

## A Hangar Poised for Economic Flight

Called "The Stratosphere Hangar Proposal," a thorough FAA environmental review process is proceeding on a plan that calls for a new state-of-the-art hangar to be located on the site of the former Davidson

building and adjacent to Talon Air's existing aviation complex. The project is being proposed by Stratosphere Development Company, which shares common ownership with Talon Air. It would consist of one 53,999 square foot

building including 29,999 square feet of hangar area and 24,000 square feet of support area on some 3.58 acres. The proposal also calls for site improvement including a new parking area to accommodate 139 vehicles.

## Blue Angels call Republic Home

Once again the Blue Angels depended upon Republic Airport for their base of operations, allowing them to participate in one of the most successful air shows in the United States, the annual Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show held over Jones Beach during the Memorial Day weekend. Almost half of a million people looked skyward to see the Blues' F-18's come streaking in to honor those servicemen and women who have defended our nation. In addition,

several thousand Long Islanders visited Republic to spot the Blues arrive and depart during their four days in the region. Other acts that were based at Republic Airport included the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team; civilian performers Sean Tucker, John Klatt, David Windmiller, Ed Hamill, and Mark Chapman; and World War II aircraft from the American Air Power Museum, Warbirds Over Long Island and the GEICO Skytypers.

### And their British cousins

And the Red Arrows demonstration team, belonging to the RAF, visited Republic Airport this summer, as part of their aerial tour of North America and New York City. Republic Airport officials played host to the British Consul General, Red Arrow crew members and a score of British expatriates who literally wept to see their former countrymen fly in to shake hands and wish their Long Island cousins the best.

## And Finally... Flying the Mail

A trio of biplanes departed Republic Airport this September at the start of a punishing 3,000 mile flight to San Francisco, carrying sacks of mail to mark the 90th anniversary of the start of air mail service under the auspices of the US Post Office. Airport Director Michael Geiger and Airport Manager Shelley LaRose Arken saluted the effort and its role in

honoring those Americans who forged an air bridge between parts of the country that, ultimately, grew to become today's commercial aviation system.

*Below: Republic Airport was the starting point for an historic transcontinental flight to commemorate the 90th year of air mail service in the United States with three antique airplanes recreating*

*the punishing flight to San Francisco. A 1928 Boeing 40 C biplane, a 1927 Stearman C3B and 1930 Stearman 4E all picked up mail bags at the American Airpower Museum and headed west. Joining Airport Manager Shelley LaRose-Arken are air mail pilots Larry Tobin and Ben Scott, Republic Airport Director Michael Geiger, and Addison Pemberton, air mail pilot and flight leader.*



### Upgrading our Website

To better provide the Internet community with news, information and updates regarding Republic Airport, the airport's web site is being significantly improved. Be sure to log on at [www.republicairport.net](http://www.republicairport.net). Pilots, visitors, community and business leaders, as well as Republic Airport neighbors will find new sections that range from events and operations to career opportunities and airport visioning.

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# Safety First and Foremost

Republic Airport is proposing to install an Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) at the ends of Runway 14 and 32. EMAS is a unique concrete block system built at the ends of each runway to help safely stop an aircraft that overshoots the runway, reducing the potential for injury to people on the aircraft and on the ground.

No expansion of the runway is included in the project, nor will it increase traffic at the airport, but the planned safety improvements will require the relocation and upgrading of existing landing systems, related equipment and antennas and the replacement of obsolete runway lighting.

With the support of U.S. Senators Schumer and Clinton, and Congressman Israel, the airport received federal funding to begin design work in 2008. Construction is slated for 2010, subject to the availability of future federal funding.

*Below: Republic Airport's new EMAS in place on runways 14 and 32.*

## The World of Aviation is Open to Students Searching for a Career.

The Aerospace Education Corporation is hosting its second career fair on September 25 and 26 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Republic Airport's Main Terminal Building, at which students from throughout the region are introduced to exciting careers in aviation and aerospace. Students will walk through a military C-130 Hercules, learn

about careers directly from the flight crews of flight training aircraft, inspect media helicopters, piston and jet aircraft and much more. Professionals will be on hand to brief students about careers in the Air Force, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), NASA, aircraft manufacturing, airport management, aircraft maintenance, emergency services

and more. To learn more to: [www.aerospaceeducationcorp.org](http://www.aerospaceeducationcorp.org).

This career fair is only held every two years, and space is limited. Students are urged to tell their high and middle school guidance counselors of their interest in attending.

## Community Comment on Airport Proposals



Airport executives, engineers and environmental scientists greeted members of the public this spring to detail plans that call for the removal of two aviation hangars at Republic Airport, the relocation of 800 feet of taxiway, the relocation of Runway 1/19 some 450 north and a proposal by SheltAir Aviation, which provides aviation services at the airport, to relocate a portion of their operations towards Route 109. In addition,

SheltAir would construct a new hangar for flight schools to replace the hangar being removed, new administrative offices for the company and up to seven hangars for corporate hangars.

A comprehensive State Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ NEPA Environmental Assessment is also being prepared to review the effect these projects would have.

*Above: Republic Airport consultants brief community members on the visioning process at the aviation complex.*

