

MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



*“One mile of highway takes you one mile,
but one mile of runway takes you anywhere in the world!”*

✈ **MISSION STATEMENT:** Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW) is committed to serve as North Central West Virginia’s premier aviation gateway in support of the established “*Airport Strategic Plan*” and the City of Morgantown’s vision and plans for the future and the economic/community development for Morgantown and surrounding areas.

✈ **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 growth.
- C.** Amplify the City’s internal/external multi-modal transportation infrastructure and enhance the area appeal to corporate, government, business, and domestic interests.
- D.** Implement an airport information management program using all aspects of media, advertisement, and presentation programs aimed at improving community involvement and support.

✈ **MANAGEMENT AND STAFF:**

The events and activities that employees of the Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW) supported and participated in over this past year made for an active and productive 2009. This included the **Annual Civil Air Patrol Aviation Day, Young Eagles Flights Program**, several educational and information tours, participation in two United Way of Monongalia/Preston Counties projects, sustainment of MGW “*Senior Citizen Volunteer Greeter*” program, and promotion of MGW as a “showcase” and operational aviation facility for the north central region of the great Mountain State, “Wild and Wonderful” West Virginia.

Renovation and rehabilitation projects completed during 2009 included renovation of the South Apron and the start of the remodeling of the main terminal which will provide a new Fixed Base Operations Center, Pilots Lounge, and Flight Planning Center. The Airport also completed the required Wildlife Study as mandated by the FAA and the Runway Subsidize investigation.

Additionally, MGW’s new commercial air service under contract with Colgan Air, Inc., operating as UNITED EXPRESS, for daily flights to Dulles International Airport, has significantly increased in passenger patronage. The result is that MGW experienced a very progressive year and contributed tremendously to the greater Morgantown area’s economic productivity through increased revenue and

participation in multiple community events. MGW consists of a proud cast of employees who are fully dedicated and committed to serving the aviation community professionally, safely, and securely.

✈️ **FIXED BASE OPERATION (FBO):**

The airport's Fixed Base Operation (FBO) provides expert and quality line and fuel service to all aircraft arriving at MGW. This service is the mainstay for making Morgantown Municipal one of the few airports of its size in the country to be financially self-sufficient. From July 2008 through June 2009, the FBO sold 442,031 gallons of Jet fuel and 70,215 gallons of Avgas. Gross sales for this period were over \$2,315,389. In addition to providing line and fuel services, the FBO provides supplies and aviation needs for pilots, catering coordination, customer hotel reservation courtesies, de-icing services, conference room reservations, car rental assistance, T-hangar rentals, aircraft towing, aircraft engine pre-heat, aircraft lavatory services, and Ground Power Unit (GPU) starts as required. The Airport is the only civilian airport in the state to offer "hot refueling" to military aircraft. The FBO is open for business from 5 a.m. until 12.00 PM daily and serves an average of over 100 customers a day.

✈️ **ALI BABA'S:** After a total renovation during the last part of 2007, the airport restaurant reopened in March 2008. The renovation provided a more spacious dining and kitchen area with a more customer friendly appeal. Ali Baba's Restaurant continues to be an attraction for Morgantown and surrounding communities for daily Mediterranean-style buffets and a domestic open menu, as well as business luncheons, social gatherings, military/civilian "fly-ins", "friends of the airport", and for many others who have found the cuisine choices offered at the restaurant to be among the best in food quality and variety in the area. The professional management and very courteous staff, coupled with an airport view, provide for an appealing atmosphere to enjoy fine dining at its very best.

✈️ **AVIATION NETWORK, INC.:**

AVIATION NETWORK, INC., and its subsidiary Aero Aviation, located at the Airport, has become one of the premier pilot training programs in the area. The school continued to acquire additional students during 2007 and has, with the addition of its new aircraft maintenance hangar in 2006, provided "on-call" and scheduled maintenance for local and transient aircraft requiring either emergency or routine maintenance or repair. All of the school's flight instructors are qualified Certified Flight Instructors (CFI) and highly experienced with multiple flight hours to their credit. In addition to pilot training, AVIATION NETWORK, INC. provides air charter services, medical/cargo, aircraft rental, HAZMAT transport, and sightseeing tours.

✈️ **UNITED EXPRESS (Commercial Air Service):** Morgantown Municipal Airport provides



