



Newsletter Anoka County Aviation Association ACAA

January, 2013

Next Meeting: **Monday, January 14, 2013 7:00 PM**

EAA Chapter 237 Hangar Anoka County Airport.

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Calendar

January 14 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg
February 13 (Wed)	4:00pm	ACAAC Meeting Blaine City Hall
March 1, 2013 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads due
March 11, 2013 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg.
March 12, 2013 (Tue)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC Office Bldg

Around the Airport

By Joe Harris, Airport Manager

Airport operations jumped 7.1 percent in 2012 compared to the previous year. There were 79,111 total operations recorded by the air traffic control staff during their hours of service. The increase is attributable to a number of factors including: an early spring, quality ATCT and FBO services, events, active based aircraft, and a spike in pilot training to name a few.

The 13 eastside taxi lanes will be reconstructed this summer. Project information will be mailed to impacted hangar owners in the upcoming months to discuss phasing and timelines. Experienced engineers and contractors will be on site for this project. We will establish a communication chain to make sure there are not any surprises to access hangars. The tentative plan is to start construction on Monday, June 3, 2013 after the Discover Aviation Days event. There will be four phases to this project, each lasting six days in duration.

As you may recall, the weekend of December 9, 2012 the Twin Cities Area was hit by a huge winter weather storm and the National Weather Service published snow totals of 16 inches in Anoka County. The hourly snow totals and intensity of this particular storm is unrivaled in my years of airport service. As a matter of fact, this storm was the third snowiest December day in Minnesota on record. As you can imagine, this storm brought our seasoned airport maintenance crews many challenges. The type of snowfall was problematic because of the high moisture content which caused delays in the timing to quickly remove snow. The earth was not completely frozen either, so it was difficult to plow, push and blow off of the paved areas without causing turf damage.

We realize hangar owners do not want grass near their hangars tore up and many of you take great pride to maintain a green lawn. However, the crew's first obligation is the safe movement of aircraft without obstruction. Sometimes an operator is left no choice but to remove excess snow near buildings before a windrow freezes, and not knowing how much more snow will fall or when the next thaw will arrive at the beginning of the winter season. Even a small windrow typically needs to be cleared off of the taxi lane pavement edges to prevent obstructions and equipment damage in preparation for the next snow event. Please be mindful that the timing of the snow event, the rate and amount of snow, wind speed and direction, and with the temperature, airport operations may all change the snow removal process in one way or another.

I wish everyone happiness, success and best of luck in 2013.

Keep flying,
Joe

RAAC Report

By John Krack

We held our first official RAAC meeting in 2½ years on December 4. (See Vivian Starr's excellent report below.) The hiatus was entirely my doing (not intentional; just got busy and kept putting it

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January Meeting

Join us at the January 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, January 14, at the EAA 237 Hangar on the west side of the field. Doors open around 6:45. Refreshments will be provided.

President's Corner

By Michael Lawrence, ACAA President

While I feel it has been quieter than usual around the airport lately, planning is well underway behind the scenes for this year's "Discover Aviation Days." This event does not happen without the planning, preparation, and participation of many volunteers. The ACAA, as an organization, is involved with this process, but needs YOUR HELP as a membership to get involved. There is opportunity to do as much or as little as you're available for, but any is better than none. The event this year is on June 1st and 2nd. Please mark your calendar and plan to be there, hopefully along with your aircraft, to help our community (especially the young people) understand and appreciate how aviation impacts our daily lives.

The Minnesota Business Aviation Association (MBAA), Minnesota Aviation Trades Association (MATA), and the Minnesota Council of Airports (MCOA) are planning a visit to the state capital for "Aviation Day at the Capital." This day will bring many aviation businesses and aviators to visit legislators to explain why aviation and the system of airports is important to the state of Minnesota. The event is on January 30th and is open to all, but registration and payment of \$25 must be completed by January 19th at www.mbaa-mn.org. Breakfast, lunch, a shirt, and if possible, a meeting with your legislators will be made. As always at the capital, strength in numbers will make an impact. Come join us!

