

2015 GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The winner of this year's general aviation airport manager of the year award is being recognized for his lifelong dedication and commitment to his airport and the community.

Our winner started working at the airport while he was in high school and became a part-time county airport employee in his early twenties. He quickly worked his way up the ladder and became the full-time airport manager by displaying considerable talent and dedication.

It didn't take for this goal-oriented individual to make progress as convinced the county to form an Airport Advisory Board, and made sure the members included appointees from local businesses, the president of the local economic development corporation, and airport tenants.

He scheduled meetings with key local officials to bring them up to speed on the programs and opportunities available through the Aviation Division to address a number of issues at the airport.

Our winner worked with the county to: adopt airport rules, regulations, and minimum standards; buy out an outdated and unfavorable FBO lease; regain control of the airport terminal building; and encouraged the county to use their NPE funds to construct game fencing around the airport to keep out feral hogs and other wildlife.

He also used RAMP grants to remove obstructions in the Runway RPZ's and easements to protect the airport approaches; repair and recalibrate the PAPI's; remove substandard Avgas tanks and repair

fueling systems; crack seal the runway; prepare a hangar development plan; and worked with the local TxDOT district for assistance with paving issues and installation of temporary access taxiways for hangar development.

Our winner brings his family to our conference, and always has toy airplanes for children that come through his airport.

A comment from the AirNav website spoke to our winner's dedication to his job:

"Clint and the rest of the line guys support our company. We wouldn't be able to operate at a level that our customers have become accustomed to if it weren't for them. Late night fueling and early morning pulls are just a couple of the many ways they provide without grumbling or complaint. Great job guys!"

Please join me in congratulating CLINT GOFF, AIRPORT MANAGER at the CHEROKEE COUNTY AIRPORT, as the 2015 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year.