

## Robert Mueller Airport Control Tower

### Staff notes

The Robert Mueller Airport Control Tower is the last remaining vestige of the city's airport before moving all airport facilities to the former Bergstrom Field. The control tower has been maintained on-site with an eye towards preservation and eventual designation as a historic landmark.

The old Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, designed by the local architectural firm of Fehr and Granger, received many architectural awards and distinctions for its mid-century modern design. Design on the airport began in 1959, and the facility was completed in 1961. Over time, much of the old airport terminal was modified and remodeled, so that at the time of its demolition, it no longer maintained its integrity of materials or design. The tower, on the other hand, was untouched during many of the renovations that occurred at the old airport, and retains its integrity to a very high degree.

Even before the demolition of the old terminal, the control tower was an icon on the Austin skyline, and for many years was the site of Christmas messages. Although the rest of the terminal is gone, the control tower remains to commemorate the site of the old airport, and the mid-century modern design of Fehr and Granger.