

Meadowlake Airpark

First came a love of aviation by local enthusiasts; second, the willingness of fellow aviators and visionaries to build a community around their passion.

The year is 1958 and Dr. Bill Blevins first lands on his new grass strip along Riley Creek, south of Kingston. In the next few years, the Roane County Airport closed and fellow pilots L.O. Bacon, Ralph Deaderick, Freeman Crowder and Dave Stevenson formed a partnership and together opened a new private airport, *Meadowlake*. Around 1965, when a new Cessna Skyhawk was about \$10,000, land was purchased, the second and longer runway completed, gas pumps, and the first hangers were completed.

The airpark continued to grow into the 1970's when lighting was added and the initial listing of *Meadowlake* in the state airport listings. The longer 2600' runway was paved with a *tar and chip* surface in 1977. A local Army Reserve engineering unit and support from the state wildlife agency aided growth and construction at the airpark.

In 1988, the airpark was purchased by Ken Splawn and operated as Meadowlake Air, Inc. Under this ownership, the airpark added a basic flight business office, replaced the below grade fuel tanks with a modern double-wall tank for av gas and the runway was paved.

In 2000, a non-aviator purchased the airpark and it closed to the public. A dark cloud descended over Meadowlake for twenty years and the dream of general aviation in Kingston almost died.

With new ownership in 2020, the skies are clearing, the TAF calls for UNLIMITED visibility, sky conditions with few clouds; the sky is alive again. Come and make new history at Meadowlake!

A glimpse of days past . . .

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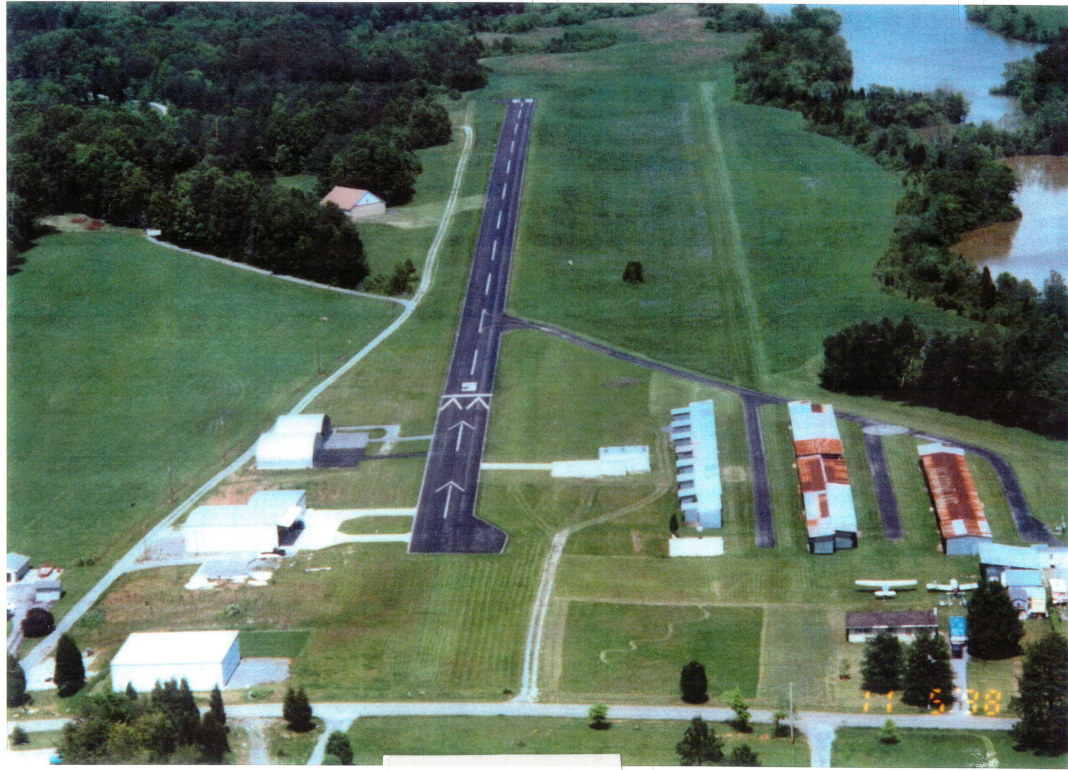


about 1965



a 1999 Fly-In

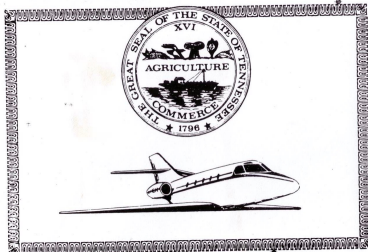
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Meadowlake in 1988

