

## Abandoned & Little-Known Airfields website: [www.airfieldsfreeman.com](http://www.airfieldsfreeman.com)

- I've been an aviation nut ever since age 5, and knew ever since then that I wanted to be a pilot. I started my private pilot training in 1993, and since then have logged many enjoyable hours as a private pilot. I work as an aerospace engineer, in the flight simulation & air traffic control industries.
- I've had a lifelong interest in both aviation & history. Once I started pilot training, and started to study aeronautical charts, the "Abandoned Airfields" symbols on charts piqued my interest, of "what used to be there?" I started posting entries for what little information I could find, and I quickly found that my niche interest struck a chord with many other aviation enthusiasts. I started the "Abandoned & Little-Known Airfields" website, [www.airfieldsfreeman.com](http://www.airfieldsfreeman.com), in 1999.
- The website's mission is to preserve & disseminate the history of forgotten airfields across the US, those airfields which are no longer operating &/or no longer exist. Thanks to an ever-increasing stream of source material sent in by website readers, the material on the site has snowballed to its current total of 2,571 former airfields, across all 50 states.
- I'm pleased that my website has taken on a "political" role never foreseen: many members of the aviation community have told me that by showing them how many airfields we've lost, it motivates them to fight to support the airfields we still have.
- *The Indiana pages of my site have many fascinating stories. In my presentation, we'll take a closer look @ some of the Indiana airfields profiled on my site...*