



Over The Fence

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HARRISON, ARKANSAS

BOONE COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT

Terminal Building on Airport Road



“Airport Manager”

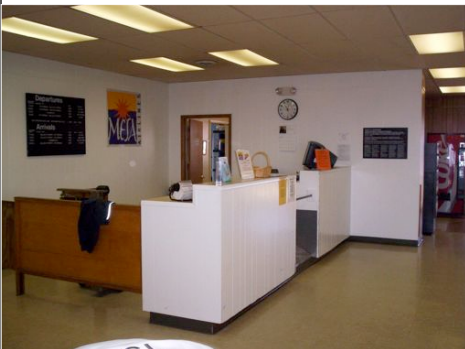


This is Judy McCutcheon, manager of Boone County Airport. A native of Harrison, graduate of Harrison High School and Arkansas Tech with a degree in Business Administration.

McCutcheon began her career in airport management in 1985 as a part-time employee with the local commuter airline. In 1986 she was promoted to station manager for the company. In April 1991 McCutcheon was hired as Boone County airport manager, a job she has held since that time.

McCutcheon is responsible to the Airport five-member board appointed by the Boone County Judge.

No County funds are expended for the airport except for one salaried assistant for McCutcheon. Revenue to support the airport is self-generated and is derived from airline and hanger rent, car-rentals, land leases and fixed-base fuel rent.



Passenger Check-In Counter

The Boone County airport is located on 425 acres 3 miles north of Harrison, is a commercial service airport with one north-south runway measuring 6,161 feet. The runway is served by a full-length parallel taxiway. An ILS (Instrument Landing System) precision approach serves runway 36 and both

runway ends are served by multiple non precision approaches.



Overhead View of Runway



Pilot's view of Final Approach to Runway 36



Passenger Security Inspection



Boarding Passengers

Documentation of the beginning for the Harrison Airport was not found. However, in 1930, Boone County's famous test pilot and barnstorming aviator of the 1920s, Earl Rowland expressed the need for an airport at Harrison. Rowland had previously won the transcontinental air race from Los Angeles to New York in 1928. The current location was selected and the airport consisted of two grass runways, a north-south and an east-west runway both of approximately 2,000 feet length.

Another pioneer aviator Jay Smith later took over management of the airport.

Today, with its modern facilities for commercial and private aviation, the airport houses over 60 based aircraft from single-engine private planes to corporate jets. It accommodates almost 20,000 annual operations.

There's no question as studies substantiate, the Boone County Airport has a significant economic impact on the area. To be precise is not possible, but it's safe to say the impact amount runs into the many millions.

“Tid Bits”

“I would rather be able to appreciate the things I can not have than to have things I am not able to appreciate.” Elbert Hubbard.

“Time marks us while we are marking time.” Theodore Roethke

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“Feedback”

Hey Çurmudgeon, what’s this I hear about you rebuilding an old tractor?



Well Al, you heard right and here’s what it looks like:

Like I told my grandson, at my age I’ve earned the right to do stupid things. I was bored and got the idea to find an old Ford 8N tractor, put it in tip top condition and enter it in the Christmas parade.

My farm buddy Ron Wright who raises cattle at Myrtle, puts up our hay and takes care of my farm equipment is a master mechanic with repair shop. We found a worn-out relic, an 8N machine taken over by rust and Ron did his thing rebuilding it.

I had no idea how to go about the restoration so contacted Don Bailey owner of Ozark Towing, who has restored eight Ford 8N tractors. He pointed me to the web where I found a maze of 8N sites. 55,000 of the tractors were manufactured from 1947 to 1952, thousands are still operating and hundreds have been restored to mint condition where owners go to meets and display them around the country.

Getting replacement parts was no problem ordering on the web and Ron Wright took over and did the work. The old rusted-out machine was completely disassembled, every part in the 8N was replaced with new parts, new tires were installed, the engine was rebuilt completely by Rick Cross of Premier Auto Machine Shop. The final painting was done by James Block, owner of Block’s Body Shop.

So, Al, my old 1947 Ford 8N tractor, serial number 247 all slicked up is enjoying retirement to be admired in the garage sitting alongside the Jeep.

No, it won’t see farm work but it was quite a thrill showing it off in the annual Harrison Christmas parade.

Is it worth it? You bet. Much was learned meeting fine people, working with highly qualified master craftsmen, experiencing an old man’s dream come true who is now the proud owner of a restored 60 year-old Ford 8N tractor that looks and runs like new. It purrs like a kitten!

“Carlin Grams”

“If you ask me, this country could do with a little less motivation. The people who are causing all the trouble seem highly motivated to me. Serial killers, stock swindlers, drug dealers, crooked politicians. I’m not sure motivation is always a good thing.”

“The arrogant nature of golf is evident in the design and scale of the game. Think of how big a golf course is. It’s huge; you can’t see one end of it from the other. But the ball is only an inch and a half in diameter. So will someone please explain to me what these pinheaded golfers need with all that land.”

“Sometimes you hear people say, ‘What kind of a message does that send to our children?’ And I think, What messages are these people talking about? When I was a kid, I never got any messages. Maybe an aunt would send me a birthday card or something; or once in a while my mother would get a Western Union telegram. But, at our house, that was about it.”

“I think they ought to have an annual ceremony at the White House called the Bad Example Award. They should give it to the one person in America who has made the most complete disaster of his own personal life. Someone who through drugs or alcohol or simply bad attitude has been fired, arrested, killed a marriage, completely alienated friends and family, and perhaps even attempted suicide several times. But it must have happened because of personal behavior and conscious choices, not bad luck. It seems to me people like that never receive any recognition.”