A new year brings new goals and challenges. While we continually monitor the actions of state legislature and MAC policies that may impact our members, what else would you like your ACAA officers to do for you? Are you interested in training seminars? Do you have any specific topics or speakers of interest we can work towards presenting for you? We genuinely want to make your membership worthwhile, so shoot us a note or come to this month's meeting with some input. We want to hear from you!

Michael Lawrence

RAAC Report

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off), but I'll also say that during that time, we worked closely with Staff on three major projects: the Aesthetics Ordinance, Lease Policies and Forms, and Rates and Charges. I've reported on these activities as they were occurring, so there's no need to rehash them here. I believe, however, that we've developed an effective model for working through these types of initiatives: MAC forwards a proposal, the RAAC solicits input from the tenant community and forwards a written response to MAC, followed by a face-to-face meeting and, as necessary, a revised proposal, and a repeat of the process until done. The only change I'd like to see is to get the RAAC involved earlier in the proposal process to reduce the number of iterations and hence the timeline. We also need a better way to get the word out and solicit feedback. Vivian Starr has a comprehensive email list, but I expect we're not reaching everyone. I'm open to suggestions.

We've taken steps to avoid the long delay between meetings: We've scheduled quarterly meetings for the second Tuesday in March, June, September, and December. We'll get with Staff a few weeks before to develop an agenda, and if we don't have enough meaningful material to justify holding a meeting, we'll cancel it and wait for the next meeting, rather than try to reschedule with a bunch of busy people. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

We intend to keep a close eye on the non-aeronautical development initiative, and on how the revenues and expenses are correlating with the new Model.

MAC is planning to spend \$4,600,000 on 2013 capital improvement projects at all six Reliever Airports, of which \$1,083,000 will come from MAC funds. The rest comes from FAA and State funds.

MAC's current project is to update the Minimum Standards for commercial operators. MAC is working directly with the commercial operators on this one, so the RAAC will not be heavily involved. I do expect, however, that we'll have some comments once the draft comes out.

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

Wow! It's 2013 already. Where does the time go? We hope you had a joyous, relaxing, and safe holiday, and are ready to jump into the New Year with fervor. I for one plan to get everything current this spring and start flying again, after several years of being way too busy with other things.

Although the year seemingly went by quickly, there were a number of positive accomplishments:

- In February, the Commission approved the new Lease policies and forms, which the RAAC, with input from the tenant community, worked closely with Staff on in 2011 to address some major concerns in the early drafts. The end result, I think, was something we can all live with, and we get some legal protection against potential arbitrary MAC decisions that would be detrimental to tenants.
- Discover Aviation Days rose again, and had a very successful event in June. This very popular event is great for public relations, as well as being a lot of fun for "airport people." The American Veterans Traveling Tribute was a huge draw, and an excellent way to kick off this long-dormant event.
- The Blaine Airport Promotion Group continued to expand its activities with local schools to get these students interested in science and technology at an early age. Approximately 1200 students visited the airport. BAPG also did a senior tour in September with the Spring Lake Park Parks and Recreation

Department. These activities provide a very useful service to the community, while promoting the airport in a very positive light.

- Airport operations were up, as reported in Joe Harris' column above.
- Although none of us were happy with the new landing fees imposed on Jet-A powered aircraft at ANE and FCM, there were some positive things in the new Rates and Charges ordinance, including:
 - Eliminating the potential for a surcharge on ground rent if MAC runs a deficit at the Relievers. This was like a "blank check" hanging over our heads.
 - Including GA revenues from MSP in the Reliever Airport column
 - Reducing the ground rent annual escalator from 4% to 3%.
 - The statutory cap on the Reliever Airport Value contribution from MSP no longer exists. Although due to the current political climate this is not likely to change anytime soon, at least there's no legal impediment to the Commission changing it in the future.

