



*Newsletter*  
**Anoka County Aviation Association**  
**ACAA**

*November, 2017*

Next Meeting: **Monday, November 13, 2017 7:00 PM**  
 EAA 237 Building, Anoka County Airport.

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**Calendar**

Nov 13, 2017 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building
Dec 13, 2017 (Wed)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC General Offices
Dec 29, 2017 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads Due
Jan 8, 2017 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building

**November Meeting – Elections and Discussion**

Join us at the November meeting for an update and discussion on what's going on at the airport, and for the annual officer elections.

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 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.

**Tower Tips**

By Neil Otey, ANE Tower Manager

I thought it would be good to forward a link to Super Bowl flying information. I spoke at the EAA chapter meeting last month and there were a lot of questions.

The FAA Air Traffic Super Bowl website is: [www.fly2sb52.org](http://www.fly2sb52.org)

Many people don't realize that the planning for this event began long before last year's Super Bowl in Houston. The MAC, MSP Approach, and ZMP [Minneapolis ARTCC – Ed.] all sent teams of planners to Houston to observe how their operation went. Information and planning steps from several Super Bowls prior to Houston were studied as well. This one annual event has developed into a full year round operation for hundreds of FAA, corporate organization, airport operator, and FBO personnel.

Information of note to Anoka is:

- There will be NO VFR services available during the week of the event within a 250 mile radius of MSP.
- There will be no practice approaches, IFR training or VFR pattern work at ANE during at least a portion of Super Bowl week.
- NOTAMS will be posted for the event as early as November regarding dates and times of reduced services.
- ALL IFR Super Bowl overnight traffic will be required to have an assigned parking location on the field, prior to filing flight plans for the event.

- ANE is expected to provide 175+ overnight parking locations for users during the event. Runway 18/36 will be closed and used for parking large corporate turbojet users up to G4 size aircraft)
- Every other large ramp and non-movement area on the field will be used for parking as demand dictates.
- Net Jets and other fractional jet users will be operating Drop-N-Go services at Lynx FBO continuously during the week of the event.
- It is anticipated that the peak of activity for the airport will be from mid-day Thursday (Inbounds) until Monday night (departures) after the game.

Stay informed!

**RAAC Report**

By John Krack

The winter RAAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 7PM at the MAC general office building at 6040 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. in Minneapolis. This is a public meeting, open to anyone who wants to attend.

Following is a summary of the September 13 meeting:

Eric Johnson gave an update on the non-aeronautical revenue activity:

- At FCM, MAC has received the land release from the FAA for Parcel 4, next to the day care center, and it's been turned over to CBRE (the company hired by MAC to market non-aeronautical properties) for marketing.
- At MIC, MAC is preparing to submit a land release request for 3 lots on the north end. They're talking with a developer who seems amenable to a long-term land lease.
- At 21D, part of a parcel to the north is being taken for roadway work; MAC is working up a value. They're also meeting with a developer for the rest of property, and are looking at submitting a land release request. They're also looking at a possible solar farm on current farm property.
- At LVN, they're looking at a possible solar farm.
- At ANE, they've negotiated a lease with the Sports Commission, and are negotiating to sell a parcel at the NE corner of the airport.

Staff gave an update on the Anoka/Blaine airport drainage issue. They've identified the problem, and are proposing reinstalling a

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culvert to drain the area in question. (The culvert was removed during the runway 9/27 extension project in 2006 with the intention that the area would serve as an infiltration basin, but that has not worked out.) They also have the USDA on contract to address any wildlife issues.

Staff gave a status update on the various long term comp plans. The Anoka plan is expected to start in 4Q 2017 with updating the 2015 aviation activity forecasts and establishing Guiding Principles for the planning process, followed by a kickoff meeting with key stakeholders.

Joe Harris gave an update on the STP restaurant. The build cost keeps escalating. MAC is working with a restaurant partner to try to address the issues, and a meeting scheduled for next Monday should result in a go or no-go decision. There's great potential there for a successful restaurant, but they have to work through the startup issues.

Joe Harris, Mike Wilson, and the rest of the staff shared at some length what they've been doing to prepare for the Super Bowl in January. They've spent a lot of time preparing for this event and the various contingencies that might arise. The FBOs are responsible for storing and mustering aircraft, and providing deicing services. There will be a reservation system in place from noon Wednesday through the following Tuesday. Arrivals are expected to be spread out over several days, while most departures will take place Sunday afternoon/evening or Monday morning. I asked about whether they'll need volunteer help from the user community, and Joe said probably not, as it's up to the FBOs to find their help. Signature is flying in a bunch of folks from around the country to staff their facilities at MSP and STP. The projected MAC cost is \$130,000, and there will be an "event fee" administered by the FBOs to help cover their expenses. In short, it's a huge undertaking, and we hope that we're not faced with a blizzard or -20 degree temperatures that weekend.

