



Newsletter  
**Anoka County Aviation Association**  
 ACAA

March, 2013

Next Meeting: **Monday, March 11, 2013 7:00 PM**  
 EAA Chapter 237 Hangar Anoka County Airport.

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**Calendar**

March 11 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg
March 12 (Tue)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC Office Bldg
May 3, 2013 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads due
May 13, 2013 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg.
May 18, 2013 (Sat)		International Learn to Fly Day
June 1-2, 2013 (Sat/Sun)	All Day	Discover Aviation Days

According to the FAA website, the current proposed plan will be to close over 100 air traffic control towers at airports with fewer than 150,000 operations or 10,000 commercial operations. This means that the local air traffic service would stop at ANE, Flying Cloud and Crystal approximately on April 1<sup>st</sup> if a deal is not reached. I would encourage you to work with trade association(s) to express any concerns about the proposed shutdown of these facilities.

If you have any questions about the airport, please do not hesitate to call me. I can be reached at [763-717-0001](tel:763-717-0001).

Safe flying,

Joe

**March Meeting – Roy Fuhrmann**

Roy Fuhrmann, MAC Vice President of Management and Operations (includes Reliever Airports), has kindly accepted our invitation to attend our March meeting. Here's your chance to meet Roy, pick his brain, talk about what's on your mind, and participate in an open discussion about where we are and where we're going. We're hoping for a large turnout to welcome Roy and participate in a lively discussion.

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 11, at the EAA 237 Hangar on the west side of the field. Doors open around 6:45. Refreshments will be provided.

**Around the Airport**

By Joe Harris, Airport Manager

I have been working with AirSpace Minnesota on an event to celebrate "International Learn to Fly Day" on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Fort Snelling. AirSpace Minnesota is a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that wants to help grow a skilled aviation workforce and showcase the economic impact of aerospace and aviation in Minnesota – past, present and future. The Fort Snelling celebration will have a recreation of the event that took place in 1938 during the National Air Mail Week campaign in the Twin Cities. During this event created by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the U.S. Postmaster-General, 210 Minnesota cities adopted special seals, and pilots from around the state delivered the mail to Wold-Chamberlain Field for a major celebration. I am leading a group of volunteers searching for aviators and communities to partake in this grand celebration. These pilots will land at Anoka (ANE), Lake Elmo (21D) or Airlake (LVN), and transportation will be provided to and from the event. There will be a special recognition ceremony for these pilots at the event. Greg Herrick, Golden Wings Museum, is the event Honorary Chair. I need your help to spread the word about this event. I have reached out to many aviation organizations to solicit participation. Please let me know if you or anyone you know would be interested in bringing a community artifact or volunteering for this event. This is a great opportunity to showcase and share the rich history of Minnesota aviation.

As many of you know, the Federal Aviation Administration is preparing for the possibility of a budget sequestration on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The FAA is making plans to reduce its expenditures by approximately \$600 million for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2013.

**RAAC Report**

By John Krack

Our next RAAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 (the day after our ACAA meeting) at 7PM at the MAC General Offices building at 6040 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. in Minneapolis. We're still finalizing the agenda, but here's how things are shaping up:

- Presentation by Blaine Airport Promotion Group
- Update and discussion of the Facility Acquisition Fee
- Possible Sequestration impacts and contingency plans
- Update on how ANE and FCM landing fees are working out
- Conceptual overview of the proposed Commercial Minimum Standards
- Discussion of Sublease Fee impacts
- Tenant Concerns/Issues

This is a public meeting open to all. Hope you can make it.

John Renwick (Lake Elmo RAAC rep) has identified two unintended consequences of the recent Rates and Charges ordinance, associated with the Facility Acquisition Fee and the Sublease Fee.

The Facility Acquisition Fee has a very perverse effect on someone trying to sell a basic storage hangar or an older large T-hangar, as the fee can amount to a substantial percentage of the value of the building. In one case he cites, the \$20K FAF on a 17,000 square foot row hangar is causing interested buyers to vanish, as it is a major hit above the actual value of the property. MAC staff advises that they are aware of this and are working on a resolution. We've asked for an update at next week's RAAC meeting.

John also notes that the Sublease Fee threatens to drive Lake Elmo users to Wisconsin airports if the tenant tries to pass it on to the subtenant.

**Question:** Are any of you experiencing adverse effects of these fees at Anoka, such as renters leaving or buyers losing interest because of them? If so, I need specific examples of how they are impacting

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## RAAC Report

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you. Although these fees have not really hit us until our new leases, they were put in place at a time when hangar space was at a premium and property values were escalating dramatically. This, as we all know, is no longer the case.

As always, 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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### The View From Here

By John Krack

#### March Meeting

As noted above, Roy Fuhrmann will be attending our March meeting. This is an opportunity to have an informal discussion with the Number 3 MAC person in the Reliever Airports management chain. We urge you to join us for what promises to be a very interesting and informative evening. Let's have a large turnout to meet Roy and hear what he has to say.

