



Newsletter
Anoka County Aviation Association
 ACAA

July, 2014

Next Meeting: **Monday, July 14, 2014 7:00 PM**
 EAA Chapter 237 Hangar Anoka County Airport.

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Calendar

Jul 11-13 (Fri-Sun)		Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour "Big Bomber Weekend" Key Air
Jul 14, 2014 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building
Aug 18, 2014 (Mon)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads due
Sep 8, 2014 (Mon)	7:00pm	ANE Picnic MAC Maint Building
Sep 9, 2014 (Tue)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC General Offices 6040 28 th Ave. S

July Meeting

Attend the July meeting for the latest on what's going on at the airport.

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 14, at the EAA 237 Hangar on the west side of the field. See you there!

President's Corner

By Michael Lawrence, ACAA President

On Thursday, June 26th, the Anoka County airport was critical for GA operations while TFRs in place, due to President Obama's visit, shut down all other area airports. ANE stepped up to the challenge, handling 20+ jet aircraft arrivals in a 10 minute window. Many of the aircraft were scheduled in to the downtown St. Paul airport, but were not allowed to land there because of unscheduled ground movement of President Obama.

Around the Airport

By Joe Harris, Airport Manager

Dear Tenants:

I would make a case that that Anoka County-Blaine Airport has some of the best community airport events. They attract tens of thousands of visitors annually and most events do not charge admission. Airport events bring the fun back into the internal and extended community. It is great to see the myriad of organizations and businesses joining together to inspire the fascination of flight. For example, Discover Aviation Days and the Collins Foundation Big Bomber Weekend allows sharing the magic of the science and preserving the history of aviation. It is no coincidence that the busiest aircraft operational day in the month of May was May 31st and this was the first day of the Discover Aviation Days event with 595 aircraft operations. These events create excitement with airport users. If you are interested in learning more about other airport events, please visit the Blaine Airport Promotions Group website at www.aneairport.org.

I have received a few calls about low flying aircraft north and east of the airport. None of the activity reported are connected to ANE operations. However, I would like to remind everyone to maintain the proper altitude over congested areas, observe traffic pattern altitudes, and become familiar with noise sensitive areas and the noise abatement procedures.

Please support your local airport businesses.

If you have any questions, please call me. I can be reached at **763-717-0001**.

Regards,
 Joe

RAAC Report

By John Krack

For a summary of the May RAAC meeting, see Vivian Starr's article below.

By now, the Facility Acquisition Fee changes are history. This is a plus for tenants, as this very unpopular fee has been greatly reduced. This will hopefully help spur hangar sales, paving the way for those nearing the end of their aviation activities to transfer their leaseholds to more active tenants and helping to promote airport growth. Thanks to MAC for recognizing that this fee was counterproductive and taking the steps to make it more palatable. They did a lot of research to try to find a reasonable balance, and I think they've done that.

Why didn't we push to drop the fee entirely? We suggested that early on, but under the current policy, dropping this fee would result in making up the revenue somewhere else. The rates and charges system uses a combination of fixed fees (ground rental, fuel flowage) and transaction-based fees (Sublease Fee, Administration Fee, Facility Acquisition Fee) to generate the necessary revenue. This way, only those who engage in certain (usually infrequent) transactions pay the additional fees, whereas lumping it into the ground rental would increase everyone's costs.

We recognize there are some issues with the way the Sublease Fee is implemented, and will be discussing those with MAC. Any input based on your experience with this fee would be appreciated.

The next RAAC meeting is on Tuesday, September 9, 7:00PM at the MAC general office building.

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

June 12 Reliever Airports Advisory Council

By Vivian Starr

Commissioners:

Lisa Peilen
Carl Crimmins

RAAC Reps:

John Krack, (Chair) ANE
Peter Dahl, FCM
Patrick Moynihan, LVN
John Renwick, Lake Elmo, 21D
Bruce Wiley, MIC

MAC Staff:

Roy Fuhrman
Gary Schmidt
Kelly Gerads
Greg Fries
Joe Harris
Kelly Ubel

Absent from this meeting: Glenn Weibel, STP

Tenants:

Bob Eckstein
Dale Lotts
Kelly Monroe
Robert Schroeder
And many other MIC tenants

This RAAC meeting was held at Crystal Airport. It started at 6 PM with a picnic supper of grilled hotdogs, chips and beverages. Many thanks to MAC for sponsoring this meal and to Trini Martinez for grilling the hotdogs!

