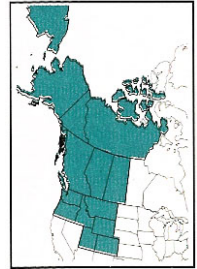




# Chapter Update August, 2004



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## President's Note

One of the relatively few prerogatives of being the Chapter President is having the sole discretion as to what is included in each month's update- even if you talk about your own airport! Please bear that mind, as you read below about the St. George, Utah Replacement Airport project, about which a major national announcement was recently made.

To eliminate any misperceptions that I'm a self-centered President, I would encourage all Chapter members to send me major news about their facilities that can be shared with other Chapter members. As always, if you have anything you'd like to discuss, you can reach me at (435) 634-5822, or at [dulane@infowest.com](mailto:dulane@infowest.com).



## St. George, Utah Replacement Airport EIS Selected for National Environmental Streamlining Program

In September 2002, President George W. Bush issued Executive Order 13274 to "enhance environmental stewardship and streamline the environmental review and development of transportation infrastructure projects." Under this streamlining program, the U.S. Department of Transportation received 77 applications and initially selected thirteen projects for inclusion, of which only two airport projects were chosen- the Los Angeles and Philadelphia airports master plans. In early 2004, a second round of project solicitations occurred, and during the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>, six additional projects were officially added to the streamlining program. This time, only one airport project was included- the St. George Replacement Airport EIS, an announcement made personally in St. George on August 18<sup>th</sup> by Woodie Woodward, FAA's Associate Administrator for Airports.

As many of you know, the City of St. George has been attempting for nearly a decade to construct

a replacement airport to better accommodate the community's aviation demand. However, the proximity of the replacement airport to several beautiful natural resources, including Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks, has made aircraft noise and national park overflights a focal point of attention. Understandably, the aircraft noise/overflight issues facing St. George's project have national implications. Inclusion in the President's environmental streamlining program should expedite the resolution of these critical issues, for the benefit of St. George as well as other airports pursuing major projects.

## International Airport Facilities Conference- September 12-14, 2004

Don't forget about the International Airport Facilities Conference (IAFC) in Salt Lake City September 12 – 14. Al Stuart and his staff have assembled an outstanding program, and I would encourage all of you to have members of your staff attend this year's IAFC. Look for more information about this excellent conference at: [http://www.aaae.org/products/meeting\\_details.html?Record\\_id=97](http://www.aaae.org/products/meeting_details.html?Record_id=97).

## Cheyenne Airport Renamed in Honor of Jerry Olson, A.A.E.

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Cheyenne, Wyoming Airport was renamed in honor of Jerry Olson, A.A.E., a past Chapter President, past AAAE Chair and a true friend and mentor to many of us. The Cheyenne Airport put on a wonderful ceremony and barbeque, and everyone there (including Jerry, I'm sure), had a great time.