We're hopeful (and expecting) that this new structure will put the Reliever Airports on a firm financial footing for years to come, and that non-aeronautical revenue will provide headroom to weather downturns and support airport improvements.

There will be challenges ahead for 2013, including developing non-aeronautical revenue, expanding Discover Aviation Days, and continuing to promote the airport, and improving the usefulness of the ACAAC for our members. See Michael Lawrence's column above for more details.

Anoka County Airport Advisory Commission

The ACAAC is a MAC-sanctioned body made up of representatives from surrounding communities, airport tenants, and the MAC. They meet quarterly to review noise statistics and give members an opportunity to ask questions and offer comments about airport operations and plans. I attended the meeting on November 14.

The noise statistics revealed several interesting things:

- Four households submitted 92% of the noise complaints in September
- One person submitted 542 complaints since June
- Many complaints stemmed from aircraft not using ANE
- If the noise reporter leaves contact information MAC attempts to contact them to get additional details and explain the source of the noise if they know. However, many do not leave contact information, so MAC can't get back to them.

MAC discussed the ANE Capital Improvement Plan for 2013 and 2014:

- 2013 – Rehab East Side pavement
- 2014 – Groove runway 9-27

Blaine Mayor Tom Ryan mentioned doing a fundraiser for CAP to try to get them larger accommodations.

The next meeting is February 13, 4:00pm at Blaine City Hall.

Blaine Airport Promotion Group

(From Roger Hansen)

The January 2013 BAPG schedule will include a visit by over 80 students from the University Avenue Elementary School. Date and

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times for the visit will be announced. The subject of the visit will be weather related covering general information about cloud formation, predicting weather using electronic and visual means.

Meteorology for pilots, Navigation and Landing Equipment, Weather Sky Watch and Drug Free Live; are spoken here.

A visit to the airport was made by field coordinators from the Centennial School of the Lexington School District on December 20, 2012. Harvey Karth has been coordinating efforts to encourage participation with the school district for the past year. Harvey provided insight of the prospect of future Aerospace growth and economical impact data related to our own airport and surrounding community. Civil Air Patrol Associate, Second Lieutenant, Kim Huso attended as our Education Coordinator for CAP. CAP provides material to teachers who are aerospace education members of CAP. The ACE program is designed for K-6. Through the AEX program, Teachers present six aerospace-related activities, using either books provided by CAP or the instructors own lesson plan. Students engage in special two-hour aerospace activity, taking an aerospace-related field trip or participate in other aerospace-oriented activities. Roger Hansen participated in the discussions by presenting a variety of graphic panels that represent the previous workshops that the Blaine Airport Promotion Group conducted over the past two years.

MAC Committee and Commission Meetings

By Vivian Starr

Reliever Airports Advisory Council (RAAC) December 4, 2012

Commissioners:

Mike Landy, Chair of Management & Operations, RAAC member
Carl Crimmins

RAAC reps:

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

The last RAAC meeting was in May 2010, two and a half years ago. Chair John Krack explained that in the interim, various committees composed of RAAC reps frequently met with MAC staff to comment on the lease forms and policies and, later, the rates and charges.

John Krack praised the successful model of RAAC & staff interacting positively during the Aesthetics Ordinance. Staff created a proposal, RAAC subcommittees and other tenants made comments and suggestions which were carefully considered by staff. As a result numerous changes were made to the original proposal before its final adoption in Dec. 2010.

The Lease Forms and Policies was a long and contentious process but finally came to an agreeable outcome.

The Rates and Charges ordinance had been worked on by staff for two years before the concept was reviewed with RAAC. There were three meetings between RAAC members and staff. Some small changes were made as a result. The threat of a surcharge on the square footage of all leaseholds was removed. Landing fees for Jet A fuel users at ANE & FCM were implemented. Fuel flowage fees were modified. There was no increase on storage lease rates. However, a lingering concern remains about the tendency to pile costs on tenants. What is now needed is development of non-aviation revenue.

