



Newsletter
Anoka County Aviation Association
ACAA

March, 2017

Next Meeting: **Monday, March 13, 2017 7:00 PM**
 EAA Chapter 237 Hangar, Anoka County Airport.

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Calendar

Mar 13, 2017 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building
Mar 14, 2017 (Tue)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC General Offices
Apr 28, 2017 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads Due
Apr 29-30, 2017 (Sat/Sun)	9:00am	Great MN Aviation Gathering Golden Wings
May 8, 2017 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building

RAAC Report

By John Krack

The next RAAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14 (the day after the ACAA meeting), 7:00PM at the MAC General Office building at 6040 28th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. This is a public meeting open to all.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
2. Issues:
 - A. Drainage Issue at Anoka County/Blaine Airport - Al Dye
 - B. 2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Summary - Al Dye
 - C. Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) Update - Neil Ralston
3. Tenant Concerns/Issues - RAAC Representatives
4. Future Meetings Schedule for 2017-7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday - June 13, 2017
 - Tuesday - September 12, 2017
 - Tuesday - December 12, 2017

March Meeting – Elections (Hopefully)

Join us at the March meeting for an update and discussion on what’s going on at the airport, and for the annual officer elections. (Elections were postponed from January due to poor attendance.)

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 13, at the EAA 237 Hangar on the west side of the field. Doors open around 6:45; refreshments will be provided. Let’s have a great turnout. Hope to see you there.

Tips From the Tower

By Neil Otey, ANE Tower Chief

See Something...Say Something!

Things always seem to be in a state of flux here at ANE. Welcome to the Lynx FBO!

Now that Lynx is here, there will be several changes in how traffic and vehicles will be moving around the field. As the only fuel vendor for the airport, the presence of Lynx fuel vehicles on and around the runways, especially RWY 27, will increase considerably. Cirrus Flight, by my unofficial guess, was servicing approximately half of the fuel services on the field, without a need to cross RWY 27. Fuel service for this spring and summer will come from “Lynx North”, requiring additional RWY 27 crossings. Rest assured, I am in close contact with Lynx, in an effort to foster a plan for smooth and efficient service to all our users.

Now, for your part! Please keep these changes in mind while operating on the field, and be aware of surrounding conditions. One of the tower’s greatest assets is your awareness!

If you, “See something... Say something!” Ask if you have questions, and have a great summer!

New Commission Rep on the RAAC:

I’ve been advised that Commissioner Michael Madigan has been appointed as the Commission representative on the RAAC, replacing Lisa Peilen whose term expired in January. Madigan, a local attorney, has been a Commission member since 2011, is an instrument-rated private pilot, and is a board member of the Learning Jet, a non-profit educational organization based around the Learning Jet at STP.

I look forward to working with Commissioner Madigan in his new role as RAAC rep.

Long-Term Comp Plans:

The Environmental Assessment phase for the Lake Elmo plan is ramping up, with expected completion in 2017 or early 2018.

A revised Crystal draft has been released, and the Commission has authorized staff to solicit another round of public comment. Based on stakeholder input, they’ve recommended two significant changes:

1. Keep the turf runway but shorten it to eliminate “hotspots” and provide for potential future FBO ramp expansion at the SW end

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2. Repurpose part of the 500' overrun pads at each end of runway 14L-32R as designated runway with displaced thresholds and declared distances, providing an effective increase in usable runway to ~3,500 feet for takeoff and landing, and 3750 feet for accelerate/stop distance (from the current 3267 feet for both).

I expect that the suggested runway extension will make the Crystal airport more attractive to aircraft at the upper end of its design range and, by keeping the turf runway, make it attractive to taildragger operators to base there.

The proposed closure of runway 14R-32L is still in the plan, and I expect that will prompt some discussion in the next review cycle.

The Airlake plan is still being worked.

The ANE plan will probably kick off sometime this spring. I would strongly encourage anyone with an interest in the future of this airport to get involved in the process early to get your suggestions and comments in up front. MAC DOES listen.

