

At the last meeting of the PDK advisory board, the flight schools were being asked to curtail touch and go landings and modify their methods of operation in general to reduce noise. According to the monthly noise report, jets are involved in most of the complaints. In addition, loud planes who exceed PDK's noise threshold of 92 LMAX get a letter.

I e-mailed Cliff Izer of LIFT flight training school asking him if his company routinely did flight training using jets and if they received any letters from the noise officer (Mario Evans) regarding exceeding the noise limit.

>John, no flight schools on the field have jets in their fleet. We do
>have single engine piston and light multi (2 engine) engine aircraft.
>Also, I (LIFT) have not received any letter from Mario.
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>Thanks very much for your feedback.
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>Regards, Cliff

OK, now a report on the noise report. October's noise report can be found on-line at: <http://www.pdkairport.org/>. just click on the link to the current noise report. Annual reports are also available. I have reports going back a few months in PDF format if anyone wants a previous report.

20,762 operations occurred out of PDK last month. Of those, 151 occurred during the voluntary curfew period (11PM - 6AM)

58% of the airport flow was to the North, 42% was to the south (towards Wakefield Forest). Less than 1% is E/W, which would impact the majority of DECA.

258 noise complaints were registered. The number of complaints seems to have risen over the last few months (data not shown in report) and is a lot higher than the average since 1996 (207.13). The overwhelming majority of complaints (202) are due to jets.

The noise map: Wakefield forest and neighborhoods between Clairmont and Shallowford registered many complaints. I don't have a list of streets that comprise DECA, but there seem to have been 10 complaints from Wakefield Forest. (see page 6-7 for a list of complaining streets and a map.) One other complaint is probably from Surrey Place, near Chamblee-Tucker. Other complaints were centered around Dunwoody North and areas west of DECA, south of PDK.

Jets account for less than 5 operations per night (11PM - 6AM), which is 1/3 of the total night time operations.

Another useless fact: During normal operations (6AM to 11PM), a plane flies in or out of PDK every 1 minute 32 seconds (on average, of course). It's the second busiest airport in Georgia with over 20,000 operations per month. Hartsfield, by comparison, has 73,000 operations per month (one every 37 seconds, 24 hours per day)

So every day, over 3,000 planes fly in, out, or around metro Atlanta.

John
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Contacting PDK:

To get the current noise reports: <http://www.pdkairport.org>
(the link is at the bottom of the page).

To call the Noise Abatement Hotline:

Dial (770) 936-5442

To e-mail a complaint: maevans@co.dekalb.ga.us (Mario A. Evans is the noise abatement officer.) :

Leave your:

- Name
- Address
- Neighborhood
- Exact time that you were disturbed
- Type of Aircraft (small/large, propeller/jet/helicopter)
- Additional additional information as required
- Phone Number (if you want us to call you back)

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