John Krack suggested that RAAC subcommittees should get involved earlier in ordinance changes. He complimented staff for their cooperation with RAAC.

Non-Aeronautical Revenue:

Kelly Gerads, Assistant Director of Relievers introduced Eric Johnson who is the MAC staff person most involved in non-aeronautical revenue development. Eric described the beginnings of this process in 2006 when four interested parties looked at parcels around ANE. Of those, three dropped out stating that they preferred to buy land rather than lease through an RFP (Request for Proposal.) The one remaining, Craig Schiller with Flight Line Enterprises, continues to work on implementing his project.

At that point staff received permission from the Commission to solicit developers. One interested party was found, but lost interest when the economy tanked. In February 2008, staff filed for land releases with the FAA. In February 2010, the FAA got back to them with the land releases.

In 2011, staff was working with Eden Prairie to change zoning on some parcels. So far, this process is going well. Eric commented that most airports having commercial development are city owned, so local government supports development and zoning is not an issue.

Commissioner Landy suggested staff look at some sort of financing from cities.

MAC is now using a real estate broker. There are 34 sites on the Relievers. However, only ANE & FCM have parcels with real potential at this time. However, developers resist having to deal with two bureaucracies—MAC and a city. Also, most MAC sites are “green sites”, meaning that no utilities are in place and no mitigation work has been done. In other words, MAC parcels are not shovel ready! Bridget Rief, MAC, added that most parcels have been laid out to avoid environment issues such as wetlands.

John Krack asked about the possibility of erecting billboards on ANE land. The reply from Gary Schmidt was that there was little chance Blaine would approve one on Hwy 65, but there might be a possibility along Hwy 10.

Peter Dahl, FCM rep, asked how we can get corporations to erect hangars in new building areas sooner. Gary Schmidt replied that two corporations are interested in building at FCM, but they want FAA to move the Tower to eliminate line of sight issues. MAC has been asking for the Tower to be moved to a better location, but the current political climate in Washington is not favorable. Bridget added that the FAA is studying the request.

Gary Schmidt and John Krack discussed MAC development fees as an impediment to interest in construction.

Kelly Gerads reported that landing fees at ANE & FCM will start in January 2013. The Commission will receive the 2013 budget on Dec. 17. This will contain the numbers needed to calculate all landing fees throughout the MAC system including MSP.

Bridget Rief reviewed construction from the past year and reviewed the draft CIP. ANE will have east side alleyways reconstructed. This will be paid for out of “preservation fees.” Alleyway assessments are no longer used.

Greg Fries, airport manager at STP, discussed their very successful “open house” for the neighboring community. Invitations to 10,000 households were sent and about a 1,000 people attended. Hot dogs were served. There was a bus tour of the flood wall. The busses ran all day and were always full.

Comments from RAAC reps:

John Renwick, Lake Elmo, thanks MAC for eliminating the surcharge and stated that the Lake Elmo maintenance crew is great!

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Bruce Wiley, MIC, if there would be more impact from Hwy 81 development on MIC. Bridget replied that there would be no more than what is already in place. Bruce also asked about the impact of the recession on the number of airplanes in the Mac system. Gary Schmidt said the losses seemed to have bottomed, but MAC has no way of knowing how many airplanes in the system are airworthy. Bruce also asked about progress with the aesthetics ordinance. Gary Schmidt replied that excellent progress is being made. There have been no mass mailings. Staff just selects small clusters of hangars that need work. Issues are resolved, and then staff moves on to the next group.

New leases are being mailed, but when a hangar has issues, such as aesthetics, insurance, environmental, or delinquent payments, the tenant is put on a month to month lease until the problem is cleared up. This is a very effective way of reminding the tenant to resolve the issue. At present, 60 tenants are on a month to month basis.