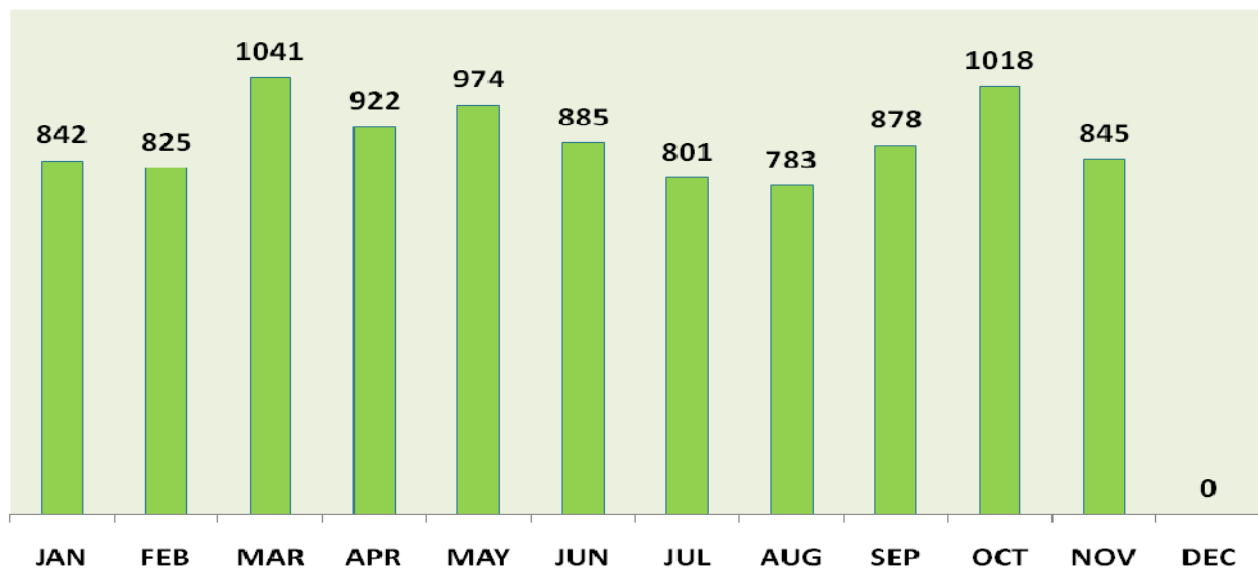
Passengers "ready to screen 'n board"



Joanne and Sandy airline agents at MGW.

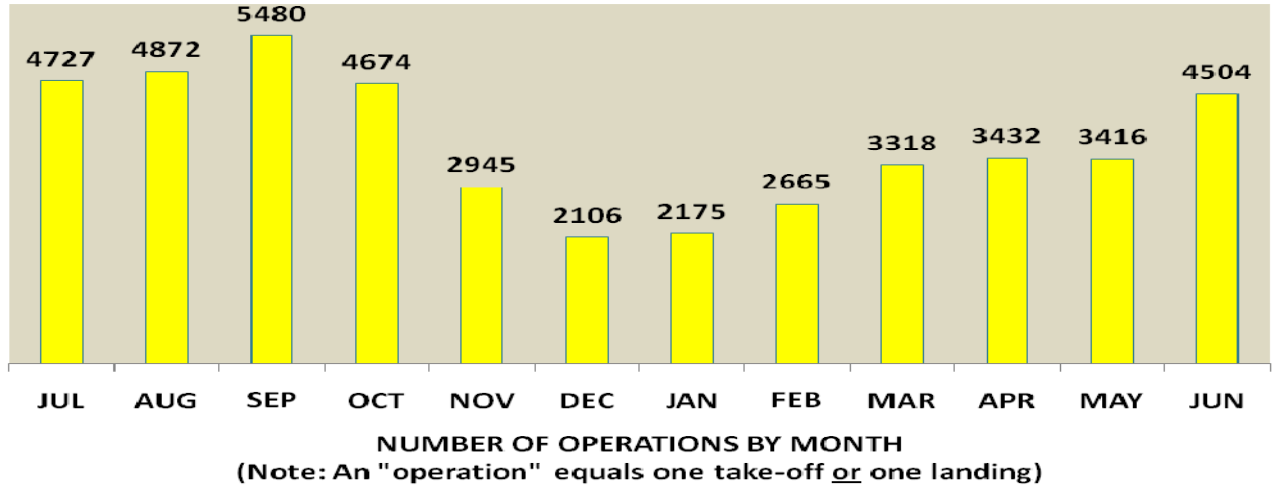
commercial passenger service via UNITED EXPRESS to Dulles International Airport (IAD) in Washington, D.C. This service is operated under the UNITED AIRLINES “flag carrier” code-sharing program by PINNACLE AIRLINES dba Colgan Air, Inc. located in Manassas, VA. This service was launched on 1 May, 2007, and provides three daily flights between the Morgantown Municipal Airport (MGW) and the North Central West Virginia Airport (CKB) in Clarksburg. The flight route offers one-stop/round-trip connecting flights originating at CKB through MGW, then on to IAD. This service has resulted in a remarkable return of area/local patronage via an extremely dependable, reliable, and affordable service for leisure, business, governmental, and educational travel, so much so that PINNACLE is planning on adding more direct flights.

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✈️ MGW CONTRACT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER: Flight operations during 2008 continued to sustain 2007’s average and met the FAA Contract Air Traffic Control Tower (CATC) qualifying requirement established for 2010. The MGW contract tower employees have developed an outstanding reputation with pilots for their noted courtesy, congeniality, and patience during aviation operations. MGW is extremely proud of the record of the CATC controllers who have distinguished themselves through highly reliable, safe, and conscientious performance and have been solely responsible for an incident/incursion/violation free period of air traffic movement operations for the last 36 years. As a matter of merit for the MGW CATC, there have been over 1,800,000 million operations (*take-offs/landings*) conducted since the opening of the tower in June, 1972, without any operational errors. The safety and efficiency record of the CATC have been validated by the FAA and with its last inspection/evaluation with a rating of “excellent” as an average of scores in all areas. Pilots from all levels of experience and training 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 over 110 years of military, FAA, and contract tower experience.