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

FBO Update

By Michael Lawrence

On January 3rd, Cirrus Flight Operations and Key Air Twin Cities were purchased by Lynx FBO Network. What does this mean for you? We value the relationships that have been built by both previous FBO staff and strive to continue to provide excellent service and quality clean and dry fuel at a fair price. Self-serve 100LL will remain open and competitively priced, accepting most major credit cards. All full-service 100LL and jet fuel will be dispatching from the north location (formerly Key Air) now. We will need your cooperation to give us as much notice as possible for any full-service fueling needs.

We are looking to hire and add line service technicians to keep up with the needs of the airport, but we also need to be efficient when we're out fueling. Help us help you, and our friendly controllers, by minimizing the number of times we cross runways to provide full-service fuel. Call ahead and get on the schedule... 30 minutes, 2 hours, 1 day, 1 week... the more notice the better, that way we can plan and fuel multiple aircraft while we're south of runway 9-27 before returning to base. All customers based at ANE will receive a \$0.25 discount off of full-service retail priced 100LL and \$0.50 discount off of retail priced Jet A. Please fill out a customer information form and put a credit card on file with us to receive these discounts, and update your contact information for us with phone #: 763-780-2802, ASRI frequency: 129.60, email: ane@lynxfbo.com

We look forward to meeting you, or getting reacquainted with you, and thank you for your business!

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The View From Here

By John Krack

Discover Aviation Days is Canceled for 2017

Craig Schiller, DAD chairman, has advised that our annual open house event has been canceled for this year, to come back bigger and better in 2018. The reason for this difficult decision was

schedule conflicts with other events that threatened to negatively impact DAD: An airshow is scheduled in Duluth that same weekend (June 2-4) featuring the Blue Angels and Canadian Snowbirds. This is expected to draw a significant slice of our volunteer base (who are all aviation enthusiasts) as well as some percentage of the public who would otherwise attend DAD.

The planning team looked into moving it to the following weekend, but that conflicts with the Commemorative Air Force hangar dance Saturday evening, likely impacting both dances.

So, it was decided to take a breather this year and put the focus on next year's event.

Congratulations to Michael Lawrence and his New Bride

On January 15th, ACAA President Michael Lawrence was married to Caitlin Connelly of Benson, MN at a ceremony in Negril, Jamaica. Michael says they'll have a hangar party for family and friends this spring.

Congratulations, Michael and Caitlin. Michael, we look forward to meeting your new bride.

I guess you could call this a "Jamaica Farewell" to bachelorhood!

Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering

The 2017 Minnesota Pilots Association *Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering* will be held this year on April 29-30. Note that this is a change to Saturday/Sunday from previous years, which were held on Friday/Saturday. The event once again will be held at Greg Herrick's unique and wonderful Golden Wings facility. Hours are 9am to 9pm Saturday, and 9am to 4pm Sunday.

I highly recommend this event. I've attended all of the previous Gatherings (I think this is the fourth) and they have been well worth the time. The announcement promises that: "*The Gathering will feature educational sessions and a variety of vendors of aviation-related products. Educational sessions will cover a broad range of topics, including owner-assisted maintenance, seaplane operations, ski plane operations, survival medicine, single pilot IFR, Minnesota aviation history, winter operations, engine management, how to promote your local airport and much more.*"

Admission is \$5.00 per person per day, but it's free to MN Pilots Association members and folks under 18.

For additional information, or to join MNPA, check out their website at <http://www.mnpilots.org/>

Email Newsletter Distribution

Back in January, I sent out test emails to the members for which I had email addresses. Most of them worked, and a few bounced. Thanks to those who responded.

I normally try to send the Newsletter so that people get it a few days prior to the meeting, but will not be able to do so for March because we'll be traveling. Thus, I'll send email copies to those that I can, and follow up with hard copies to everyone.

If you are reading this from a hard copy and did not receive an email copy, please send an email titled ACAA to av8r00@gmail.com, include your name and address as shown on your mailing label, and note that you're updating your email address.

My plan is to distribute via both email and hard copy for a few cycles, then drop the complimentary hard copies to public officials and others who are not paid members. Paid members will still

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be entitled to a paper copy, but I'll also be asking for volunteers to accept electronic only. This, hopefully, will help us reduce printing and postage costs, and save me time in folding, stamping, and labeling the printed copies.

