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GA CONSTRUCTION END OF YEAR REPORT

SLCIA- The taxiway K asphalt reconstruction and overlay project is complete. Runway 17-35 is scheduled for a thorough milling and overlay commencing in late spring 2007.

Airport II- The ramp reconstruction project is completed providing a total of 75 tie-down spaces. New taxiway/ramp edge lighting has been installed. A new updated airfield electrical vault is under construction.

Construction of the nested T-hangars east of row E on the new ramp is nearly complete. Anyone desiring to occupy the new hangars in late December may contact Johnathan Liddle at 801-575-2894 for information and priority.

Tooele Valley Airport- The new electronic access gate north of the blue maintenance building is in operation. Contact Steve Jackson at 801-575-2401 for the access code.

U42 AWOS GRAPHIC DISPLAY

SLCDA has installed an internet accessible graphic display of Airport II AWOS information. The information displayed is received directly from the airport AWOS equipment located at mid-field. Graphic information is "real time" and is updated every minute. The website address is www.saiawos3.com/KU42/sai.html . Pilots may still call 562-0271 to obtain current U42 AWOS information. The TVY AWOS phone number is 435-882-6648.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HOTLINES

Report All Suspicious Aviation Activities: 1-866-AIR-BUST or 1-866-GA-SECUR

NEW HELO FLIGHT SCHOOL AT U42

Utah Helicopter has recently opened its doors for flight instruction at SLC Airport II. The offices are located upstairs above the General Aviation Office in the Alta Aircraft Maintenance hangar. The company offers helicopter flight instruction (Private Pilot through CFII ratings with extensive high altitude/mountain training available) in Robinson R22

and R44 aircraft. Find out more by visiting the company website at www.utahhelicopter.com or by calling 801-561-7972.

SURVIVING WINTER

There as many opinions out there in the aviation community about what to include in an aircraft winter survival kit as there are people who are interested enough to pursue the idea.

We have conducted a little research on our own and herewith provide a reasonably comprehensive list of some items you may want to consider for inclusion in your own kit. We recommend customizing it to fit your personal priorities and the needs of the family members/passengers that regularly fly with you.

WINTER SURVIVAL KIT

- 1. Compass (aircraft compass may be used as a backup)
- 2. Clothing (wool or synthetic gloves, hat, sweaters, boots ((remember cotton doesn't retain heat well when wet)) to survive most adverse conditions probable and include garbage bags with holes cut for head and arms, pull up second bag for legs or poncho for wet weather)
- 3. Some form of emergency shelter (four seasons tent, ground cover, space or wool blanket, sleeping bag)
- 4. Extra food and water (Note: Water is more important.)
- 5. Flashlight with extra batteries and bulb or a new LED "shake light"
- 6. Fire starting material such as a candle or cotton balls covered in petroleum jelly, (35 mm plastic film containers make great storage containers for the cotton balls)
- 7. Waterproof matches or other means of starting a fire
- 8. Metal cup, can, or cooking pot for melting snow or cooking
- 9. First aid kit
- 10. Sunglasses or some type of eye protection
- 11. Knife, hatchet, or saw (Note: Big is not necessarily better.)

- 12. Tools (Leatherman tool, pump pliers, basic tools)
- 13. Rope, parachute cord, dental floss (stronger than regular thread)
- 14. Map (A topographical one for your local flying area is best.)

For pilots, some of these basic items should always be in your aircraft such as a compass, map, and flashlight. Other nice to have items include some form of light weight tent, water proof bivouac sack, or emergency shelter, emergency signal mirror, loud whistle, plastic sheeting and tubing for collecting water, needle and thread, flexible line and hooks, wire, light weight carabiners, space blankets, some type of rope or line, more than just one item or method for starting a fire, MRE's or freeze dried food packets, a big bag of hard candy, extra water in multiple bottles or canteens so if one container breaks during a rough landing, you still have some water remaining, appropriate hats and coats, windbreakers, waterproof raincoats or ponchos, large leaf or lawn plastic garbage bags, insect and sunscreen lotion, a metal cooking/ drinking cup or container to heat food or drinks over an open fire, toilet tissue, sleeping bag in a waterproof container, insulated sleeping ground pad, ground cloth, water purifying kit, cooking and eating utensils, soap and towel, insulated waterproof sitting pad, backpack large enough to contain the items you decide to carry, cellular telephone (with plugin battery charger), aircraft frequency transceiver, handheld GPS unit, lots of extra batteries, extra eyeglasses if required, large handkerchief or bandanna, canteen, any special medicines, fleece or wool sweater, appropriate fleece or wool clothing for layering, extra socks, notebook and pencil, lip balm, mosquito head netting, multi-function tool (Leatherman or Swiss Army knife), small folding wood saw, one or two hacksaw blades, duct tape, mini flares, .22 caliber pistol with plenty of ammunition, and some basic tools that might be found in your aircraft.

Hopefully, this expanded list of possible survival items will give you a good starting point to develop your own kit designed to protect you in your local environment.

Space, weight, and cost will determine what you carry. However, regardless of what you carry, if you don't know how to safely use and carry those items, you will not gain the most protection and benefit from them. Nothing will save you if you don't know how to survive, but people have survived on practically nothing because they knew what they were doing and their wills to live overcame their environment.

-- SECURE YOUR AIRCRAFT –
-- LOCK YOUR HANGAR –
-- TAKE THE KEYS HOME –
-- KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR –

Remember the wise old adages about runway behind you, never having too much fuel except during a crash, and having an inadvertent IMC escape plan? Well add another one if you will... a survival kit left in the hangar will not help you after your forced landing in the wild! Can one be too prepared?

Have a great winter of enjoyable flying and safe traveling.

HELPFUL POINTS OF CONTACT

For GA operational, facilities maintenance, aviation, newsletter, airfield and SLC Title 16 questions call: Steve Jackson, General Aviation Manager, 647-5532 or e-mail at

steve.jackson@slcgov.com.

For hangar lease and repair questions call:

Johnathan Liddle, Properties Management Specialist, at 575-2894 or e-mail at

johnathan.liddle@slcgov.com.

For aviation security questions call:

Connie Proctor at 575-2401.

For gate access problems call:

Airport Control Center at 575-2401.

For emergencies call: at SLCIA, 575-2405 at

TVY or U42, 911 then 575-2405

For common General Aviation information call

the GA Hotline: 575-2443

NEW AVIATION PRODUCT

Mr. Funnel Fuel Filter is a new funnel that filters out impurities, including water and other contaminants, during the fueling process. There are multiple sizes with the largest handling up to 5 gallons per minute. More and more pilots are "self-fueling." Check them out to maximize safety at www.mrfunnel.com.

AIRPORT II PLANE WASH

The plane wash rack at U42 is closed for the winter. Expect it to be operational and available for use again in April 2007.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dave Coats' AIR CENTER at Salt Lake Airport II (U42) has temporarily discontinued its monthly fly-in/drive-in breakfast. Dave and Ryan hope to activate it again in February.



Happy Holidays