



COOK FIELD

Cook Field was opened in September 1957 by the Shockeyes with the approval of the FAA and McConnell Air Force Base for small aircraft use on a sod landing area. The field, half a mile long and a quarter mile wide is prairie located two miles west of Rose Hill and five miles east of Derby on East 71st Street South.

The name Cook Field was chosen since the land upon which the field is located formerly belonged to the Elmer Cook family. The present owners, Raymond, Alice and Pauline Shockey, purchased the field in November 1959. The field has two sod runways, a 2600 ft. north-south, and an 1800 ft. northeast-southwest. The altitude is 1340 feet. There is a normal 600 ft. limit for small aircraft since high performance military aircraft enter the McConnell Air Force Base traffic pattern at 2500 ft. above sea level. Pilots use a left hand traffic pattern.

The first plane to come on the field is still here, that of the Christian Flying Club which now has twelve members. The small trailer house on the west side first served as an office and later was moved to Elwick's hangar until the main 60'x 60' hangar on the east side of the field was completed in January 1960. Two large T hangars housing eight planes are owned by Ray Elwick. The third, not yet completed, belongs to Pentab Inc. Harold Krier, star of this afternoon's show, hangars his planes and has his office in Elwick's west hangar.

The field is serviced by Mobil aviation gas in two grades - 80/87 and 100/130. Maintenance facilities are available on the field.

