



Newsletter
Anoka County Aviation Association
ACAA

Next Meeting: **Monday, November 12, 2012 7:00 PM**

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EAA Chapter 237 Hangar Anoka County Airport.

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Calendar

November 12, 2012 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg
January 4, 2013 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads due
January 14, 2013 (Mon)	5:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg.

November Meeting

Join us at the November meeting for an update on what's happening at ANE and the MAC.

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 12, at the EAA 237 Hangar on the west side of the field. Doors open around 6:45. Refreshments will be provided.

RAAC Report

By John Krack

Things have been pretty quiet since the Rates and Charges activity is behind us. Kelly Gerads notes that they've been very busy renewing leases and getting ready for the new Rates and Charges to take effect in January. They'll be sending out lease renewals for January expirations in a few days, and are expecting to have February offers out by the end of the month. She did offer several suggestions and clarifications:

- Prior to your lease renewal:
 - Make sure that you have insurance coverage on file with the MAC
 - Make sure that any environmental discrepancies that MAC has notified you about are resolved
 - Make sure that your lease payments are up-to-date

Otherwise, your lease will not be renewed, and you will be put on a month-to-month program until the issues are resolved. Kelly said that these items have caught a number of tenants.

- New lease provisions, such as the sublease permit and fees, take effect with your new lease. So if your new lease starts March 1, that's when you need to have your sublease permit and start paying the sublease fee.
- The new lease takes effect upon expiration of your old lease, even though you will be signing it early.

They don't know yet what the Reliever Airport landing fee rates will be until the Commission approves 2013 budget.

The major focus now is on minimum standards for commercial operators. Joe Harris is taking the lead on this. A draft should be available for discussion within the next couple of months.

On the non-aeronautical revenue front, staff is working on getting land releases from the FAA, and is making progress with Eden Prairie on zoning updates to allow MAC to go forward with marketing the FCM properties.

I'm working on getting a RAAC meeting set up for Monday, December 3.

As always, if you have any concerns, issues, or suggestions regarding the Reliever Airports, let me, or any of the other RAAC reps, know.

The View From Here

By John Krack

Airport Informational Meeting: The annual Anoka Airport Informational Meeting was held on September 12th at Blaine City Hall. Attendance was about 25-30 people, down a bit from last year. Gary Schmidt and Joe Harris presented a comprehensive overview of the airport, highlighting the partnerships with and the benefits to the community. The usual concerns about noise and expansion were raised, which Gary and Joe addressed.

Gary started the presentation with an overview of the MAC organization and the role of the Reliever Airports, which includes keeping traffic away from MSP and providing service for General Aviation. Joe then highlighted the community services provided by the airport, including the Park & Ride facility, the ballfields, the Victory Links Golf Course, and the police dog training facility. The repavement of Xylite this summer also benefitted the local residents, and that decision was largely driven by community input.

Joe noted that there's been an operations decline in recent years, due largely to flight training moving to 4-year schools, and to a change in traffic demographics, with less recreational training and more corporate/business activity.

It was also noted that the airport supports approximately 200 full- and part-time jobs, including more than 100 full-time positions (including subtenants) within Key Air alone.

Looking forward, the Capital Improvement Plan for the next few years was reviewed:

- 2012 – Xylite Street rehab (complete); 9-27 crack filling and grooving (I believe they said this was deferred)
- 2013 – East side building area taxilane reconstruction
- 2014 – Nothing planned
- 2015 – Electrical upgrades and Taxiway Charlie extension

Gary and Joe also noted that there are no runway extension plans at this time, and they discussed the criteria that must be met before they would consider such a move – namely, there would need to be sufficient aircraft demand that would dictate the necessity for a longer runway to operate safely.

An attendee from Rasmussen College noted several times that it is critical that we have an airport that supports business traffic.

It was also noted that corporate operator choices are determined by where a business is located or where the executives live.

Finally, noise was discussed. Several attendees expressed concern that following the runway extension and ILS, they have experienced more noise. Blaine Mayor Ryan noted that motorcycles make more noise than most light aircraft, to which one of the attendees,

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The View From Here

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obviously a motorcycle enthusiast, took heated issue. It started me thinking that in a large metropolitan area, we are inundated with noise all the time – from sirens to trucks to trains to motorcycles to lawnmowers to airplanes to you-name-it. What differs from one person to the next is the kind of noise we're sensitive to. A motorcyclist doesn't mind the deep throaty roar of a motorcycle passing by his house, but it irritates others. An aviation enthusiast isn't bothered by airplanes flying overhead, but it bothers many who aren't into airplanes. A teenager loves the deep BOOM, BOOM, BOOM of his car stereo, which drives bystanders crazy. Most of us don't complain about police, ambulance, and fire sirens because we know that they help save lives.

So I guess my conclusion is that that's life in the Big City. Unless a noise source becomes so frequent or so loud that it really affects our quality of life, we need to learn to live with it. Having said that, however, it's still incumbent on us as pilots to try to minimize our noise footprint wherever we can safely do so (we certainly don't want to aggravate an already sensitive situation), but the fact is that a certain amount of noise is unavoidable. Hopefully, through education on the public benefits of General Aviation and what really goes on at the airport, many of those who are sensitive to aircraft noise will at least come to accept that the overall benefits outweigh the inconvenience. The MAC representatives stated that their noise goal is to have the least impact that they can.

Blaine Airport Promotion Group Senior Airport Tour (From the October BAPG Newsletter, by Roger Hansen):

Spring Lake Park, Parks and Recreation Department sponsored a 2 hour tour that brought 25 senior citizens to the airport on September 19th for a close up view of our airport.

