



**HECTOR**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

VOLUME I / ISSUE I

# Above the Clouds

APRIL 2001

## Upcoming projects for 2001 include:

- Install a Flight Information Display System.
- Update passenger terminal departure lounge and other public area seating.
- Install business centers in the passenger terminal.
- Improve safety area for runway 08/26 extension.
- Extend runway 08/26 approximately 1900 feet to the west.
- Install a new taxiway from the end of runway 08/26 to the passenger terminal ramp.
- Continue planning for the construction of a car rental facility.

(Financing for these projects is provided by FAA, state and local funds.)

## Hector International Airport Board

The Municipal Airport Authority of the City of Fargo is a five-member board that was established to oversee airport activities and implementation of the master plan, and has since invested time and money in improvements to provide a safe and efficient airport.

Chairman - Alex Macdonald

Robert Anderson

Virginia Clark

Ken Pawluk

Don Kilander

Fargo City Commission Liaison -  
Gib Bromenschenkel

## Fargo Air Museum

It is the mission of the Fargo Air Museum to:

• **PRESERVE** local aviation heritage, including the history of military, commercial and civil aircraft and pilots.

• **PRESENT** aircraft and aerospace-related equipment to the general public through static and flying displays and demonstrations.

• **EDUCATE** the general public about aircraft, aviation and associated activities, including the sciences relating to flight.

• **INSPIRE** the public about the freedom, thrill and exhilaration of flight.

The history of aviation in the Upper Midwest is tied closely to both agriculture and the military. The Fargo Air Museum's collection will encompass all aspects of the region's aviation and aerospace legacy, including agriculture, military operations, commercial aviation, homebuilt and experimental aircraft, radio- and remote-controlled models, and the educational opportunities of aerospace technology, preservation and restoration.

Located at 1609 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, the museum will open in late spring of 2001. If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact us at (701) 293-8043.



World's only flying F2-G Super Corsair. Only one of three known to exist in the world today! This aircraft won the Cleveland Air Races in 1949.

## Hector Airport History

On September 9, 1927, Martin Hector, a pioneer banker who had arrived in Fargo in 1872, agreed to lease a quarter-section of land to the city for five years at one dollar per year. The land was outside the city limits, and state law prohibited its purchase by Fargo unless it could double for some lawful use, such as a garbage dump.

Led by commissioner George Hoenck (generally considered "the father of Hector Airport"), the city appropriated \$1,000 per year for fencing, grading and upkeep of the parcel. Shortly before the lease was to expire, Hoenck persuaded Hector to transfer ownership of the future airfield to Fargo.

City fathers finally succeeded in convincing the state legislature to change the law on March 11, 1931. Less than a month later, on April 9, the local newspaper proclaimed that Martin Hector had secured the city's place in aviation history with his outright gift of 160 acres of land. Hector later donated another 50 acres, and additional acreage was purchased from a number of adjacent landowners.

That same year, a "giant" Northwest Airways six-passenger Hamilton Metalplane landed at the new Hector Airport to inaugurate air service from Minneapolis to Grand Forks and on to Winnipeg.



## From the Director

Air transportation



Expect another eventful year at Fargo's Hector International Airport — several big projects are on tap with an estimated cost of \$6.4 million. The projects include an extension of the east-west runway and the completion of an airport master plan update.

Hector is coming off a red-letter year: During 2000, a total of 230,969 passengers departed from Hector International Airport, as compared to 221,368 enplaned passengers for 1999. This is an enplanement record that has held since the new terminal opened in 1986. It does not include the nearly 5,000 passengers who departed on charter flights to Las Vegas and Mexico destinations. A total of 465,636 passengers either enplaned or deplaned at Hector International Airport in 2000.

I'm optimistic that passenger numbers will remain strong this year, but probably will fall short of the newly-set record. Rising fuel prices and labor costs likely will lead to higher ticket fares, which would hold down passenger counts.

Hector handled about 54,700 tons of cargo last year. That's down from 55,570 tons in 1999. By staying above the 50,000-ton mark annually, the airport continues to qualify for special federal funding.

*Shawn A. Dobberstein*

— Shawn Dobberstein  
Executive Director

## NOTAMS

News and Updates for  
General Aviation Pilots

### Fargo Jet Center

A 24-hour full-service general aviation company, Fargo Jet Center, Inc. offers air charter, aircraft maintenance, flight instruction, aircraft rental and sales, hangar storage, and fuel and line services. FJC works with Weather Modification, Inc. of Fargo to maintain and modify the 33 high-performance aircraft owned by the two companies.

