

KLXV Newsletter



This May, flight crews from the U.S. Army brought a formation of four Boeing AH-64D Longbow Apache Helicopters up from Ft. Carson for some fuel and some dinner downtown at Quincy's Steakhouse.

In a town of 2,500 people, these four little Indians certainly drew some attention!

Our thanks to the four Army flight crews for stopping by!!

Movement of the Quarter – Boeing AH-64D Apache

Airport Manager's Report – Support your local Airport!

Greetings to everyone once again! Well, summertime is upon us, traffic at the airport is continuing to increase, and we are looking forward to new visitors at the airport.

Most people probably don't take time to think about the economic impact that their airport has on the local community, so I thought I'd take a second to talk about it and how it pertains to the Leadville-Lake County Airport.

It has been proven time and again that a community without an airport stands less of a chance of thriving than a community that does have one. Airports draw businesses, create new jobs, and provide local businesses with clients and customers that they may not have had access to before. An airport can also be a lifeline that brings supplies in the winter or transports medical patients out when time is critical.

It can often be hard to put an exact number or dollar figure on what an airport is worth and puts back into a community, but we have been attempting to do just that.

Currently the Leadville-Lake County Airport employs two people who live and

also brings in other workers who make their living servicing the facilities and equipment on-field. There are also direct revenues from selling aviation fuel, merchandise, and various other services provided to visitors. This revenue is deposited right back into an account held by the county to be used elsewhere if needed.

The real economic benefit is felt when those who visit the airport also continue on into town. They buy breakfast, lunch, and dinner; they go shopping, they go snow skiing, and sometimes they stay overnight. As of this writing, we have sent over 500 people out into Lake County and beyond to do all of the above, and this number continues to escalate.

In 2008, the estimated total output of the Leadville-Lake County Airport to the local community was \$1,501,300 in all of the above mentioned areas. So while an airport may sometimes seem like a luxury for a community, honestly, what would we be doing without it??

Zachary Colescott
Airport Manager
Leadville-Lake County Airport



Newest Patch in the

Shadow Box

6th Squadron,

6th Cavalry Regiment,

C Troop from

Fort Drum, NY

**"The airport runway
is the most important
mainstreet in any
town."**

- Norm Crabtree



The summer months bring many various airframe and component manufacturers to Leadville for high altitude testing. If you come to visit during this time, don't be surprised to see an aircraft, test equipment, or various representatives from these companies around the field.



The Delaware Hotel is conveniently located on the corner of 7th Street & Harrison Avenue, a very short 2 mile drive from the Airport, in downtown Leadville, CO.

Review – The Delaware Hotel & Callaway's

Almost all of us wish that we could go back in time to change something in our lives or just to observe history. While actual time travel will probably never be a reality in most of our lifetimes, it is now possible to take a small step backward, if even just for a bit.

The Delaware Hotel, built in 1886, is a true Victorian Era Inn that is still in operation today. Surrounded by period antiques and collectibles from around the world, you may start to feel like you really are back in the late 1800's, and if you see something you like, chances are that you can take it home with you as most everything is for sale.

Located right in the heart of downtown Leadville, the Delaware makes the perfect spot from which to explore this historic city. Mention

you are flying into the airport while making your reservations and you will get a special rate!

The Delaware also plays host to Callaway's restaurant. The menu features a nice selection of dishes that range from a Buffalo Sloppy Joe to a BBQ feast that feeds two. Callaway's also features a Sunday Brunch and, for a dose of civility, a tea service later that afternoon.

If you're looking for something a little different for your weekend getaway, fly on in and spend a few nights at the Delaware!

The Delaware Hotel & Callaway's Restaurant
700 Harrison Avenue
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Ask the Airport

Q: I always seem to see military aircraft buzzing around or helicopters landing at the airport. What is this all about? Is there an Army base at the airport??

A: The United States military is by far our best customer at the Leadville-Lake County Airport. We have been host to the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Civil Air Patrol, Coast Guard, and various military units from around the world; however, no, there is not a military base here. Military units like coming here for the same reason that everyone else likes coming here...it is good training and challenges their flight skills.

The majority of our military traffic comes from the High-Altitude Army Aviation Training Site (HAATS) in Gypsum, Colorado. This school attracts military personnel from around the globe are interested in increasing their knowledge of rotor wing flight and power management at higher altitudes. Recently, many flight crews who are about to deploy to Afghanistan have been rotating through HAATS because of the high elevations they will encounter in that country. Due to the ramp up of deployments to Afghanistan and the urgency in receiving this type of training, a similar school for helicopter crews has been established in Colorado Springs at Fort Carson.

Helicopters aren't the only military operations that we support here though; fixed wing aircraft from all over visit us as well. We have seen Citation Jets & King Air aircraft from the US Army, as well as Lear Jets and Twin Otters from the US Air Force. The biggest, and definitely most impressive, visitor is the Lockheed C-130 Hercules. Just like their rotorcraft cousins, fixed wing aircraft also visit us to work on high altitude operations.

These military operations occur throughout the week, night and day. It's certainly interesting to see the different aircraft that visit us here. If you're lucky, you may just catch them coming and going!



A UH-60 Blackhawk from the HAATS training facility

Hertz Rent-a-Car Comes to Lake County

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This June, the Leadville-Lake County Airport signed an agreement to become an authorized Hertz Rent-a-Car agency. What this means is that it will now be simpler than ever to have a rental car waiting on you when you fly into our airport for business or recreation.

Rental cars will be based on-field on a permanent basis, so whether it's a planned trip or just a last minute diversion, we'll have something for you. Reservations can be made directly on the Hertz website (www.hertz.com) or over the phone with one of our helpful staff members.

The fleet will consist mainly of SUV type vehicles, but will include cars as well. Other options will be available as well including an in-car GPS system and satellite radio.

"Our partnership with Hertz Rent-a-Car fills a large missing puzzle piece for the airport", according to Airport Manager Zachary Colescott. "There is a great demand for rental vehicles from those that fly into the airport. If our customers want to ski, camp, hike, or just spend a weekend in town, it will now be simpler and more economical than ever before to make it happen."