Commissioner Lisa Peilen has been appointed by MAC Chair Dan Boivin to act as the Commission's representative to the Reliever Airports Advisory Council. It was her suggestion that the RAAC meeting be held at MIC in an effort to focus attention on the need to spark interest in improving and developing this centrally located airport. MIC is in Commissioner Peilen's district C, and very near to Commissioner Crimmins' district A. Commission Crimmins was accompanied by his wife.

The meeting was opened by Chair John Krack who introduced Commissioners Peilen and Crimmins. John also noted that Mike Landy's term had expired and Gov. Dayton had selected Patti Gartland to fill that seat. Commissioner Peilen remarked that Mike's shoes would be tough to fill! Also, MIC Airport Manager Melissa Galvan Peterson, resigned 2 weeks ago to accept another aviation position that will allow her to work from home. She has a baby and her husband is an airline pilot, so being an airport manager on call at all hours was just not working for her.

Joe Harris reviewed the Lake Elmo Airport identifier issue. The identifier for Lake Elmo Airport, 21D, needs to be changed to an identifier using all letters (no numbers). The International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO sets the standards for these identifiers. Apparently, as technology has changed, some flight plans cannot be filed when there is a number in the identifier. Users of Lake Elmo want to have an Identifier with all letters. Joe said that staff was working with the FAA on this issue.

Kelly Gerads, Assistant Director of Reliever Airports, announced that the MAC Facility Acquisition Fee was in the process of being changed. On June 16, the Full Commission is expected to give the final stamp of approval on changing this fee to one that is 50% of the annual ground rental rate of a storage tenant's lease. Commercial operators will have a slightly different formula that takes into account the footprint of their building.

Kelly said that the proposed Self-Fueling Policy is expected to be on the July MAC Management & Operations agenda.

Gary Schmidt, Director of Reliever Airports, noted that there has been considerable interest in one of FCM's parcels that is available for non-aeronautical revenue development. He said there have been 25 on-line inquiries by developers. Hopefully, something will be happening there soon.

Bruce Wiley, RAAC rep for MIC, led a discussion about the struggle MIC has faced trying to overcome lingering fear that Crystal might close. The Metropolitan Airports Commission made a clear decision a number of years ago that Crystal Airport would

remain open. The FAA financial investment over many years precludes any other possibility.

Bruce Wiley said he would like to see MIC return to the thriving airport it was in the 1960s, 70s, & 80s. Bob Eckstein, a MIC tenant of many years, asked how we get people to see the potential in Crystal Airport? Robert Schroder, another MIC tenant, said folks who invested in MIC originally anticipated an increase in value, whereas the values have actually declined by more than 50%. Part of this is the general decline seen in General Aviation as more and more pilots of piston powered aircraft quit flying. General Aviation is becoming much more jet oriented and MIC does not have runways that can handle jet traffic. Robert added that MAC needs to promote development and use of MIC.

Bruce Wiley owns rental t-hangars at MIC and has a number of vacancies. He said he rented 6 stalls in the past 2 weeks, each to an out of state business.

Bob Eckstein suggested MAC offer financial incentives to attract tenants and pilots—discounted lease fees or subsidized aviation fuel. He also mentioned that personal property tax should go to MAC to support the Reliever Airports.

Another tenant mentioned that MIC is a short commute to Minneapolis.

A former Crystal FBO owner said he had to close because of the lack of fuel sales volume.

Another comment was that MIC has too many big hangars without heat and there is no way to make money with them.

Commissioner Peilen noted that MIC activity actually increased last year. If fact, it had the largest percentage increase in the system.

Gary Schmidt said the predominant use of MIC hangars is for aircraft storage, but many of those stored aircraft are not airworthy.

Commissioner Peilen suggested that as the economy continues to pick up, hopefully airport activity will increase. Gary Schmidt added that when ANE expanded, MIC activity dropped.

Another tenant suggested that MIC tenants need to organize ourselves and solve this problem for ourselves. Dale Lotts volunteered to coordinate monthly tenant meetings at MIC.

Robert Schroeder repeated that it should be MAC's responsibility to promote the airport.