(701-235-3600 or 800-7700-JET)

### Aviation Resources Ltd.

This full-service, on-demand air charter service is FAA qualified, supervised and maintained. Charter aircraft include a 4-passenger Piper Seneca, 6-passenger Piper Navajo, 6-passenger Beechcraft KingAir, and a Cessna Citation business jet. A/R also owns and operates a Beechcraft King/Air dedicated 24 hours a day to air ambulance service. (701-237-0123)

### Valley Aviation

A Phillips 66 Aviation Performance Center, Valley Aviation is open 24 hours a day and offers amenities including separate sleeping areas for pilots, pilots' lounge, exercise room and two heated hangars totalling 60,000 sq. ft.

(701-237-6882 or 800-279-8590)

### Aircraft Services

Aircraft Services is a full-service, FAA-approved maintenance facility. Its 30,000 sq. ft. shop allows their technicians to work on all sizes and types of aircraft, including piston, turbine and jet. The company provides detailed, accurate estimates for 100-hour and annual aircraft checks. (701-237-0128)



One of the airport rescue and firefighting vehicles available. This vehicle carries 3,300 gallons of water and 500 gallons of foam.



### Way-Point Avionics of Fargo

Way-Point Avionics of Fargo offers a complete line of the newest, most technologically-advanced products for aircraft, including a full complement of instruments, radios and navigational equipment in stock and ready to install. The company is a division of Way-Point Avionics, which is headquartered in Bismarck, North Dakota. (701-237-5271)

### Flight Training Ltd.

The area's most complete flight school provides instruction ranging from new student pilots to individuals earning an Airline Transport Certificate. Students in flight training are able to interact with professionals in the general aviation industry who have practical experience in piloting, refueling, hangaring and maintenance. (701-293-8547)

### Fargo Aero Tech Inc.

A new hangar will increase repair station space by 30,000 sq. ft., making the total facility 50,000 sq. ft. New services such as aircraft reconditioning, panel repair and heated hangar space will be added to existing services, including 100-hour, annuals, engine overhauls, aircraft parts, and certified FAA CATS testing.

(701-237-5305 or 800-435-4147)

### Vic's Aircraft Sales

Here you'll find a large selection of various types of aircraft for sale. There's also a ground school for pilot training every Monday evening. Call Vic for information on the "Two for One" special. (701-293-8362)

### Airport Fire Department

Aircraft and rescue protection on a 24-hour, 365-days-a-year emergency basis is provided by the North Dakota Air National Guard (NDANG) Fire Department. Its staff of 24 fire protection specialists and a complement of fire-fighting and rescue vehicles are available for emergency medical and hazardous materials responses.

## North Dakota Air National Guard

### New commander named for "Happy Hooligans"

(FARGO, N.D.) — The 119<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, based at Hector International Airport, has a new commander as of January 7<sup>th</sup>. Col Richard Utecht became wing commander, replacing Col. Lyle Andvik. Utecht is an F-16 pilot with more than 2,700 hours of military flight time.

The North Dakota Air National Guard, better known as "The Happy Hooligans," currently flies F-16A fighter aircraft specially modified for air defense. These aircraft have been in continuous service for 18 years. The Hooligans expect to have newer F-16C fighter aircraft available in 2003, according to information provided by U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan.

The unit is now engaged in a conversion to a multi-role fighter mission, learning about offensive operations against a potential adversary, while remaining proficient in their air-to-air role. The mission change has pilots, maintenance crews and support personnel learning about wartime tasks such as dropping bombs and strafing ground targets in direct support of combat forces.

### Students visit Air Guard and Air Museum

More than 300 fifth and sixth grade school students toured the Air National Guard in early March as part of career day activities during the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium. Additionally, about 350 other students took part in career day exhibits and demonstrations at the brand new Fargo Air Museum, located on the south general aviation ramp immediately northwest of the Fargodome. This is the second year that Fargo has hosted the statewide conference on promoting aviation.



### Air Cargo

Hector International Airport, which is served by all the major air cargo carriers, has experienced a 600 percent growth in air cargo since 1993.