Peter Dahl, FCM, said their Tower controllers are doing a great job.

John Krack described the Blaine Airport Promotion Group and the fine work it is doing with the school system. Educational airport tours are provided to school groups of all ages. The Blaine science and technology magnet school has participated extensively. This past year 1200 students have visited ANE.

The next RAAC meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2012.

MAC Commission 17 December 2012

Steve Cramer, Chair of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority as well as President and executive director of the nonprofit Project for Pride in Living, has been appointed to Metropolitan Airports Commission as of December 2012 to complete the term of Commissioner John Williams who passed away in 2012. Mr. Cramer took his oath of office at the MAC Full Commission meeting on Dec. 17, 2012.

Project for Pride in Living (PPL) is a Twin Cities Community Development Corporation (CDC) dedicated to creating opportunities for lower income families by offering comprehensive programs in housing, employment and training, supportive services and youth development. PPL's programs reach 7000 people annually and include ownership/management of 700 units of affordable rental housing.

Mr. Cramer was a Minneapolis City Council member from 1984 to 1993. He worked for Project for Pride in Living from 1994 through 1999, serving as the director of housing and development, chief operating officer and finally president and executive director. Also during the 1990's, Mr. Cramer was appointed to the Metropolitan Airports Commission by Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton.

Mr. Cramer served as director of the Minneapolis Community Development Agency from 1999 to February 2002 and as director of the Hennepin County Department of Housing, Community Works & Transit from February 2002 to August 2003, when he rejoined Project for Pride in Living. He was appointed to the Minnesota Ballpark Authority by the Hennepin County Board which was created in 2006 to oversee the design, construction and operation of Target Field. The MBA owns the site and the facility on behalf of the public.

Because of the 2010 Census, Metropolitan Council will redistrict in 2013. As their district boundaries change, so will MAC's districts. A MAC district is composed of two Met Council districts. The possibility exists that some MAC Commissioners could become ineligible to represent their current MAC districts due to the redistricting process.

November ACAA General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1909 by vice president Don Johnson. Since there was no business meeting in September, the July minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Vivian Starr reported that MAC has reimbursed us for all of the picnic expenses, and that the treasury balance as of the end of October was:

Checking:	\$1570.60
Savings:	4908.68
Total:	\$6479.28

Non-Aeronautical Revenue: John Krack noted that given MAC's practice of coming back to the tenants for additional revenue, the focus on developing non-aeronautical revenue should be the next major Reliever Airport initiative. He has asked for a status update at the RAAC meeting planned for December. Craig Schiller noted that in the private sector, the landowner typically covers upfront prep costs so that a parcel is "shovel-ready" for a potential lessee. In particular, any environmental mitigation is legally the responsibility of the landowner. MAC's current policy is for the potential lessee to cover these costs, with no guarantee that an agreement will ever be reached. In Craig's opinion, this is a disincentive for potential lessees to even apply.

New Business:

Arlo Enerson noted that there are no airport supporters on the new Anoka County board.

It was suggested that MAC install a plaque at the ballfields to promote MAC and the airport by advising users that MAC has leased excess airport property to Blaine for the benefit of the community. Other possibilities for such a plaque are the golf course and the Park & Ride. A question was asked whether MAC gets any revenue from the Park & Ride.

Elections: A motion was made and seconded to nominate and re-elect the current ACAA board. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 2025.

Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.

WANT Ads

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE:

- 1969 Citabria Champion 7ECA. Spring landing gear, Tanis heater, 115HP Lyc. 920hrs. TT. 370 hrs SMOH. See at ANE and take a test flight if you like it.
- 1942 Aeronca L3C. Fully restored warbird. 65HP Cont. Hand Radio. Complete manuals and plans, Army flying and maintenance manuals.

Call Dick McKenney @ 612-789-7853 anytime.

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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Discover Aviation Days

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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.

