

KLXV Newsletter



The Sierra Nevada Corporation stopped by while breaking in their new aircraft, a Dornier 328, straight from Germany.

This aircraft was definitely impressive to see sitting on our ramp, and it may very well be one of the largest corporate type aircraft we've seen.

Our thanks to the Sierra Nevada crew for stopping by!!

Movement of the Quarter – Dornier 328 (N391EF)

Airport Manager's Report – Changes for 2010

Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter! 2010 promises to be a great year for us at the Leadville-Lake County Airport.

Many changes & improvements will be happening this year that we hope will increase the level of service and amenities that we can provide. If you've had the opportunity to visit us recently, you have probably heard that new facilities are in our future. These new facilities will help bring us more into the 21st century and provide a more professional environment from which to conduct day to day operations.

We are also very excited by the prospect that private investors are showing interest in the construction of larger corporate-style hangars on the airfield. We feel that a larger hangar such as this will help make us more attractive as an alternative to busier airports, and make it easier for travelers to reach their destinations in Lake & Summit counties.

In addition to new facilities, the airport has recently purchased a tug, a de-

icing trailer, and an aircraft engine pre-heater. While the tug and the pre-heater are available now, we are currently implementing plans to try and make the de-icing trailer available for use by winter of 2010.

Future improvements to the airport will include a 100LL bowser, expansion of the courtesy car fleet, a real-time weather station to be integrated into our website, and additional on-field webcams that will provide views of the various passes utilized to visit the airport.

If you have any questions about these changes or suggestions that you would like to make, please feel free to forward them to me via email at zcolescott@lxvairport.com.

In the meantime, I hope that everyone will drop in and experience the improvements being made this year. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Zachary Colescott
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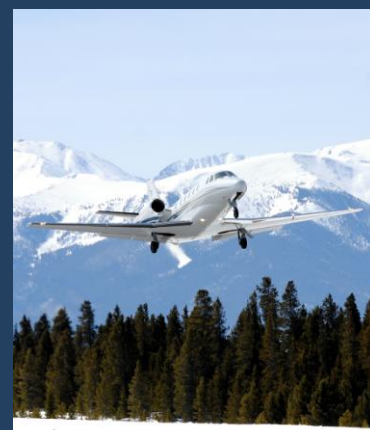


Newest Patch in the Shadow Box

557th Flying Training
Squadron from the
US Air Force
Academy

*"To most people, the
sky is the limit. To
those who love
aviation, the sky is
home."*

- Anonymous



The month of March saw a steep increase in corporate jet/prop traffic as families flocked to Colorado for Spring Break. As the closest airport to several major ski resorts, LXV makes an ideal destination from which to base.



Quincy's Steak & Spirits is conveniently located on historic Harrison Avenue, a very short 2 mile drive from the Airport, in downtown Leadville, CO.

Restaurant Review – Quincy's Steak & Spirits

"Are you familiar with our menu? We have steak!" These are the first words you'll hear upon entering Quincy's Steak & Spirits in downtown Leadville, CO.

Menus just don't get much simpler than this one. At Quincy's, you'll get filet mignon Sunday through Thursday and prime rib Friday and Saturday. That's it*. Not only will you get the beef, but you'll also get a baked potato, salad, and a side of bread to sop up the wonderful juices. The only decision that you'll really have to make is what size of steak you would like. With 6 oz. filets starting at \$7.95 and 8oz. slices of the prime rib starting at \$9.95, this is one of the best deals you'll find in the Rocky Mountains. In terms of taste and quality, we give Quincy's two thumbs up.

Since Quincy's is only open for daily dinner, we recommend planning an overnight trip. The city of Leadville has several options when it comes to lodging from the historic Delaware Hotel to various Bed & Breakfast establishments. Our staff will be pleased to assist you in making any plans.

Quincy's Steak & Spirits
416 Harrison Avenue
Leadville, CO 80461
(719) 486-9765

Open Sunday through Saturday
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Reservations accepted for parties of 6 or more.

*Vegetarian Lasagna is available as an alternative to Beef

Ask the Airport

- Q:** Our airport seems to have a fairly long runway. I know there are other airports in Colorado with shorter runways that have commercial air service, so why don't we have any? Will we see any in the future??
- A:** This is actually a very frequent question, and there are several different reasons that combine to provide the answer. Simply, it comes down to a mixture of altitude, weight, safety, and demand.

With an increase in altitude, the performance of an aircraft tends to decrease. With this performance decrease, factors such as passenger & baggage load become a grave consideration. Airlines require full loads, and this becomes difficult when weight becomes a critical concern. Along with this, the distance required for takeoff increases compared to lower altitudes, as well as the margins required for safety in the event of an emergency. As the highest elevation airport in North America, these concerns become an even higher priority.

In these tough economic times, demand is important to sustain a route for any airline. Until such time that consistent demand can be proven or that there is an essential need for such service, chances are that a route to Leadville would not be deemed economically feasible. Additional infrastructure would be required to bring the airfield in line with current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations for commercial air operations. Incidentally, during the 1970's there was in fact commercial service to the Leadville-Lake County Airport. Rocky Mountain Airways operated the de Havilland DHC-7 (Dash 7) from Stapleton Airport in Denver, CO to LXV. More than likely this route was to support the local mining operation at Climax, and it ended once operations downsized.

Times have definitely changed when it comes to the requirements for airline service. Will it ever return to Lake County...who knows? With some improvements to the airport and an increased demand, anything is possible! In the meantime, corporate and business operators have flocked to LXV and found it to be more than suitable for their needs.



A de Havilland DHC-7 of Rocky Mountain Airways

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Big changes are in store for the Leadville-Lake County Airport that will alter the landscape in 2010. The County has secured nearly \$405,000.00 in grants for the construction of a new Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facility.

The new SRE facility will consist of approximately 4,000 square feet of equipment bay space for the storage and maintenance of snow removal equipment based on the airfield. It is anticipated that the ability to store such essential equipment indoors and out of the elements will increase the lifespan of these vehicles and allow us to invest money into other vital projects for the airport.

Additionally, the new building will feature approximately 2,000 square feet of office space to be used as a temporary FBO & Airside Operations Office. Once the new building is complete, we will be relocating operations from the office building & quonset hut on the South ramp at Intersection C to the North ramp at Intersection D.

The completion of this project will be a key achievement. In fact, it will unlock every other improvement that will be made on the airport in the future. Completion is expected in Fall of 2010, with relocation to happen immediately afterward.