1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
7,938	9,458	16,271	26,164	25,918	40,469	55,570	54,740

## Air Traffic Control Tower

The Fargo tower saw a 6.7 percent increase in total operations in 2000, to more than 97,000. This is the fourth straight year of increase.

## Interspace

### Why should you advertise at Hector International Airport?

McLaughlin's RV and Marine has sold 25 boats and ATVs since they started showcasing in the airport concourse. To find out about available ad space at Hector Airport, please contact Scott Appnel at 800-628-6800 (ext. 314).

## Hector Trivia

Did you know there are 200 acres of pavement at Hector International Airport? It's a good thing the Municipal Airport Authority purchased two airport snowplow trucks and a sand truck in 2001!

## Airport Parking

Parking lots are located directly across from the terminal.

### Parking rates:

- Short Term: \$.75 each half hour;  
\$7.50 maximum daily rate
- Long Term: \$1.00 flat rate for first hour;  
\$.50 each additional hour;  
\$5.00 maximum daily rate;  
\$30.00 maximum weekly rate

In compliance with FAA airport security requirements and public safety concerns, the curbside in front of the terminal is for loading and unloading only. Unattended vehicles will be ticketed and towed.

Parking is managed by a national company called Airport Parking Company of America (APCOA). You can contact APCOA at 701-241-1591.



## Airlines Serving Hector International Airport

The most recent arrival and departure schedules can be found on the [fargoairport.com](http://fargoairport.com) website. Schedules for charter flights are also available. If you'd like to know current flight arrival information check out [flightarrivals.com](http://flightarrivals.com). Flight schedules are subject to frequent changes. Please contact the airline or your travel agent for possible schedule changes.



## 70th Anniversary of Service to Fargo-Moorhead

1931-2001

Daily non-stop flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport  
**800-225-2525**

Northwest Airlines Ticket Counter 5:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. (Daily)

Northwest Airlines City Ticket Office  
625 1st Avenue North  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (M-F)  
[www.nwa.com](http://www.nwa.com)

## UNITED EXPRESS

Daily non-stop flights to Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Denver International Airport  
**800-241-6522**

United Express Ticket Counter 4:45 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (Daily)  
[www.ual.com](http://www.ual.com)





**HECTOR**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
Your one-stop connection to the world.

**Question? Comments?  
Send them to:**

Shawn Dobberstein,  
Executive Director  
Hector International Airport  
Box 2845  
Fargo, ND 58108

If you'd  
like to know  
current flight  
arrival information  
check out  
[flightarrivals.com](http://flightarrivals.com).

**701-241-1501**

e-mail:  
[fargoairport.com](http://fargoairport.com)  
[www.fargoairport.com](http://www.fargoairport.com)



**Business Traveler Update**

Northwest Airlines recently installed self-service check-in stations at Hector Airport to assist business travelers in obtaining boarding passes and in making flight or seat changes quickly.

**Car Rental Companies**

All counter hours subject to change with airline schedule changes.

**Avis**

800-831-2847  
701-241-1580  
6:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (Weekdays)  
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. (Saturday)  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (Sunday)

**Budget**

7:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (Weekdays)  
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. (Saturday)  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (Sunday)

**Hertz**

800-654-3131  
701-241-1533  
701-241-1534 (fax)  
7:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (Weekdays)  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. (Weekends)

**National**

800-227-7368  
701-241-1576  
6:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (Weekdays)  
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. (Saturday)  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (Sunday)

**Taxi Service  
Doyle's Checker Cab Inc.**

701-235-5535  
**Lucky 7 Taxi**  
701-235-1717

**United States Customs Service**

U. S. Customs Agent  
(701) 241-8124  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Weekdays)

User Fees Apply To All U. S. Customs Calls After Normal Business Hours (Charges are Subject to Change)

7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. (Weekdays)  
\$50 - \$100 charge

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Weekdays)  
\$50 - \$100 charge

7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (Weekends)  
\$125 minimum charge

8:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m. (Late Nights)  
\$150 minimum charge

See U. S. Customs Service "Guide for Private Flyers" for more information.

Support your local businesses in the Passenger Terminal

**Barnstormer Restaurant**

Open 4:45 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
241-1559

**Barnstormer Lounge**

Open 10:30 a.m.-1:00 a.m.  
241-1569

**Airport Gift Shop**

Open 4:45 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
241-1590