In the Tenant Concerns/Issues section:

- Commissioner Madigan mentioned the Learning Jet at STP (he's on the board of directors) to make attendees aware of its mission (to encourage young people to consider aerospace as a career). They're working very closely with the Farnsworth magnet school in St. Paul, but the facility is available to other schools that would like to participate.
- John Krack had several comments:
  - Encourage tenants to lease out available hangar space. To do this, three things need to happen: (1) Drop the Sublease Fee; (2) Develop a generic sublease form, probably based on the MAC tenant lease form, that would protect the tenant and the subleasee; (3) Put together a list of insurance requirements that the tenant and subtenant would need to have in their respective insurance policies. John asked if the attendees thought this idea was worth pursuing, and the answer was "yes." Commissioner Madigan, a business law attorney, will work with MAC legal on a sublease form. Kelly Gerads said that dropping the sublease fee would require an ordinance change, and they're looking at it. John said that he'd take the lead on the overall initiative.
  - John noted that at the June meeting, Kelly Gerads indicated that they would take a look at the rates and charges, and asked for an update. Kelly said that they're looking at the annual escalator. John said that he was at the Longville airport the day before and found out that their system is similar to the MAC's - tenants own their buildings and lease the land. They also have an annual escalator, but it's based on the

Twin Cities CPI rather than a fixed percentage.

- John suggested that MAC schedule a "cleanup days" event in the spring at each of the relievers to encourage tenants to clean out their hangars. They've done this in the past, and it has been quite successful.
- John asked about the MIC and ANE airport manager position. MAC responded that they hope to have it filled by the end of the year.
- Pat Moynihan said that they need a sign at the Airlake visitor/observation location.

**Economic Impact Study:** We're still awaiting the report, due out yet this year.

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

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### Thank You!

From Cheryl Daml

[Editor's Note: Cheryl was this year's recipient of the MAC Airport Promotion Award, given at the picnic in September.]

I would like to thank Joe, Kelly, Gary, and the rest of the airport staff for this year's Airport Promotion Award. I feel very humbled and honored to receive this.

I learned to fly at Anoka 25 years ago. I think we can all agree it's a fantastic place not only to learn to fly, but to fly and feel like you belong. The feeling of community is what I love about Anoka. It's the people here that make it a great place to be. It's been my pleasure to instruct here for 17 years, and in the process I've met so many wonderful people. What I hope to accomplish in instructing is to make flying fun, safe, more accessible, and less intimidating.

Now in my retirement from teaching school, it's been fun to help bring school kids on field trips to the airport and show them the magic of aviation. With the cooperation of the businesses and individuals on the field, I personally saw at least 500 kids last year learn about how airplanes fly and how an airport works. I know that the EAA, Golden Wings, Roger Hansen, and Harvey Karth helped with even more.

I want to thank the tower guys, who handle tremendous amounts of traffic, with a mix of jets, warbirds, GA aircraft and student pilots, and give excellent service and respect to all. They also help out when the students come to the airport. We take them to observe the airport from the observation floor, and the controllers even demonstrate light gun signals to them while they are getting the tour of airplanes from the wash pad.

The MAC guys take such good care of the grounds. It always looks beautiful, the runways and taxiways get plowed in a timely way and keep us all up and running. They help make Anoka County an airport to be very proud of. The airport staff makes sure everything runs smoothly. They and the MAC guys have also helped out with the school field trips. My colleagues in instruction and even my flight students have helped out with these field trips.

So this award really belongs to a lot of people. We all work together, and I want to thank each and every one of you. We can all be very proud of this airport and the work we all do to make it the greatest place to fly.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Ann Daml

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## The View From Here

By John Krack

### Elections

We'll be holding officer elections at the November meeting. Up for election will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. 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 November 13. The current officers are all doing a great job, but it never hurts to bring in some new perspectives, ideas, and energy.

### Airport Manager

The Airport Manager position was posted in October, with a deadline of October 26. MAC is currently working through the applicant list and is hoping to have someone in place before the Super Bowl.

### STP Restaurant

Joe Harris reports that the restaurant at St. Paul Downtown is a "Go." They were able to work through the startup cost issues reported in September, are doing the renovations, and hope to be open in early January. We look forward to giving it a try.

### Long Term Comp Plan

Neil Ralston reports that they're still on track for a 4Q kickoff.

### Flight Line Enterprise

Flight Line Gifts is offering 10% off purchases of up to \$100 by bringing in your Newsletter with the ad on Page 3, or a printout of the ad from an electronic copy. The offer is good through December 31, 2017. Check out their website at:

<http://www.flightlineltd.com/GiftShopItems/NewStore/RetailStore.htm>

### ACAA Website

No progress to report

### Hangar Door Maintenance

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## September Meeting Minutes

No business meeting was held in September because of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual airport picnic. Once again, the event was well-attended, and the weather was spectacular. The MAC maintenance crew did a great job of preparation, and their usual terrific job of cooking up some tasty hot dogs, brats, and burgers. Potato salad, beans, chips, and beverages rounded out the menu.

