

**LAMBERT AIRPORT HISTORY PROJECT
MISSION STATEMENT AND PLAN
JUNE, 2014**

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Project is to create of an in-depth, authoritative account of the history of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport and its relationship to national and regional history that will be accessible and interesting to a broad public audience.

Lambert is the most historic civil airport in the United States, having been in operation continuously since 1920. From Charles A. Lindbergh and the *Spirit of St. Louis* to the jet age and the space age it has been at the epicenter of aviation history, and its history is worthy of study and exposition.

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PLAN

1. Organization

The Project is undertaken by the Missouri Aviation Historical Society, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation. The Editor in Chief will lead and coordinate the activities of the Editors, establish relationships with other institutions and organizations, and prepare materials for publication or other use. The Editorial Board will identify and survey available sources of relevant information, documents and imagery, conduct research and collect relevant materials in electronic and other formats, and create written materials and work product concerning their respective subjects. The Editorial Board will also create an online site to serve as a repository for photos and imagery, art and graphics, storage of materials in electronic format, liaison with other organizations and institutions, and publishing and publication of materials.

2. Principal Subjects and Activities

The Origins of Lambert Airport

Albert Bond Lambert

Antecedents

The 1923 Air Races

Acquisition by the City of St. Louis

Lindbergh and the *Spirit of St. Louis*

Background

St. Louis Activity

The Spirit

Airport Facilities and Infrastructure

Original Facilities

Airport Infrastructure (runways, hangars, ramp areas)

The 1933 Terminal

Wartime Expansion

1947 – 1955 Postwar Expansion

The 1956 Terminal

1956 - 79 Expansion

1980 – 1997 Expansion

1998 - 2006 Expansion

2007 - 2012 Renovation (including the Good Friday Tornado)

Military Activity

NRAB/NAS St. Louis

Missouri National Guard/MOANG

Manufacturing Activity

Curtiss-Robertson and Curtiss-Wright

Lambert Aircraft/Monocoupe

McDonnell Aircraft/ McDonnell Douglas/Boeing

Sabreliner

Airline Activity

Robertson Aircraft Corporation/Universal Airlines/American Airlines

TAT/TWA

Chicago & Southern

Ozark

General Aviation Activity

Robertson Aircraft Corporation

Von Hoffmann Aircraft Company

Remmert-Werner/Sabreliner

Young Aviation/Midcoast

Political and Public Policy Issues

Regulation/Deregulation

Noise/Environmental

Public Support and Subsidies

9/11 and Security

Special Events

Safety/Accidents

Collection of Archival Materials

Photos and Imagery

Web site/Communications/Electronic Storage

Art/Graphics

Models/miniatures

Liaison with other Organizations and Institutions

Publishing and Publication of Materials

3. Participating Organizations:

The St. Louis Airport Authority

The Missouri History Museum

The Center for Transportation Studies, University of Missouri - St. Louis

The Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum

4. Timetable

In December, 2013 a publication agreement was executed with the Missouri History Museum to publish a book of 70,000 to 75,000 words under the authorship of Dr. Rust. The manuscript is to be delivered by October 1, 2015. Research and drafting are currently in progress. Other publications and activities are also under consideration.