons, social gatherings, military/civilian “fly-ins”, airport lovers, and for many others who have found the cuisine choices offered at Voyager’s Restaurant to be among the best in quality and variety in the area. The professional management and very courteous staff, coupled with an Airport view, provides for an appealing atmosphere to enjoy fine dining at it’s best.



## Voyager's Restaurant

*“The place of fine cuisine and a majestic airport view!!!” – patron comment*

### ✈ **MORGANTOWN CHAPTER OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL:**

In April 2006, the Morgantown Chapter of the Civil Air Patrol sponsored its annual CAP Aviation & Technology Day for local youth from around the Greater Morgantown Area. Many local pilots, the West Virginia Army and Air National Guard, Fairmont State College Center for Aeronautical Studies, and volunteers of this and other area communities took part in this special day. Participants had the opportunity to speak with aviation professionals, view various types of static display aircraft, and take demonstration flights through the Young Eagles Program sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association. The Chapter also supported the Airport during the FAA mandated Triennial Airport Emergency Exercise conducted in September. Several members performed as ground controllers for Runway 18/36 insuring the safety for incoming/departing aircraft and control of all ground vehicular traffic enroute to the exercise site.

### ✈ **AIRPORT PROJECTS AND EVENTS:**

✈ Several projects were completed or are in progress at the Airport in addition to several events that took place during 2006. All of these activities made 2006 a very busy and exciting year for the Morgantown Municipal Airport

✈ As of the last part of November, Phase II of the Runway Safety Area (RSA) extension project was 99 percent completed and Phase III (the final phase) is well underway with an estimated completion date of late Fall of 2007. This project is designed to provide a 1,000 foot safety overrun area for the airport’s main runway.

✈ The Airport's Air Traffic Control Tower renovation, funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), was completed in May 2006, and included a complete exterior overhaul. The tower is now aesthetically compatible with other facilities on the airport.

➔ Discussion continues in regard to the proposed Industrial Access Road to the Airport. This road will service the planned Air Business Park and National Guard Readiness Center on the east side of the Airport. Most of these projects are tentatively scheduled to begin during 2008-09.

➔ Construction on the new Morgantown Utility Board (MUB) water tower located between the CAP and 911<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve facilities was completed in October. The water tower will support both the needs of the businesses and residences on the Mileground as well as the Airport and its future developments.

➔ The diversity of projects being implemented at the Morgantown Municipal Airport provides an opportunity for all Morgantown and surrounding community residents to experience an upgraded and improved local airport. A myriad of projects poses a bright future for the City and the Municipal Airport.

➔ The MGW staff continued to provide tours of the Airport for the area youth throughout 2006. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for these youth to consider some type of future in aviation whether it be business-related, employment, or leisure/hobby. The management provided an Airport overview and tour for the WVU International Studies Department's "Intensive English Program (IEP)" which included 14 students from Japan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Italy, and Columbia. Many of those students are preparing for careers in airport management, planning, and flight operations.

*IEP Students from the WVU Department of International Studies at MGW.*



➔ During 2006, the management and staff provided Airport presentations to government and community organizations such as the Morgantown City Council, the Suncrest Neighborhood Association, the WVU Society of Professional Engineers, and the Cheat Lake Rotary Club.

➔ VIP visitors during 2006 included Vice President Dick Cheney, First Lady Laura Bush, General Robert H. "Doc" Fogelsong, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Governor Joe Manchin (WV), and Governor Mitton Romney (MA). Additionally, golf professionals Michelle Wi and V.J. Singh, actors "Larry the Cable Guy," Robin Williams, Patricia Heaton ("Everybody Loves Raymond"), George Lucas, and singers Lee Ann Womack and Hank Williams, Jr. were seen at the Morgantown Airport.

✈ **CURRENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:**

The following services are available at Morgantown Municipal Airport:

- ✈ Commuter air service between Morgantown and Cleveland is available through Continental CONNECTION, which currently offers three daily trips Monday through Friday, one trip on Saturday and two trips on Sunday.
- ✈ The Air Traffic Control Tower provides aircraft guidance from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.
- ✈ The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) provides passenger security screening for all commercial flights departing and arriving at MGW. The MGW TSA employs a total of nine staff and screeners who provide the airline security requirements mandated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Department of Homeland Security.
- ✈ Flight Source LLC offers flight instruction, charter service, and Medevac service to transport passengers to other medical facilities throughout the U.S.
- ✈ Avis and Hertz Car Rental Agencies have offices located in the terminal and have vehicles located on the airport grounds.
- ✈ Voyagers Restaurant offers American and International cuisine to its customers Monday through Saturday.
- ✈ MP Air Inc. provides corporate aircraft storage and maintenance for Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Morgantown.
- ✈ The Civil Air Patrol provides training and search and rescue services.
- ✈ The Airport has forty (40) T-hangars that are all currently leased.
- ✈ Free long-term and short-term parking is available for passenger convenience.
- ✈ The Instrument Landing System and radio-controlled Airfield Lighting System provide aircraft with the capability of landing safely when the tower is not open.

✈ **FAA GRANTS AWARDED TO MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:**

✈ In 2006, the Airport received an FAA grant totaling \$5.7 million for Phase III of the work required to complete the Runway Safety Area (RSA) for the main runway and to install airfield/apron signage, marking, and lighting. Of this total, the FAA share was \$5,431,735. The WV share was \$142,940, and the local share was \$142,941. The projected completion date for the RSA is late Fall, 2007. The signage and lighting project is expected to be completed sometime in the early summer of June 2007.

