



Newsletter
Anoka County Aviation Association
ACAA

July, 2013

Next Meeting: **Monday, July 8, 2013 7:00 PM**
 EAA Chapter 237 Hangar Anoka County Airport.

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Calendar

June 19 (Wed)	6:00pm	Public Info Meeting on Proposed Commercial Minimum Standards MAC Office Bldg.
July 8 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg
July 8-10, 2013 (Mon-Wed)		EAA Ford Trimotor Rides @ ANE
July 20-21 (Sat/Sun)		Big Bomber Weekend
Aug 23, 2013 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads due
Sept 9, 2013 (Mon)	7:00pm	Annual ANE Picnic MAC Maint. Bldg.
Sept 10, 2013 (Tue)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC