

BLAINE AIRPORT PROMOTION GROUP

Taking Your Ambitions Skyward

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The masthead of the monthly news letter has changed with the season. Several photos were taken of the Control Tower on April 16th upon a request at the April meeting to update our photo file with one without snow on the ground. Harvey Karth asked Dick Houck for assistance in developing a banner for use in our booth at the Blaine Aviation Days event and this shows the result of their work. *The photo was produced by Roger and Bonnie Hansen.*

Promotion of our tour program continues. We are learning more about the complexity of reaching the decision makers that develop curriculum as well as at the Minnesota Legislature. Our outreach approach takes on searches of school Web sites to reach coordinator and community service individuals. A new handout has been developed with this type of outreach in mind. It is designed to be easily understood with enough information to guide the reader to find curriculum material and airport resources. The format will also be used as an e-mailer.

Harvey has made contact with Bob Dettmer, a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives representing District 52A. The district includes the communities of Centerville, Columbus, Forest Lake, Hugo, Lino Lakes, Linwood and Scandia in Anoka and Washington counties. As our State Representative, Bob serves on the following committees: Property Tax Division, Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy Finance, K-12 Education Finance, Rules Committee and Veterans Affairs. Bob has requested that he be placed on our e-mailer list.

As of Monday, April 18th the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) has six new commissioners. This is the largest group of new commissioners ever sworn in at one time. There are currently a total of fourteen appointed commissioners serving. *(Photo from: MAC Public Affairs & Marketing, 612-467-0687)*



FROM LEFT: Greg Foster, Rick King, James Deal, Dan Boivin (Chair), Tammy Mencil (pronounced Mencil), Michael Madigan, and Carl Crimmins.



The Blaine Airport Promotion Group provides organized tours of the Anoka County-Blaine Airport, for schools, community education, and civic groups.



The tours are directed at giving an overview of career development in the Aerospace industries as well as introductions of how an airport works and its economic impact on the communities in which we live.



The tours support a variety of initiatives in the STEM program by introducing students to areas related to classroom studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.



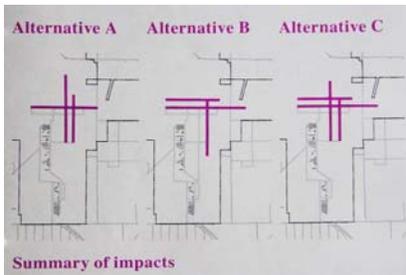
Curriculum support materials are made available from:

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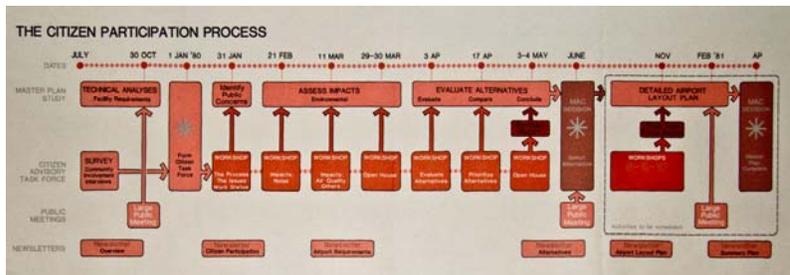
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1980's Blaine Airport Options



1980's Airport Planning

AIRPORT HISTORY

In April 2011 the airport sign was introduced showing 1952 as the established date of the airport. The history of the Anoka County-Blaine Airport is an important part of introducing visitors to the process and nature of its development.

There were a few operational airfields in the area of the Twin Cities region as early as the 1920's. The University of Minnesota had their field on the east side of what is now 35W. That field was in operation from 1941 until the 1950's. The original office building from that historic airfield was moved to what is now the Golden Wings Museum site and is used as a conference and office facility.

The Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) was established by the State Legislature in 1943. The first major development of the Anoka County-Blaine Airport took place in the 1950's. The airport was developed to serve in an Intermediate role. The north-south runway was established at a length of 5,900 feet. The east-west runway was 3,200 feet in length. In the mid 1960's the north-south runway was shortened to 4,855 feet. Since that time, the proposed role of the airport changed several times until 1977 when trends in aviation were lower than previously projected. This caused a change in the master plan for development of the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport. The Metro Council determined that there was no need for a new major airport. At that time, a need for an additional Intermediate category airport was identified and Anoka County-Blaine Airport was classified Intermediate.

In June 1979, the State Legislature passed into law, House File No. 1 establishing a moratorium prohibiting any land acquisition or construction of facilities at the Anoka County-Blaine Airport until July 1, 1981. This directive required that a master plan for the site be prepared.

The study was sponsored by the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan Airport Commission. Financing in part came from the Federal Aviation Administration and by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

Four firms formed a consultant team to conduct the master plan study with TRA Airport Consultants, Seattle, Washington, as the leader of the team. An Airport Advisory Task Force was established with 70 local residents, as well as official representatives appointed by mayors of adjacent cities. This task force met with TRA five times between January and April 1980.

Impact studies were conducted on three possible runway layouts and six noise studies were conducted to establish the most effective distribution of noise over the field. Other studies included: Land Use, Access, Soil, Wetlands, Wildlife and Hydrology. The studies were completed by June, 1981 and sent to MAC and final selection of runway plan.

The 1981 development projects were planned out to the year 2000. Approximately every five years evaluations are made and improvements have taken place. Airport use has changed. Flight numbers continue to change due to economics. Airplane design changes have provided longer flight options extending the range of visitors to the airport.

Metropolitan Airport Commission is now challenged with working the Master Plan 2030

THE BANNER HAS PUBLISHED DETAILS OF THE UNIVERSITY AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXPANSION

In the Fall of 2011, the school will become *University Avenue Specialty School for Aviation, Children's Engineering and Sciences (ACES)*.

The new building addition will include the construction of three rooms that will be used for classrooms and staff areas. A new cafeteria will replace the current cafeteria with an area attached that will serve as a multi-purpose space. Update of the kitchen and making one restroom handicap accessible and a new 40 stall parking lot is also part of the makeover project at the school. The school is located at 9901 University Avenue N.E, Blaine, MN. *The BANNER published this information on April 6, 2011 e-mail: littlepaper@comcast.net*





REMEMBER MAY 21ST AND 22ND BLAINE AVIATION DAYS