John Krack speculated that perhaps MAC should treat MIC differently.

Roy Fuhrman, Vice President of Management and Operations, noted that MAC is currently working on an update of the MIC Long Term Comprehensive Plan. He added that MAC will undertake promotion of all Reliever Airports. He concluded the new development always stimulates more growth.

The View From Here

By John Krack

Discover Aviation Days

I haven't seen the final numbers, but it appears that, despite the weather, Discover Aviation Days was a successful event. Fortunately, the rain held off Saturday until late afternoon, and the weather cleared Sunday afternoon. I worked car parking for a while both days, and on Saturday they were coming in a continuous stream. The hangar dance Saturday evening set a new record of 1100 people. It was a pleasure to see so many of our neighbors enjoying the airport.

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The View From Here

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Crystal Airport

The discussion at the June RAAC meeting was lively and informative. There's a lot of frustration and concern that the airport is declining, and no clear direction on what to do about it. Following are my opinions based on what I heard:

Airport Closure

Remnants of the "Closure Cloud" still hang over the airport, but they seem to be dissipating. MAC is on the public record that they are completely behind keeping the airport open. Most of the tenants seem to be convinced, but it sounds like some of the public hasn't yet gotten the message, and thinks that the airport will close. I think this is a dead issue, and that as MAC continues to demonstrate support for the airport and reinforce their non-closure commitment, the perception will wane. A key milestone will be publication of the next Long Term Comprehensive Plan, which is being worked on as we speak. We expect the LTCP to make it unequivocally clear that the airport will remain open. Since this plan is shared with the local governments and approved by the Met Council, it should help to put to rest any thoughts of closure.

It's extremely important, however, that the recent declines in services and activity be stopped and reversed. If the airport continues to decline, it will become a graveyard spiral, and I could envision the day when MAC considers it no longer feasible to continue operating the airport.

Advantages and Disadvantages

Crystal is an excellent airport. I learned to fly there, and based aircraft there for 13 years until I moved to Anoka in 1983. In those days it was a vibrant airport with lots of training and several FBOs and lots of transient activity. It's close in and convenient to the northwest metro area, and the tower offers a measure of operational safety. The planned light rail line along highway 81 will go right by the airport, and increase its utility as a transportation hub.

The main disadvantage is that it's built up on all sides, and the runways cannot be extended. Thus, its main activity is restricted to piston aircraft. It can't accommodate larger business jets, which is where the growth is projected to be. But it's an excellent training airport, and ideal for recreational and small business aircraft operators. I could see it as a mecca for recreational pilots to hang out on weekends, share stories, and indulge their love of flying – assuming, of course, that future generations embrace aviation as ours has, and can afford to fly.

Turning Things Around

A number of ideas were offered at the RAAC meeting, including airport promotion, better signage, encouraging inactive tenants to sell to those who would actively use the facilities, patronize local businesses, etc, start a tenant focus group, improve the curb appeal to make the airport more attractive, expand transient parking, and overall develop an environment where people WANT to use, and invest in, the airport.

Some felt that MAC should aggressively promote the airport. MAC's current position is to promote the Reliever system, but not focus on specific airports. Perhaps this needs to change, but they also need to have something to promote.

I had a follow up discussion with Paul Perovich, the general manager at Twin Cities Aviation. Paul is very familiar with Crystal, and also with many other airports around the country. He noted that what makes an airport vibrant is the people themselves, who set the culture and the tone and the ambiance. An airport becomes like a community, with EAA groups and CAP groups and flying clubs and informal "hang-outs" at an FBO or someone's hangar. His comment, which I believe to be true, is that Crystal has lost that vibrancy. Anoka, on the other hand, with our EAA,

CAP, ACAA, BAPG, Flywell, Golden Wings, Key Air, Cirrus, TCA, and other organizations, has established a level of social interaction and camaraderie that makes the airport more than simply a place to store planes. MAC supports these efforts, but they're not taking the lead, nor should they. If the tenants don't get involved, MAC will do what they need to do to operate the airport, but their policies and interaction will be institutional rather than personal. If the tenants do get involved, MAC will work with them for the betterment of the airport and all involved.