Cheryl Daml received the MAC Airport Promotion Award (congratulations, Cheryl) for her many activities in sharing her love of aviation with school groups and others.

Thanks to MAC for co-sponsoring the event with the ACAA, and providing the food.

Joe Harris, noting the great weather we've had for these events, remarked that maybe we should schedule one at Super Bowl time and see if we can get a 70 degree day in February. Anyway, it was a lot of fun, and we hope you can attend next year.

*Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.*

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- Books
- Cool Tech

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

By John Krack

20 years ago, the big issues were Fire Codes and Tax Reform. The Spring Lake Park fire department wanted to impose commercial fire codes on storage hangars, and a task force had been formed to explore getting relief on property taxes, which at the time were assessed at commercial rates, the highest imposed. Following are the minutes from the November, 1997 ACAA meeting, followed by a note requesting member feedback on the Fire Code issue. We made our case, and the fire code issue was eventually dropped. We ended up getting some tax relief through legislative reclassification of our buildings into a lower tax category.

### Minutes from the November 10, 1997 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Jim Griebel. The Minutes from the September Meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

#### Financial

As of October 31, 1997, the ACAA Treasury balance was:

Checking	\$3876.34
Savings	3226.78
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$7103.12</u>

#### Committee reports

There were no other committee reports.

#### MAC News

No Metropolitan Airports Commission representatives attended the meeting.

#### Old Business

##### Taxes

Jim Griebel gave an update on the taxation situation:

- Several Crystal operators opposed going to the Legislature until several other issues are resolved - notably Rates & Charges and Noise issues. Since the support of the Crystal legislator (which is unlikely without key constituent support) is deemed critical, and since the 1988 session is expected to be primarily a "bonding session" without much other activity, it was felt by Dave Dombrowski (the MAC lobbyist) that it would be better to wait until 1999.
- FCM operators are also getting a little cool to the idea.
- An alternative approach, which may be an easier sell, is to push for reclassification, resulting in lower taxes.
- MAC is still willing to help support the effort.

##### Fire Codes

Jim Griebel, Gary Specketer, and Roy Fuhrmann met for approximately 3 hours with the Spring Lake Park Fire Chief and a Blaine building inspection official to go over the proposed fire guidelines. Nothing has been agreed to, but the issues being pushed by the fire department deemed most likely to be contentious is this: ***If a hangar is within 20 feet of another hangar, each building must have one-hour burn-through protection on the exterior walls. (This means two layers of 5/8" sheetrock, taped.)***

Blaine's argument for this requirement is that they have a volunteer fire department, and they want to keep it that way. They believe this is possible if they can control industrial fires. Most industrial buildings are sprinkled (and if we had water, we'd have sprinklers also. Since we don't, we need the extra fire barrier.)

Our contention is that we're grandfathered in. Blaine claims the code existed when these hangars were built, and we're not in compliance.

No agreement was reached, but they're talking about a 4-5 year compliance period.

The ensuing discussion noted the following:

- Building inspectors have been approving these buildings, and have even been advising tenants on proper construction. If they're trying to change the rules now, what good is the building permit and inspection process?
- How do they know that we're not in compliance? Jim noted that they'll probably want to do their own inspections.
- The building department has changed. They're starting to enforce codes.
- Are they enforcing the code on older homes?
- Our understanding is the MAC can cover this (fire codes) themselves, but would then need to cover fire protection.
- It took 28 minutes to respond to an incident last summer.
- A fire occurred several years ago that destroyed the hangar involved. Adjacent buildings were not damaged.
- At what level are these decisions being made?
- It was suggested that we table the issue for now, get more details, and resume the discussion in January.

#### Environmental

- There were several stories of tenants being cited for non-conformances that didn't apply.
- Woodworking equipment was questioned.
- Question: Are the EPA requirements in writing to MAC? Jim Griebel will follow up.
- Question regarding the escrow for wells and holding tanks: Must the well/holding tank be removed at the next sale? No one from MAC was there to comment, but it is believed the escrow can be transferred to the new owner.

#### New Business

It was noted that police patrol cooperation has been great. Two police officers have aircraft based at ANE.

Don't hesitate to call 911 for questionable activity.

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#### Fire Code Note

By John Krack

As noted above, the City of Blaine and the Spring Lake Park Fire Department are trying to require a 1-hour fire barrier on all walls which are less than 20 feet from an adjacent building. We need your input on this issue. If you are required to comply within 5 years, would that present an undue hardship? It's my understanding that this requirement can be met by installing 2 layers of 5/8" sheetrock, with seams taped. There are questions about whether the pole faces can be exposed, or whether everything must be covered. Is this a non-issue for you, or should we push to get existing buildings, which were approved when built and presumably met code, exempted? If we hear no comments against, we'll assume that people don't care and we won't bother fighting it. If it will be a hardship, we'll need some evidence (estimated cost to comply, for example) on why you oppose it. Stop by the meeting to voice your opinion, or write, Email, or call me (see last page for numbers) by the end of January.

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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

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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.

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### Email List

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