Other changes we'll be looking at will be setting up a website and opening a PayPal account to accept new member and renewal dues electronically.

Harvey and Roger are Still At It

We reported last issue that the Blaine Airport Promotion Group disbanded, but that BAPG founders Harvey Karth and Roger Hansen would continue their efforts to promote aerospace education through the schools and other venues. Here's a note from Roger about their latest venture:

Havey & I have been granted full membership in EAA Chapter 237 and will host our first school program through the chapter on March 30, 2017. The school is FICHE, a faith based home school. The field trip will be organized by Peggy Fast, Field Trip Coordinator for FICHE.

We will continue to provide support to schools under the direction of EAA chapter leadership.

Thank you for your support of the airport programs and developing educational opportunities for your students to experience the many careers in General Aviation.

BLUE SKIES REFLECT THE COLOR OF IMAGINATION
ROGER HANSEN

Thanks to EAA Chapter 237 for helping Harvey and Roger carry forward what they started under BAPG.

Officer Elections in March

Due to poor attendance at the January meeting, we'll try again to hold our annual officer elections at the March meeting. Up for election will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Vivian Starr has indicated that she won't continue as treasurer, so we'll definitely need a new person for that position.

If you have any interest in helping to guide this organization, let one of the current officers know, or show up at the meeting on March 13. The current officers are all doing a great job, but it would be good to give us all some relief and to bring in some new perspectives, ideas, and energy.

Also, I've been doing the Newsletter for a number of years, and would like to work my way out of that job. I'm looking for someone to help out for now, and eventually take it over.

Know Someone Who's Looking to Rent or Sublease Hangar Space, Buy or Sell a Hangar?

Check out the Blaine Airport Promotion Group website at

<http://www.aneairport.org/hangar-space/hangar-space.htm>

Click on the button to send your info to BAPG, who will post it on the page.

High Speed Internet, TV, and Phone Service Now Available At Your Hangar

Contact:

Adrian Dennis, Sr. Business Account Executive
10400 Viking Drive Suite 550
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Hangar Door Maintenance

If anyone has a contact for someone who does inspection and repair on bifold hangar doors, please let me know (av8r00@gmail.com).

January Meeting Minutes

We did not hold an official business meeting in January because the only attendees were Michael Lawrence, Don Johnson, John Krack, and Craig Schiller. We also did not hold elections, and will try to get that done in March.

Vivian Starr has advised that she will not run for another term as treasurer, so we'll need someone new to fill that position. She did, however, send along the Treasurer's Report for November and December:

Checking:	\$ 872.53
Savings:	4,913.29
Total:	\$5,785.82

We discussed ways to increase interest in the Association and address the poor attendance at the last two meetings. John is planning to move toward more electronic distribution of the Newsletter. We have an opportunity to take over the BAPG website. Craig Schiller has offered to reconfigure it and maintain it, at least for awhile. The site address is paid through late summer/early fall, and we would need to renew it.

We also discussed a membership drive for May. John will ask MAC for a list of ANE tenants, and we'll send Newsletters and meeting invitations out to them.

We also plan to set up a PayPal account to make it easier for people to pay membership dues.

Given the poor attendance at the November and January meetings, and declining attendance at the other meetings, we discussed, with no decision, whether to drop the winter meetings and just do spring, summer, and fall. We'd still do the Newsletter to keep people informed, and could always call special meetings when important issues came up.

Any Thoughts/Ideas/Opinions would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.

WANT ADS

HANGAR FOR SALE

2135 Michigan West
48w x 40d TWO hangar doors (elect) approx. 14ft high x 40 wide.
Heat & AC office space. Call Craig at 651-426-4751

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32' x 180' (5,760 sq. ft.); open inside with sliding
40' door openings; new roof and tin ceiling and end side
walls. \$175,000. Call Bob at 239-227-4407.



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Saturday, April 29th, 9am to 9pm

Sunday, April 30th, 9am to 4pm

Admission \$5.00 per person - per day · Free to MNPilots members and attendees 18 and under



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Feel free to contact us to become an exhibitor or sponsor for this exciting event!

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Discover Aviation Days

2017 Dates: June 3 – 4, 2017

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Michael Lawrence ACAA

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.