So in my opinion, the key to Crystal's future is for the tenants to take the lead and partner with MAC for the betterment of the airport. Bruce Wiley (the MIC RAAC rep) and Dale Lotts, one of the tenants, agreed to start a focus group to get more tenants involved. I think that if they can generate some enthusiasm and interest and ideas to move the airport forward, MAC will join in and do their part.

Airport Events

Vivian Starr's June 2 M&O report lists a number of scheduled events across the Reliever system. Many are already history, but some are in the future and you might want to consider attending a few. **NOTE:** I'm pretty sure the Sept 14 date for the ANE picnic is a misprint, and it should be Sept. 8.

Commissioner Landy

I attended the appreciation ceremony for Commissioner Mike Landy who, as you know, has retired from the board after 12 years. The event was bittersweet, as I admired Mike greatly, and enjoyed working with him as our RAAC rep. Mike was a creative thinker and problem solver, and listened to everyone who wished to have a say. He took on some tough jobs as Commissioner, including resolving some knotty issues with the taxi operators. He was a strong supporter of the Reliever Airports, and commuted from St. Cloud to attend meetings. (And this was all volunteer work. I believe commissioners get a small stipend for attending meetings, but it doesn't come close to compensating them for their time.) Thanks, Mike, for your service, and we wish you the best as you move on to your next phase.

Collings Foundation "Wings of Freedom" Tour 7/11-13

The Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom tour, AKA "Big Bomber Weekend" will visit Key Air on July 11-13. The tour includes a B17, B24, B25, and TP-51C Mustang. Rides are available in the bombers, and flight training is available in the Mustang. The fee schedule is shown below. For more information, visit

http://www.collingsfoundation.org/cf_schedule-wof.htm

Fee Schedule:

- Flight Experiences are \$450 per person aboard the B-17 or B-24.
 - Flight Experiences are \$400 per person aboard the B-25 Mitchell (select locations only).
 - Flight training in the TP-51C "Betty Jane" will be at most locations on the Wings of Freedom Tour. Flight training in the P-51 is \$2200 for a half hour flight, and \$3200 for a full hour. All participants will get the chance to feel what it was like to fly one of the most legendary fighters of WWII.
 - Walk through tours of the aircraft are \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children 12 and under for access to all of the aircraft. WWII Veterans get into the ground tours at no charge.
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MAC Committee and Commission Meetings

By Vivian Starr

Management & Operations Committee – 2 June 2014

A topic of considerable interest to Reliever tenants was on the agenda. For a number of months, MAC staff has been working on revisions to the Reliever Rates and Charges Ordinance. Recently, a Public Hearing was held and today the official report on that hearing was presented to the Commissioners by MAC attorney Evan Wilson. The significant change being made is a large reduction in the Facility Acquisition Fee. The new language is as follows:

SECTION 7 – FACILITY ACQUISITION FEE

7.1 Applicability

Tenants, other than Military Tenants, who acquire an existing facility on a Reliever Airport shall pay a Facility Acquisition Fee, at the time of lease transfer, of 50% of the per square foot ground rent annual rate set forth in Chart A of the attached Rent and Fee Schedule. Storage Tenants shall pay the lesser of the 50% rate applied per square foot of total Leased Area, or applied per square foot of 125% of the building footprint. Commercial Tenants shall pay the rate per square foot of building footprint area. However, if the Leased Area of any lease includes a Fuel system, the total area required for the Fuel system, inclusive of regulatory setbacks, shall be included in the calculation of the Facility Acquisition Fee.

Under no circumstance shall the Facility Acquisition Fee be less than the Administration Fee for a standard assignment, as set forth in Chart G of the attached Rent and Fee Schedule.

The Facility Acquisition Fee will apply to a lease transfer under the "Transfer" section, as amended, of lease forms entered into after January 1, 2008, and will apply to any assignment of the lease, for any reason, with or without consideration, including:

- A change of ownership or voting control, including a change in the name(s) on the lease, where there is a change of 50% or more (e.g., if only one name is on the lease, and that party wishes to add an additional name, a 50% change would occur, and the fee would apply);
- A transfer for estate-planning purposes (e.g., into a trust), or as a result of death;
- A change in name(s) (e.g., as a result of divorce), where the disposition change is a result of a court order, and there is a change of 50% or more;
- A transfer as part of a bankruptcy; or
- A transfer through a contract for deed.

