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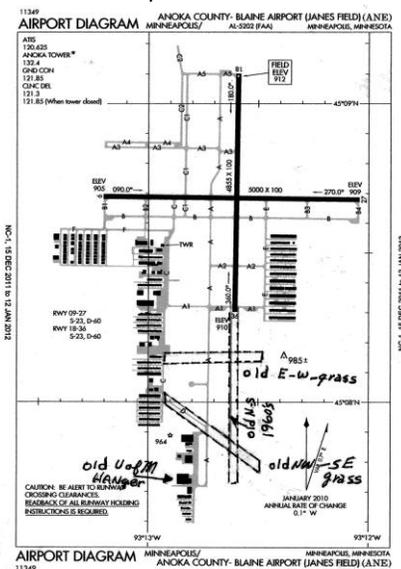
## THE EDUCATION COORDINATOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Dear Don,

This is information of the history about U of M Flight Service at ANE.

As for information about the airport, I do not remember when they changed the runway environment at ANE.

When I was instructing in the early 1960's we had one North-South runway that started from the old U of M hanger. There were two grass runways, a NW-SE, that was fairly close to Anoka Aviation, and is now the diagonal taxiway D. The E-W grass was about where the Compass is now located.



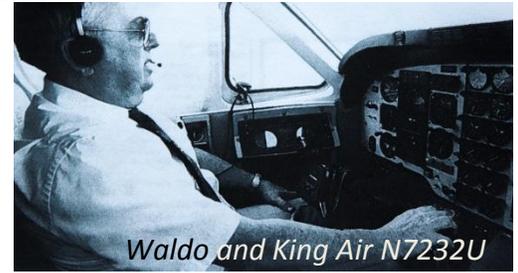
*This is how I remember ANE in 1959*

The first runway project moved the N-S about 2500 feet to the north. I think the second project was an addition of a 2500 foot E-W runway on the North end of 36. The third project added to the N-S another 2500 feet to present location. The fourth was an extension of 29-9 to 5000 feet.

In 1950 the Metropolitan Airport Commission and the University of Minnesota worked up plans to create a new airport in Blaine and two years later the Anoka County airport was opened and the U of M's administration building was moved from an active University airport located two miles east of the current airport that had two blacktop runways and 22,800 square feet of hanger. The University Flight Facilities staff gave flight instruction, flew U of M charters and flew chase support for balloon research projects, many launched by Physics Professor Edward Ney, sponsored by NASA and the Office of Naval Research. These projects were often in Collaboration with astronauts such as Scott Carpenter.

In 1959, Waldo Anderson joined the U of M Flight Facility and flew many of the 500 chase support flights during the Dr. Ney altitude research projects.

When the flight training boom erupted in the early 60's Waldo was a busy CFI from 1963 to 1973. Waldo's tenure at ANE included an Organ Transplant program, The Neonatal Air Ambulance Program, and the Medical Outreach Program.



Waldo and King Air N7232U

*"Those were incredible times." Waldo remembers. "Were flying all the time." "We had six full time instructors and three part-time."*

The U of M had a fleet of ten to fourteen airplanes in the 1960's including six Champs, two C-170s, a Tri-Pacer and a Bonanza. A Beech 18 was used for charter service. In 1965, the University bought six Cherokee 140s for the growing number of staff and students that were flying. Later a Piper Aztec and a C-90 King Air was added to the fleet.

As an FAA pilot examiner, Waldo has issued over 3000 certificates and given dual to many more thousands of pilots in his career.

*This material was acquired by Don Rosacker and has been made available from Waldo Anderson, who joined the U of M Flight Facility in 1959 and was CFI from 1963 to 1973*



*Some material gathered from Minnesota Flyer July 1996.*

**MINNESOTA AEROSPACE AVIATION  
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17--22, 2012**

The BAPG is hosting a bus tour for 25 senior citizens from the Blaine, Spring Lake Park area. The tour will begin at Key Air and will travel along the front of the hangers and will make stops for a short view of businesses that have opened their doors during the tour. There will be a tour guide to give a verbal introduction of the business and share some of the features of the airport and the economic impact the airport has on their community.

The tour begins at 1:30 P.M. and will end at 4:00 P.M.

If you wish to coordinate additional events please contact Joe Harris, at 651-230-5377 or Harvey Karth, at 651-784-1283

You can be sure that the STEM programs that we have talked about for the past two years have given reason enough to have a special week set to commemorate Aerospace and Aviation. The history of the Blaine Airport shows a rich heritage, and people that believe in what they do here. Now it is our time to look to the future students of Aerospace and see that motivation and encouragement is the hallmark of Anoka County-Blaine Airport (ANE).

Students have responded in great numbers by sending thank you notes and letters to the individual instructors and to the Blaine Airport for the opportunity of visiting the airport. These notes of thanks speak volumes and express hope and promise.



Dear Anoka Airport,  
I'm so glad you could come (to our school). It was so interesting about the parts you showed us. I was so amazed!! I loved the ball(display) That was such a good way to show us about gravity! Too bad you guys couldn't come again!! You guys would be such great teachers!!  
Your friend,  
Janessa

Dear Civil Air Patrol (CAP)  
Thank you for showing us the jet plane, and answering all my questions. Also teaching the class about your journey and letting us touch your plane. I appreciated it. Come back again for teaching and learning more about the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).  
Thank you for performing for us, and explaining about a flight suit.  
I am inspired.  
Sincerely,  
Kendryk

Dear Paul,  
Thank you for the tour and thank you for the invitation to come back again. I liked the Amelia Earheart plane and how she crossed the ocean. I want to thank all the other helpers and I like to thank Ericson too. I might become a pilot someday.  
Sincerely,  
(Senya)

Dear Anoka Airport,  
My name is Lucas and am in the second grade. I enjoyed the car plane the coolest plane I have ever seen in my life! Thank you for letting us visit you guys. It taught me so much. My brain was filled with ideas!  
Sincerely by,  
Lucas



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