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What Plane Flew Over My Head?

Denver International Airport launched a new web site called WebTrak, which will allow residents around DIA as well as Centennial Airport to access information about flights taking off and landing regionally. WebTrak was recently demonstrated by Dirk Guenther from Denver International Airport to the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable (CACNR). "This is a wonderful tool for all of us to visually see actual planes taking off, landing, and where they are flying," stated Karen Blilie, Chair of the Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable. "It is also a benefit to Centennial Airport as personnel can track noisy flights and quickly get back to residents about noise concerns." Centennial Airport is also in the process of purchasing and installing their own noise equipment, which will be online in about 18 months.

The WebTrak is easy to access by going to www.centennialairport.com, clicking on "Noise Roundtable", and then clicking on "DIA WebTrak". The WebTrak is almost live but with a 21-minute delay. It keeps a 60-day history of air tracks so individuals can look up a specific day and time even if they are not around a computer when a plane event took place. Although citizens can log a complaint from the WebTrak, this feature is only available for complaints from residents affected by DIA aircraft. Should someone want to complain about a Centennial Airport aircraft, call the Centennial Airport hotline at 303-790-4709 or file a complaint online at www.centennialairport.com/Complaints.

"There are many features which make WebTrak extremely useful," Keith Gardener, Centennial City Council Member and CACNR Representative, explained. All aircraft are color coded on the map. This makes identifying what airport the plane is heading to or coming from much easier. A resident can place his/her home on the map by clicking on "address lookup." This allows the user to determine exactly how far an aircraft was from a home. By clicking on a specific plane, residents can get additional information about an individual aircraft, such as flight identification, aircraft type, origin, destination, height and speed. These "tags" will allow a user to see an aircraft's entire flight track. "Finally, citizens have a tool to use which will help them to see the crowded skies of the entire Denver Metropolitan Area," stated Brad Pierce, Vice-President of CACNR and Aurora City Council Member. "Try this out. It is fun as well as informative."