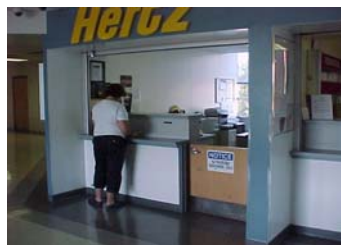
MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009



✈ **TSA "TEAM" AT MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:** The TSA provides passenger screening services for the commercial air service at Morgantown Municipal Airport.



✈ **RENTAL CAR SERVICES:** Two rental agencies provide reserved and on-call vehicle rental servicetravelers. AVIS and HERTZ have been a part of the MGW customer services for several years and continue to provide cordial, courteous, prompt, and reliable service to passengers flying into Morgantown.



✈️ **AIRPORT PROJECTS AND EVENTS:**

✈️ **SOUTH TERMINAL RENOVATION:** This project will rehabilitate the South Terminal and provide a better venue for servicing the General and Corporate Aviation Customers. This project has slowed sales in the Fixed Base Operations (FBO) due to the upheaval created by the construction, remodeling, and impeded access caused by any project of this nature, but at the end the Airport will have a vastly improved Fixed Base Operations and Pilots Lounge. This addition will give us three greatly improved office spaces for rental and will allow the development of a Distinguished Visitor Conference Room which has already attracted interest from several local businesses who would prefer a private venue just off the apron to conduct meetings. The total cost of this project is **\$369,400.**

I **Runway Incursion Markings:** This was a new requirement by the FAA to help preclude the inadvertent incursion by aircraft onto the movement area of the runway environment. This project cost a total of this project was **\$95,724.**

✈️ **RUNWAY SAFETY AREA:**



The Runway Safety Area (RSA) extension project which began in 2003, was finalized June 2009 by **Alpha Associates, Inc.** This project provided a 1,000-foot safety overrun for the Airport's main runway. The final segment of PHASE III included the relocation of the Instrument Landing System (ILS) localizer (antennae) and installation of a full-length guardrail for vehicle movement safety.

✈️ **INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD:** A local architectural/engineering firm has been developing the design and construction of an Industrial Access Road to the Airport's proposed "business park" location on the east side of the Airport. This road will service the business park as well as the planned Army National Guard Readiness Center. Most of these projects are tentatively scheduled to begin during 2010.

✈️ **WEST VIRGINIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (NGRC):** The design phase for the proposed West Virginia Army National Guard Readiness Center (NGRC) to be located on the east side of the Airport is near completion. Construction of the NGRC is tentatively scheduled to begin in early to mid-Fall of 2010. The new center, in tandem with the growth of the WV National Guard's Camp Dawson Educational/Training facility in Preston County, will bring more military troops and aircraft to Morgantown Municipal Airport that will offer an overall increase and contribution to the commercial passenger "enplanements" and the CATC tower operations.

✈️ **TOURS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNITY SERVICE:** In addition to providing tours of the Airport for the area youth, members of the MGW management and staff participated in several charitable, social, and business events throughout 2009 to include the 4th of July Parade and other veterans events, school tours, and benefits such as the "Santa Fly In" to support the Cheat Lake 4 H.

✈️ **VIP VISITS:** During 2009, there were several special visitors who arrived at MGW to include The Secretary of State, Four Star Generals, and The Governor State of West Virginia. In the

past the Airport has had many past serving U.S. Presidents visit as well. Several other political and sports/entertainment celebrities also visited MGW as it is the gateway to Morgantown and quite often to the State of West Virginia.

✈️ CURRENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

The following services are available at Morgantown Municipal Airport:

- ✈️ Commuter air service between Morgantown and Washington, D.C. is available through UNITED EXPRESS, which currently offers three daily round-trips, Monday through Friday, and two trips each day on Saturday and 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.
- ✈️ Aviation Network, Inc. offers, charter service, and Medevac service to transport passengers to other medical facilities throughout the U.S.
- ✈️ Aero Aviation offers fixed-wing flight instruction.
- ✈️ Avis and Hertz Car Rental Agencies have offices located in the terminal and have vehicles located on the Airport grounds.
- ✈️ Ali Baba's Restaurant offers American, International, and Mediterranean 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, 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 provides aircraft with the capability of landing safely when the ATC tower is closed.

✈️ FAA GRANTS AWARDED TO MORGANTOWN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:

✈️ In 2009, the Airport received grants for two projects: 1) Rehabilitation of the South Terminal building and Runway Incursion Markings. Total cost for both projects is **\$465,124.** Of this total, the FAA share was **\$441,868.** The State of West Virginia contributed **\$23,256.** The City of Morgantown share was zero this year due to the State Aeronautics Commission contributing all needed matching funds.