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#### ACAA Promotion

As you'll note in the January minutes, we had a rather lengthy discussion at the January meeting about promoting the ACAA to increase our membership and contribute more to the airport. A number of good ideas were proposed, but we need people to step up and help move them forward. If you have any interest in getting more involved in the airport, let us know.

As a follow up from the January meeting, I talked with Kelly Gerads about how to identify new tenants so we can contact them. She noted that all new and transferred leases are included in the monthly Commission agendas. I will be monitoring these and attempt to contact new tenants.

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#### Discover Aviation Days

##### SAVE THE DATE for DAD 2013!

Come out to the Anoka County Airport in Blaine on June 1st & 2nd to celebrate the many aspects of aviation. Enjoy numerous aviation exhibitors, aircraft & helicopter rides, food booths and more! On display will be general and corporate aircraft, experimental and homebuilt, WWII fighters, trainers and bombers along with vintage and modern military aircraft. Those interested in a career in aviation can stop by the numerous aviation education booths, see flying demonstrations, and kid's activities. A Pancake Breakfast & Lunch will be served both days. Pilot Safety Seminars and aviation programs are offered throughout both days. An evening Hangar Dance with a 15 piece 1940's swing band will be held Saturday night.

##### ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ~

The DAD planning team is looking for more event volunteers and team leaders. If you are interested in helping plan this exciting event, please contact us as soon as possible for meeting dates and times. Visit the DAD website at [www.discoveraviationdays.org](http://www.discoveraviationdays.org) for details.

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#### Blaine Airport Promotion Group

(From Roger Hansen)

The Blaine Airport Promotion Group is hosting workshops for the local schools this year that will feature weather and general aviation programs. An estimated 300 students plan on making the airport a destination over the next three months to study the function of the

airport and experience a hands on dimension that they would not have available in the class room.

A new subject has been added to our web page to supplement teachers and students. The new EDUCATION section will provide stories and lessons related to history of developments in aviation and practical lessons in general aviation.

Volunteers are always welcome to join the BAPG team and share experiences in aviation and mechanical skills along with student cadets of the Civil Air Patrol and other instructors that enjoy the opportunity to make a difference in the life of K-12 students that make their first ever trip to an airport and return to their school with a new outlook on their studies.

Check out the BAPG website at [www.aneairport.org](http://www.aneairport.org).

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### MAC Committee and Commission Meetings

By Vivian Starr

#### Management and Operations Committee 7 January 2013

In July, 2012, the Reliever staff reported that their next project would be to update Ordinance 78, Minimum standards. Originally adopted in 1992, sets forth the minimum requirements a commercial operator must meet to conduct business on MAC Reliever Airports. The current ordinance is out of date.

Kelly Gerads and Evan Wilson used a Power Point presentation to explain staff efforts to update the minimum standards:

- Legal & Policy Framework
  - Grant assurance obligations
  - Federal law & policy
  - Minnesota statutes
  - Recommendations regarding operational practices & capital funding for GA in the MAC system, approved by the Commission in June 2011
- Purpose
  - Promote the efficient, safe & economic handling of air commerce
  - Ensure adequate availability & levels of service to meet demands & expectations of tenants & transient operators.
  - Protect the investment of commercial operators who have made significant investment in facilities, & protect commercial operators from unreasonable competition
  - Encourage a viable business environment & practices
  - Protect airport users from unlicensed & unauthorized products & services
  - Promote orderly development of airport land
- Guidance
  - Reasonable & attainable
  - Not unjustly discriminatory & uniformly applied
  - Does not grant an "Exclusive Right"
  - Relevant to the activity
  - Provides opportunity to newcomers
- Considerations
  - Infrastructure & use of MAC facilities
  - Fleet mix & profile of each Reliever Airport
  - Type of operations
  - Future projection of type of traffic & number of ops
  - Make-up of commercial tenants
  - Commercial service needs of each airport
  - Available space for development
  - Availability for MAC to provide commercial services if a Successful commercial partnership cannot be established

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## MAC Committee and Commission Meetings

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- Special Issues
  - Licensing of independent contractors
  - Application of standards to flying clubs
  - Minimum FBO equipment requirements
  - Minimum FBO training requirements
- Future Steps
  - Approval to proceed with public hearing
  - Stakeholder input
  - Develop draft ordinance
  - Provide draft ordinance, a summary of the stakeholder meeting, & solicit input from interested Commissioners
  - Conduct informal meetings
  - Finalize the draft ordinance
  - Conduct a Public Hearing

Gary Schmidt, Director of Reliever Airports, responded to questions & comments following the presentation. Asked for an example of an independent contractor, Mr. Schmidt mentioned aircraft detailing businesses. Commissioner Rehkamp asked why MAC should care about licensing flight instructors. Commissioner King asked how it could be enforced. MAC legal counsel Tom Anderson said there always needed to be a balance between supporting FBOs & tenant needs.