7.2 Exception

The Facility Acquisition Fee will not apply in the following situation:

- A transfer to an Immediate Family Member, including a transfer to an Immediate Family Member for estate-planning purposes (e.g., into a family trust), or a transfer to an Immediate Family Member as a result of death.

SECTION 8 – ADMINISTRATION FEE

8.1 Applicability

An Administration Fee, as set forth in Chart G of the attached Rent and Fee Schedule, shall be paid by a Tenant or prospective Tenant, other than Military Tenants, for costs associated with the review and processing of lease requests and transactions. An Administration Fee is applicable to all requests and transactions that require Commission authorization or consent, with the exception of the following: the generation of a new lease executed at the time of construction in a new building area; the renewal of an existing lease; the execution of a sewer and water amendment; a lease amendment to correct a discrepancy in the lease; or the execution of a lease transfer or new lease if a Facility Acquisition Fee, as described in Section 7, applies. Commission staff shall

determine the type of lease request or transaction and the corresponding Administration Fee.

The Committee members voted unanimously to adopt the Hearing Officers Report and recommend to the Full Commission that they adopt the Reliever Airports Rates and Charges Ordinance. This topic will therefore be on the Consent Agenda at the Full Commission later this month.

During the committee meeting Gary Schmidt, Director of Reliever Airports, presented a list of all the community events happening at the Reliever Airports in 2014. The list included events that have already happened as well as those yet to come.

CRYSTAL AIRPORT

15 June: Father's Day Open House (7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

This Crystal Airport event held at the base of the air traffic control tower is free to attend. It focuses on tenant and community relations through an Open House/Fly-In event hosted by the City of Crystal together with the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control Towers (FAA ATCT), Civil Air Patrol, local VFW, Lions Club, and MAC staff. A pancake breakfast followed by a brat feed is available, as are numerous craft vendors, face painters, and static display aircraft. Aircraft rides (fixed wing and rotary) are available for purchase to introduce individuals of all ages to aviation. This year's event will encompass a proclamation from the Military as the four communities of Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope, and Robbinsdale are being designated as "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon" communities. The presentation will be attended by various dignitaries and will begin at 10:30 am.

FLYING CLOUD

20 June: Annual Airport BBQ (11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

This event is aimed at opening the lines of communication between airport tenants, MAC personnel and FAA ATCT staff. The event consists of a BBQ that is hosted jointly by the FAA and MAC staff. Tenants are invited to a BBQ lunch at the MAC maintenance shop near the base of the Tower to socialize and learn about the airport. The event has been successful and is entering its 10th year with an above average turnout expected for this summer.

19-20 July: Air Expo

This event focuses on community relations through a large static display program as well as numerous flyover events. The event is hosted by Wings of the North and is supported by various entities including the MAC and the FAA ATCT. It begins Saturday morning and continues through Sunday evening. Saturday evening an "Evening with the Eagles" dinner and symposium is being held to allow those in attendance the chance to meet and mingle with some of Aviation's True Heroes. Tickets for each of the events can be purchased at www.airexpo-mn.org.

AIRLAKE

18 May: Airlake Airport Girl's Aviation Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

This event was designed to encourage girls to participate in the fields of science and aerospace and inspire a passion for flying. The event was sponsored by Minnesota 99s, EAA Chapter 25, Air Trek North, and Aerosim and was held at the Aircraft Resource Center facility and ramp. The event was free and open to the public. Over 200 individuals attended the event.

11-13 July: Airlake Airport Pan-O-Prog – Fly-In (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

This event focuses on promoting aviation and bringing airport awareness to the local communities. The event is held at the Aircraft Resource Center facility and ramp. The event is free and open to the public and includes an aircraft static display, introductory aircraft rides, and a pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 13 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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ST. PAUL DOWNTOWN

26 April: Go Boldly Expo (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

AirSpace Minnesota brought in Buzz Aldrin (first moon landing) and Harrison "Jack" Schmitt (last moon landing) to Minnesota to celebrate our innovation legacy and inspire a new generation to dream big, work hard and go boldly. The event was held at the Signature Flight Support Riverside hangar and ramp. The event was free and open to the public. More than 20 aviation related businesses and agencies were on display inside the hangar, with more than 1500 people attending the event.