“I’d like to point out that during the twentieth century, white, God-fearing, predominately Christian Europe produced Lenin, Stalin, Franco, Hitler and Mussolini.”

“Talk about wrong priorities. We live in a country that has a National Spelling Bee. We actually give prizes for spelling! But when’s the last time you heard about a thinking bee? Or a reasoning bee? Maybe an ethics bee? Never.”

“Feed The Kids”

Jeff Pratt, Harrison Real Estate Broker, Print Shop Owner, Harrison City Councilman , coordinator for the week-end food program advises the pro bono effort by Attorney Van Younes to get 501k status for the program continues.



Teachers at Woodland Heights and Eagle Heights grade schools are still involved and make sure that needy kids are provided with food back packs to take home over the weekend.

Unlike the school food program that feeds needy kids during week days, a program subsidized by the state with tax revenue, the program Jeff Pratt got going in Harrison with the help of Real Estate folks is funded solely by private contributions.

Importantly, this week-end food program is managed exclusively by teachers, the surrogate mothers who know the needs of their kids; who routinely buy from their purses clothing for their needy ones. There is no administrative overhead or supervision by the schools. The teachers who are in the trenches daily with their students maintain their food pantries and Pratt makes sure they are stocked.

Without hassel or paper work the teacher determines which child needs the food and is given a backpack to take home for the weekend. Otherwise, many would go hungry until they return to school on Monday to join the state subsidized week-day food program.

**Pray For Our Country.
Pray For Our Leaders.
Pray For Our Military.**

“Common Sense” by Paul Jacobs

More Imminent Injustice

The parking lot is full of cars that carry the people who shop at the stores in International Plaza.

But, it's going to be destroyed. The city of Arlington Heights, Illinois is trying to force the businesses out at bulldozer point, so they can demolish the thriving center.

Why on earth would any government do such a thing?

Well, city officials much prefer to have a \$19 million SuperTarget there. More tax dollars they figure. So here comes more eminent domain abuse.

Several business have taken the city to court, and hopefully will prevail. But why should citizens have to sue their own city to keep their livelihood?

“This is absolutely morally wrong,” says the owner of a pizza parlor there.

Another business owner, Jose Ramirez, points out that International Plaza is “busy enough to keep me in business.” Ramirez says city officials should “respect the freedom to have your business where you like. America is for all Americans, not only for some rich people.”

Businessman Rich Hayhurst traveled from another city to attend a recent rally at the plaza on a frigid day. Haryhurst says he came for the “camaraderie.” He's worried about being pushed out of his stores in two other cities.

“If we can get together and get ourselves organized” says Hayhurst, “we have a chance of protecting property rights in this country.”

You know, people like Haycurst, who stand up, are the answer to what ails our country. Right where you live.

Learning From The Amish

I don't think I could do without certain modern conveniences, like the Amish do. I need my Blackberry.

But we can still learn from the kind of self-sufficiency the Amish practice. Namely, their habit of doing entirely without government help of any kind. When somebody in the Amish

community needs help, guess who helps them.

That's right, other Amish people. Voluntarily.

But instead of applauding their independence, we seem to regard it as some kind of a problem.

Or at least the state of Ohio does. They're ordering counties in the state to do more to promote food stamps to the group. But county officials say that no matter what they do, the Amish won't sign up, danged ornery cusses.

It's also reported that social workers have for years had a tough time persuading Latino immigrants to accept food stamps. Seems many struggling breadwinners are too proud to do that. This too is regarded as a “problem.”

For whom is not clear. Taxpayers are saving money, aren't they? And a sense of pride is good, not something to be circumvented by bureaucrats. Who knows, maybe if people see that others can make it on their own, we won't need so much welfare.

Maybe that' the real problem. The recipients of food stamps aren't the only constituency for welfare programs. We've also got the politicians and bureaucrats who administer them. To keep their own jobs, they need other folks to stay on the dole.

“More Roadside Signs”

Sleep in a Chair
Nothing to lose
But a Nap
At the Wheel
Is a permanent snooze

If these
Signs blur
And bounce around
You'd better park
And walk to town

Big mistake
Many make
Rely on horn
Instead of
Brake

**Pray For Yourself
Pray For Your Town**

“Reaganisms”



“Take full advantage of the wonderful life that lies in store for you. Rejoice in your freedom and sample the full richness of the opportunities that lie before you. Help one another, trust in yourselves, have faith in God and you'll find more joy and happiness that you could imagine.”

“Tip O'Neill once asked me how I keep myself looking so young for the camera. I told him I have a good makeup team. It's the same people who've been repairing the Statue of Liberty.”

“I've already lived about 20 odd years longer than my life expectancy when was born. That's a source of annoyance to a number of people.”

“More Tid Bits”

On being on time: “I owe all my success in life to having always been a quarter of an hour beforehand.” Lord Byron Nelson.

“The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance - it is the illusion of knowledge.” Daniel Boorstin.

“If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.” Frank Clark.

“No man ever listened himself out of a job.” Calvin Coolidge.

“Snoopy Grams”



“My mind not only wanders, sometimes it leaves completely”
“Diplomacy: The art of letting someone have your way”

“Never put off until tomorrow what you can avoid altogether.”

“Anybody who know everything should be told a thing or two.”

“A well-informed person is somebody who has the same opinion and views as yours.”

“Help”

Clean humor and jokes are needed and welcome.

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