Gary Schmidt noted that MAC needed to formalize Flying Club standards so their operations do not disadvantage FBOs who have minimum requirements for equipment & training.

Chair Boivin said he wanted to know what all of this will cost — FBO training, etc.

Gary Schmidt added that there will be a public hearing process and stakeholders will have opportunity for input in the draft ordinance.

Commissioner Rehkamp asked about what commercial service MAC might supply. Mr. Schmidt cited the possibility that a small airport might lose their only FBO. Then MAC would need to step in to maintain services for the tenants while trying to find a new operator for the FBO.

Kelly Gerads said staff expected the Public Hearing would be in mid-summer. She added that Commissioner Monaco has been working closely with staff during this process. They are trying to strike the right balance.

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## January ACAA General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1908 on January 14, 2013 by Secretary John Krack.

**Attending officials:** Joe Harris, Airport Manager

The November minutes were approved as published in the January Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Vivian Starr reported that the treasury balance as of the end of December was:

Checking:	\$1579.22
Savings:	4908.76
Total:	\$6487.98

Vivian also gave an income/expense report for 2012, and presented a net worth report from February 2000 to the present. For 2012, our income (from Dues) was \$1120, vs. expenses of \$1615, for a deficit of \$495. Since 2006, our average annual income was \$1084 vs. average annual expenses of \$1394, for an average annual deficit of \$310. Our treasury is slowly declining.

Our major expenses are:

- Newsletter and meeting refreshments \$100-\$120 every 2 months (\$600-\$720 / yr)
- Contribution to EAA \$400 / yr (reduced to \$200 starting in 2013)
- Chamber of Commerce membership \$230 / yr (dropped in 2013)
- DAD \$300 in 2012

Assuming we still want to support DAD, even with the cuts we've made, we're still around \$200 per year short. Any additional expenses, of course, would add to the deficit.

We're not in crisis mode, but we need to think about turning this around. Most of the ensuing discussion focused on attracting new members by increasing tenant awareness of the group and highlighting / improving the benefits of being a member. Several suggestions were discussed:

- Contact new tenants, send them a Newsletter, and invite them to join. John Krack will follow up with MAC on how to find out when new tenants move in.
- Put together a display on Association accomplishments and benefits to set up at various events such as the Picnic, Discover Aviation Days, etc. ("Toot our horn.")
- Send blanket emails to Vivian's distribution in advance of each meeting to get the word out.
- Make meetings more attractive with interesting programs:
  - John Krack to invite Roy Fuhrmann (MAC VP for Mgmt and Operations) to our March meeting
  - Craig Schiller to contact Shelly Supan about having the CAP do a program at our May meeting
  - Possibly get involved in "Learn to Fly" Day on May 18.
  - Put some summer programs together for CAP, BAPG, etc.
  - Define our mission and set goals

**Airport Activity:** Joe Harris noted that MAC will be putting together a construction schedule to redo 13 alleyways on the East side. They will work with tenants to minimize disruption/inconvenience as much as possible. The project will include new "No Vehicle" markings. They'll also be addressing a problem with a culvert on the Alpha 1 connector that is collapsing.

**Minimum Standards:** MAC is updating the minimum standards for commercial operators. This effort is being driven by the changes to ANE and FCM, and by MAC's objective to ensure that services appropriate to the various airports' user profiles are available.

**Learn to Fly Day:** May 18 has been designated as "International Learn to Fly" Day. [See Joe Harris' discussion above for details on one of the major events in this area.] Does the ACAA want to get involved in this?

The meeting was adjourned at 2033.

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

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## ***WANT Ads***

**AIRCRAFT FOR SALE:** 1970 Mooney M-10 Cadet. 1135 hrs TT, 650 SMOH. SL-40 Comm/Intercom, Xpdr Mode C. Hangared at ANE. Call Craig @ 651-426-4751

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**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.

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**WANTED:** Contributions for Blaine Airport Promotion Group. See [www.aneairport.org](http://www.aneairport.org) for details.

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**HANGARS FOR RENT:** Several south facing tee hangars available. Call George at 651/271-3023.

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**WANTED: Newsletter Articles.** If you have any interesting stories, thoughts, observations, or comments, send them to [av8r00@gmail.com](mailto:av8r00@gmail.com).

**Twin Size Hangar at FCM for Rent**  
44' Door, 42' Deep  
Gary Rosenwinkel 952-393-8741

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### Discover Aviation Days

**2013 Dates:** June 1-2, 2013

**Website:** [www.DiscoverAviationDays.org](http://www.DiscoverAviationDays.org)

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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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Email: [av8r00@gmail.com](mailto:av8r00@gmail.com)

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](mailto:DVStarr@aol.com).