22 June: FAA ACE Camp (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

20 July: FAA ACE Camp (10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

The programs focus on Aviation Career Education (ACE), and is open to Minnesota students who will be entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. ACE Camp allows students to explore a wide variety of aviation careers and aspects of the aviation and aerospace industries through tours and hands-on projects. The event is co-sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and the MnDOT Office of Aeronautics. The event is held at the MAC Administration Building.

20 September: St. Paul Downtown Airport Open House (11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

This event focuses on community relations with the cities adjacent to the airport. The event is sponsored by the Downtown Airport Advisory Council and is open to the public and is free of charge. The event includes an aircraft static display, flood wall tour, food vendors, and airport tenant displays. The event is held at the MAC Administration Building and Ramp.

ANOKA COUNTY/BLAINE

31 May – 1 June: Discover Aviation Days (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Discover Aviation Days is the unofficial start of summer for Anoka County/Blaine Airport users and offers free admission. The goal is to attract 15,000 visitors this year. The event is geared to strengthen the relationship with area neighbors to introduce and enhance their understanding of aviation activities.

The events are centered near the Golden Wings Museum located on the south end of the airport. The renowned Golden Wings Museum will be open for public viewing. This living history collection, features close to 30 unique and one-of-a-kind aircraft from America's Golden Age of Aviation (1920's-1930's). One of six Ford Trimotors in the collection is a 1927 Ford Trimotor. The full ground-up restoration is America's oldest existing airliner. Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart are among the many notable aviators who have flown some of these unique and rare aircraft.

On display will be many experimental, homebuilt, civil, corporate and military vintage aircraft. There will be an education center with activities for children. A vintage car parade will take place each day. Vendor and exhibitors will be offering quality products and services. Pancakes will be served from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with lunch being served from 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The 14th annual airport hangar dance will be held the night of Saturday, May 31st. This 1940's style hangar dance features the sights and sounds of Dave Andrew's Big Band. This 14 piece band will bring you back in time to the age of Swing with its orchestra look and period song selections. Staged under the big parachute and large dance floor, this set-up is amongst a private collection of over 20 vintage aircraft from the 1920's & 30's. Refreshments are available and the doors open at 7:00 p.m. with music playing from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. 1940's period dress is encouraged but not required. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$8 for teens and 12 and under are free.

14 September: Annual Airport Picnic (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

The MAC staff and Anoka County Aviation Association (ACAA) will host its 6th annual airport picnic in the fall. Elected officials and local residents active on airport commissions and advisory

committees are invited to join the aviation community for a night of reminiscing and honoring. This baroque style event allows aviators and on and off airport business employees to share stories about the airport. Each year an individual(s) is recognized for their extraordinary contribution in the promotion of the airport.

LAKE ELMO

15 June – Civil Air Patrol Father's Day Pancake Breakfast (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

The St. Croix Civil Air Patrol Squadron Father's Day pancake breakfast drive-in/fly-in is an annual tradition for many east metro residents and airport users. This event serves to promote and recruit new squadron members. Airport tenants park their aircraft next to the civil patrol hangar located on the north side of the airport for public viewing. The Bayport fire department's 100-foot ladder truck is always a popular attraction for children.

17 August – Aviation Day (8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Airport Aviation Day, sponsored by Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 54, will be held at the airport fixed based operator, Valter's Aviation. The event will feature a flyin/drive-in pancake breakfast and static aircraft display. The menu includes Sturdiwheat pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage from Brine's Meat Market in Stillwater, and pure maple syrup from Hale's Sugarbush. The event includes a display of antique airplanes and cars, as well as activities for children.

Finally, the Revised Reliever Lease Policies will be considered at the July or August MAC meetings in order to give staff and concerned tenants additional opportunity to discuss the self fueling policy.

Prosser attended her first MAC meeting today.

MAC Commission – 17 June 2014

Prior to the monthly Full Commission meeting, a reception was held to honor Commissioner Mike Landy for his twelve years of service on the Commission. The reception was attended by current Commissioners, MAC staff, Mike's wife and daughter, and several Reliever Airport tenants. Those included RAAC members John Krack, Bruce Wiley, and Glen Weibel.