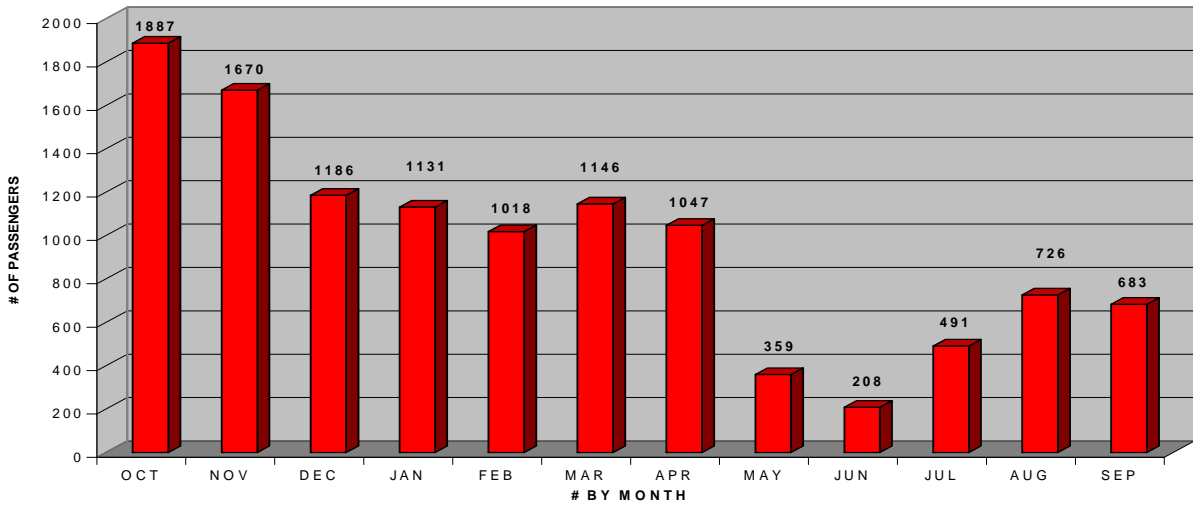
✈ **FORECAST FOR THE NEAR-TERM FUTURE:**

✈ The new commercial air service, RegionsAir Inc., began scheduled flight operations on July 15, 2006 with three round trip flights daily to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE). RegionsAir is utilizing the 34-seat SAAB340A aircraft, which offers a flight attendant and a restroom facility. This new destination offers customers an additional 200 flights daily to destinations throughout the world.

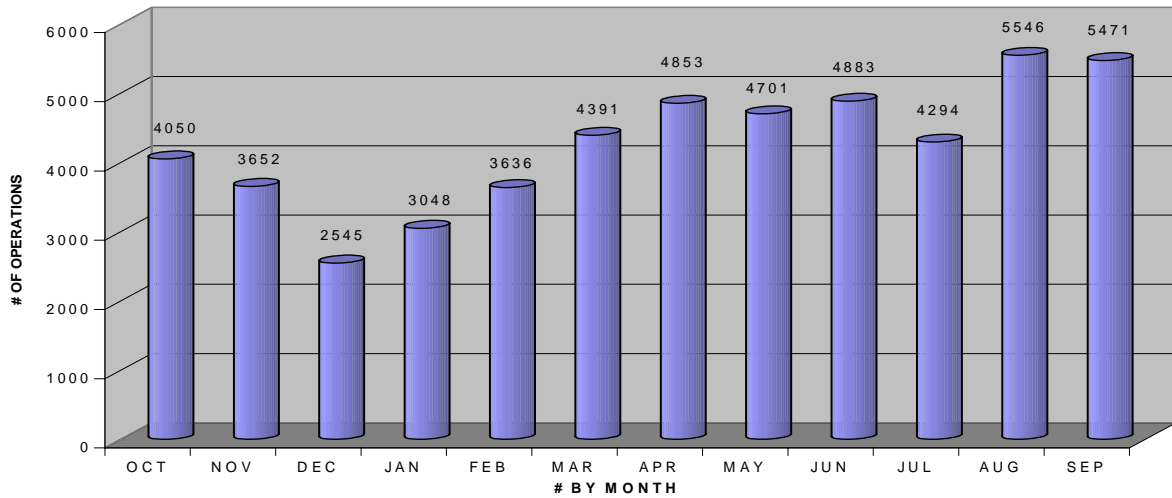
✈ The design phase has begun for an \$18 million West Virginia Army National Guard Readiness Center (RC) to be located on approximately 35 acres on the east side of the airport. The agreement to exchange the Airport site for the WV National Guard property located on the Mileground was accepted by the Morgantown City Council in October. Construction of the RC is

tentatively scheduled to begin in 2008. The location of the new RC, in tandem with the growth of Camp Dawson in Preston County, will bring more military troops and aircraft to Morgantown Municipal Airport.

**AIRLINE PASSENGER COUNT  
FAA FISCAL YEAR  
OCT 1, 2005 - SEPT 30, 2006**



**AIRPORT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS RECORD  
BASED ON FAA FISCAL YEAR  
OCT 1, 2005 - SEPT 30, 2006**



(NOTE: AN AIRCRAFT OPERATION CONSISTS OF ONE TAKE-OFF OR ONE LANDING)