John and Carrie Krack joined us at Key Air to assemble a packet of information that was provided to each guest on the tour.

The tour was one of several the SLP, Parks & Recreation Department provides each season and we were selected for this part of the tour by Tour Director, Sharie Linke as an introduction to the Blaine Airport community.

The tour provided an inside look at the airport and some of the businesses on the field opened their hanger doors and stepped onto the bus to give brief presentations about the history of the airport and their business.

The bus tour concluded with an inside tour of the Golden Wings Museum with Craig Schiller, Harvey Karth, and Roger Hansen as tour guides.

A follow-up letter from Ms Linke thanked the group for conducting the tour, and indicated that the participants were very pleased.

Elections: We'll be holding our annual officer elections this month. We'll be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Not that the current officers aren't doing a great job, but a little competition is always welcome. The duties of these offices are:

President: Conduct bi-monthly General meetings. Act as the primary contact person and spokesperson for the ACAA.

Vice President: Fill in for the President when unable to attend meetings. No other specific activities.

Secretary: Record minutes of the Executive Committee meetings and General meetings and forward to the Newsletter editor. Maintain Association records. Act as the primary correspondence person for the Association.

Treasurer: Keep the Association books, pay bills, deposit checks.

Volunteers for all offices are welcome. The time commitment is not great – a General meeting every two months, with a little preparation beforehand, and other activities and meetings that may come up from time to time. Beyond that, it's whatever you want to

put into it. We are effective as an organization, but we can always use new blood, with new ideas, energy, and skills, to continue what we've started. And there are lots of interesting challenges ahead: keeping tabs on Reliever Airport finances, development of non-aeronautical property, add promoting the airport, to name a few. We can influence any or all of these if we put our minds to it and work together.

So give it some thought. Step up and get involved. Volunteer for an office and help make a difference. Contact any officer (listed inside the back page), or show up at the meeting, to throw your hat in the ring.

And if anyone's interested in working on the Newsletter, let me know.

Airport Picnic: The annual airport picnic on September 10 was yet another highly successful event. The weather was perfect, the hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats were grilled to perfection by the ANE maintenance crew, over 300 people stopped by, and we even had beer for the first time! It was a good opportunity to visit with our fellow airport people, and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

MAC presented awards this year to six individuals who have made a significant difference through their work in promoting the airport to the public. The well-deserving recipients are:

- Greg Herrick, owner of Golden Wings
- Craig Schiller, Golden Wings
- Harvey Karth, BAPG Group Leader
- Shelly Supan, CAP
- Roger Hansen, BAPG Education Coordinator
- Chris Gabiou, Twin Cities Aviation

Congratulations to all, and thank you for your contributions to our airport community.

Andy Westerberg Loses His Bid for Re-Election to the Anoka County Board. He was defeated 12,120 to 11,145 by challenger Julie Braastad. We thank Andy for his support of Reliever Airports as a legislator, MAC commissioner, and County commissioner, and wish him well in his future endeavors. We hope that he will continue to be involved in airport issues and promotion activities.

Blaine mayor Tom Ryan, a strong airport supporter, won re-election with 98% of the vote.

MAC Committee and Commission Meetings

By Vivian Starr

Vivian reports that there were no Reliever Airport items on the Committee or Commission agendas for September or October.

September ACAA General Meeting Minutes

Due to the picnic, there was no business meeting held in September. The July minutes were published in the September Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.

WANT Ads

WANTED: Contributions for Blaine Airport Promotion Group. See www.aneairport.org for details.

HANGARS FOR RENT: Several south facing tee hangars available. Call George at 651/271-3023.

WANTED: Newsletter Articles. If you have any interesting stories, thoughts, observations, or comments, send them to av8r00@gmail.com.

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ANOKA COUNTY AVIATION ASSOCIATION

The ACAA is an association of hangar owners, hangar renters, FBO owners, pilots, flight instructors, commercial operators, and anyone else with an interest in the future direction of the Anoka County Airport. Our mission is to actively promote a variety of interests and activities relating to the Anoka County Airport operation including:

- Safety
- Airport improvements
- Hangar use, lease contracts, and building/fire codes
- Relations with MAC, MnDOT, and adjoining communities
- Business and commercial interests
- Recreational Aviation
- Any other areas of interest to the membership

To get results, we need your support.

To join, either:

Attend the next meeting at the EAA Building, just north of the Golden Wings Museum facility. See the calendar on page 1 for the date and time of the next meeting.

Or:

Fill out the membership form on the back page, and send it with \$15 for one year, \$27 for two years or \$35 for three years to the address indicated on the form.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES REQUESTED

Please send newsletter articles to:

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Articles may be typewritten, handwritten or on disk in Microsoft Word format or text file. See the calendar on page 1 for next newsletter deadline.

Newsletter Want-AD Service

As a benefit to members, a free want-ad service is available. Rules are:

1. Ads must be received by the date indicated in the calendar notes to be guaranteed to appear in the next newsletter.
2. Anyone or any business may submit an ad.
3. There is no charge for paid-up members.
4. Graphical images are OK if in a standard computer image file format (.gif, .jpg, .bmp, etc.). Hard-copy images are also acceptable.
5. Send ads to the Snail Mail or Email address shown above.
6. Want Ads will run for 3 issues, unless canceled early or renewed to run longer.

Email List

Vivian Starr maintains an extensive email list of people interested in what's happening in the Minnesota aviation community. She keeps us up to date with timely reports on MAC meetings, and other activity of interest. In fact, many of the articles in this Newsletter were originally distributed via email. If you're not on the list and want to be, send your email address to Vivian at DVStarr@aol.com.

