Stevens Point Municipal Airport

Stevens Point, Wisconsin



Mike Pinney, Airport Manager

s an integral part of the state transportation network, Stevens Point Municipal Airport in Stevens Point plays a critical role in fostering business growth and economic development in the region.

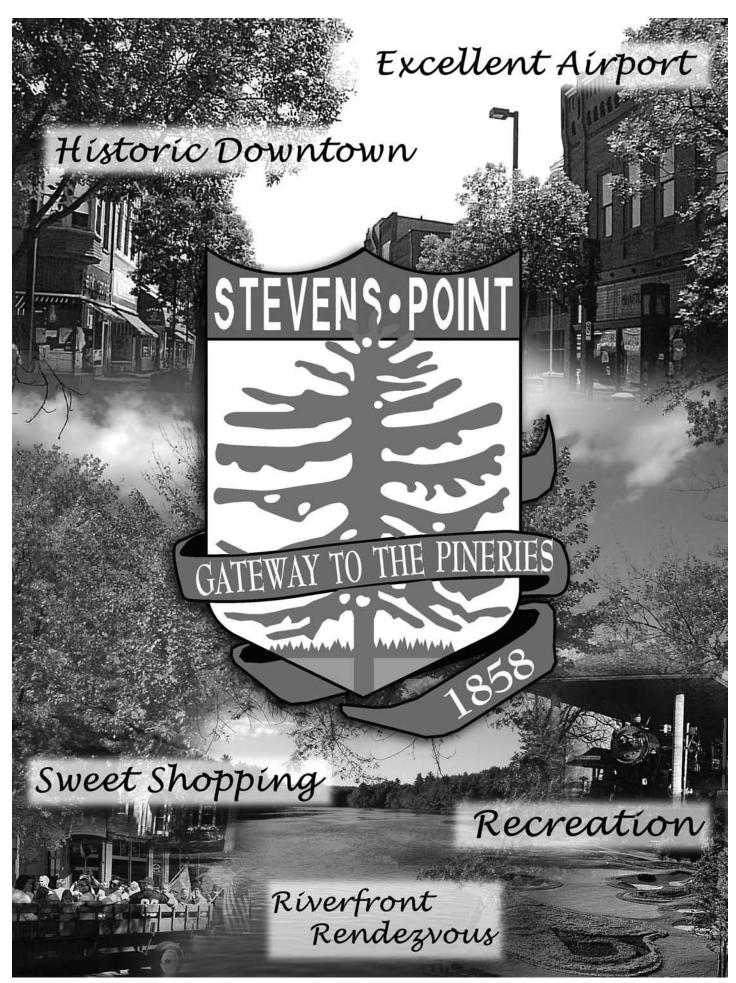
The airport has just received approval for excellent airport facility enhancements. Ground traffic will improve dramatically with full length taxiways. An ILS approach will be added and that will improve the ability to arrive on schedule at the airport and the terminal will be improved so that the improved aircraft and flying side of business is matched by improving the people side of the business.

A study by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) shows that between 1997 and 2001, over 85% of new or expanded manufacturing businesses were located within 15 miles of an airport capable of handling jet aircraft. These manufacturers provided 34,064 jobs for Wisconsin residents.

The local airport also provides facilities for emergency medical flights, law enforcement, agricultural spraying, pilot training, and many other important community services. Communities that are readily accessible by air transportation are at a competitive advantage and may realize economic and quality of life benefits that can affect every citizen.

Stevens Point Municipal Airport is located in Portage County (central Wisconsin). Easily accessible from Interstate 39 (I-39), Stevens Point Municipal Airport is 97 miles east of Eau Claire and 78 miles west of Green Bay. The airport provides a safe and convenient environment for travel, business aviation, and related business activities.

Portage County has a diversified economic base and workforce. Some of the products of the area include insurance and educational services, specialty paper products and a variety of frozen foods products. The area's largest non-government industry sectors are manufacturing, transportation, warehousing, finance and insurance.



Stevens Point 300 Air Race

Sponsored by City of Stevens Point

July 20, 2007 10:00 a.m.



Mystery Route constructed with Jeppesen's NavSuite FlighStar and JeppView

Start/Finish: Stevens Point Municipal Airport Stevens Point, Wisconsin

The 2007 National Air Races finish with the navigationally challenging Stevens Point 300 Air Race which is conducted under Renaissance Rules for PSR teams. Race teams completing this course will have finished the final leg of the competition for the coveted Marion Jayne Perpetual Trophy. For the PSR, Pilot Skilled Race teams, fancy navigation instruments will be covered with decals allowing the use of only the compass and map for navigation—just as it was at the birth of aviation—maps and eyeballs. The maps are better now but the challenge of flying and navigating precisely are the same.

For the APR, Aircraft Performance Race, teams flying smoothly to optimize the on-course speed is critical. All navigation aids are available to them. The triangular route and checkpoints are given to both sets of the contestants in their arrival registration packages. Each team follows the Federal Aviation Regulations and the U.S. Air Race Rules.

Teams find a tremendously gratifying sense of accomplishment in this type of flying. The excitement of the race will culminate in the same-day awards with the theme song (to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"). "Race, Race, Race your plane; swiftly through the skies. Navigate. Navigate. Navigate. Win yourself a prize!"