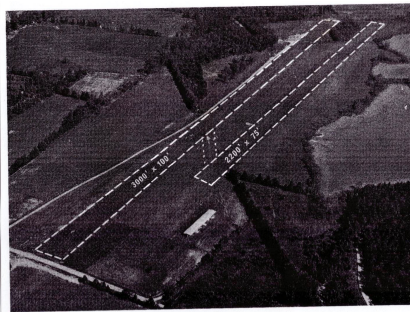
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KINGSTON

Meadow Lake
ELEV. 760'

Location Identifier:	Operator: Meadow Lake Airpark Inc., 615-376-7849
Coordinates: 35°49'N-84°32'W	Manager: D. B. Stevenson
From City: 4 Miles SSW	615-376-9113
Runways: NE/SW 3000'	Attended: 24 Hours
Turf	Fuel: 80/100
Lights: Low Intensity on Request (2800' Lighted)	Repairs: No
Traffic Indicator: Cone	Storage: T Hangars
Radio Facilities: No	Accommodations: In Town
Weather: No	Transportation: Taxi
Remarks: Airport 084°, 21 nautical miles from HCH 117.6; Runway 5 Threshold Displaced 340'; Runway 23 Threshold Displaced 500'	

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First listing in the state directory

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First (humble!) FBO

Faces from the past

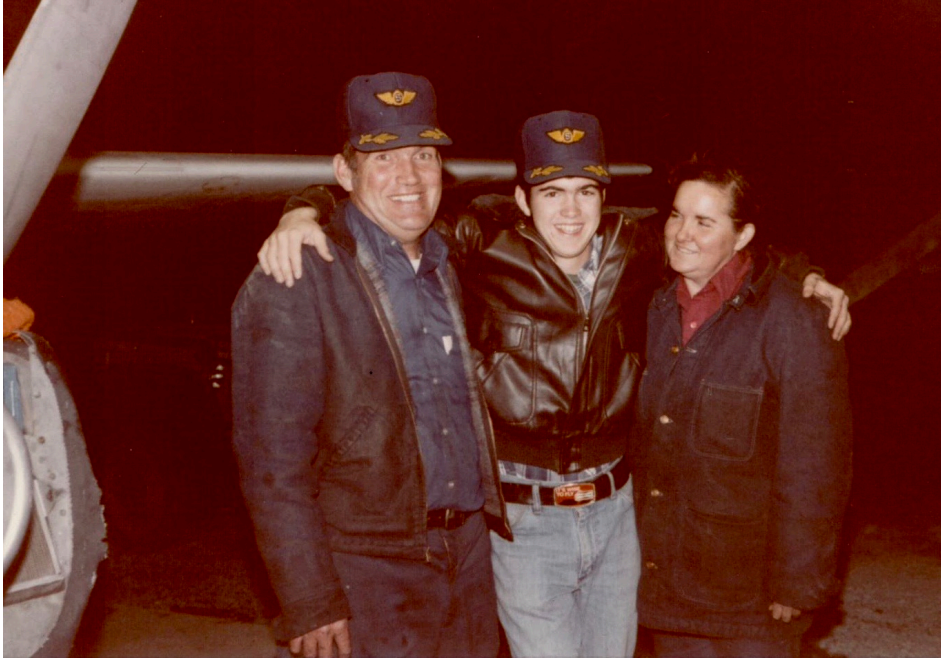
Danny Collins and Dave Reynolds



Dr Blevins

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Local radio “celebrity,” the “singing mechanic” Shelby Isham, with family...wife Dianne and son Shelby Wayne



Bruce Quinby
and Ken
Splawn

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Chris Linn's PA-12 on straight floats.....left to right, Dave Stevenson, Mark Joiner, Chris Linn, and Jerry Depew



Dave
Stevenson,
"Mr.
Meadowlake"