Chair Dan Boivin presented Commissioner Mike Landy with a framed copy of the following resolution as well as the traditional bronze eagle statue.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy was first appointed to the Metropolitan Airports Commission board by Governor Jesse Ventura in March 2002, representing greater Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy was reappointed to the Metropolitan Airports Commission by Governor Tim Pawlenty in May 2006 and again in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy served first as a member and later as Chairman of the Metropolitan Airports Commission Management and Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy represented the Metropolitan Airports Commission board on the MSP Taxi Advisory Committee, helping to address industry concerns while ensuring travelers had access to safe, efficient ground transportation services;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy also represented the Metropolitan Airports Commission board on the Reliever Airports Advisory Council, working to address tenant needs and concerns while creating a sustainable reliever airports financial model; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy was a tireless advocate for air service to St. Cloud and greater Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy worked to ensure efficient management and operation of the Metropolitan Airports Commission and its seven airports; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Landy was involved in efforts to complete the MSP 2010 expansion program, develop the 2030 long term comprehensive plan for MSP, oversee improvements to the airport's award-winning food, retail and passenger services programs, maintain a strong system of airports, and position Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport favorably to retain and attract air service, including several new airlines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Airports Commission go on record as commending Commissioner Mike Landy for his outstanding service to the Metropolitan Airports Commission

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Commissioner Landy with the Commission's warmest regards

Dated _____

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Chair Boivin, Jeff Hamiel and others reminisced about Mike's years of service to the Commission and his willingness to take on difficult assignments.

Patti Gartland now holds the position of MAC Commissioner from St. Cloud. Mr. Landy told everyone that he and Patti have been good friends for many years as they worked in city government together.

At the Full Commission meeting, the Revised Reliever Lease Policies were adopted unanimously. A storage tenant who sells their hangar will now pay a lease transfer fee equal to 50% of their annual lease fee. This is a considerable reduction. Commercial tenants selling will have a similar reduction but with a calculation involving their building footprint. If you are a commercial tenant planning to sell, you should contact MAC staff for specifics.

May 12, 2014 ACAA General Meeting Minutes

The pre-meeting BBQ was a great success. Thanks to Michael Lawrence and Key Air for providing and preparing the refreshments.

The meeting was called to order at 1908 by President Michael Lawrence.

Special Guest: Airport Manager Joe Harris.

The March minutes as published in the Newsletter were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Vivian Starr gave the Treasurer's Report:

Total: \$6390.89

The Treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Airport Discussion/Activity

Non-Aeronautical Revenue: (I think it was Joe Harris who noted that) MAC is lagging other major airports on generating non-aeronautical revenue. In addition to the Reliever Airports, there is a lot of land around the Mall of America that has development potential. MAC needs to focus on developing these properties.

Self-Fueling Policy: Joe Harris gave a brief history of the subject. Several commercial operators have raised concerns about some of the provisions in the draft policy. At their May 5 meeting, the M&O Committee tabled the plan for one month to give Staff time to address these concerns. Vivian Starr noted that maybe MAC is putting too much emphasis on the few who would use self-fueling. Other comments noted:

- Per the fire code, tenants can store up to 10 gallons of gasoline in our hangars.
- ANE is the only airport in the MAC system that has autogas [so at other airports, it must be imported].

Airport Financing/Funding: Joe Harris noted that while Staff is looking closely at the Financial Model as a guideline for spending, there are several infrastructure/equipment needs on the horizon that at the current pace and funding levels will be "dead in the water." As examples, Joe said that one blower costs \$800K, alleyway work is needed on Alpha 1 and Foxtrot, and the electronic equipment in the tower has been there since 1996. These projects are expensive, and will need to be addressed.

Discover Aviation Days: Needs help with setup/takedown. Setup will start on Tuesday before the event. The attendance goal is 15,000 people. There will be more schools participating, and a longer education tent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2012

Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.

WANT Ads



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Contact: Kevin Gruvs at 952-890-1124
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website: www.aircraft-marine.com

CLEANING OUT THE HANGAR SALE:

- Cessna 180-185 Tail Tow Bar
- Flying Magazines. most issues 1957-2010
- 6" Heavy Duty Bench Grinder
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- New Battery Charger/Auto Start
- Winter Baffle Kit for Debonair/Bonanza

CALL: Don at 763-785-4736 or 651-484-4922

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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.

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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.

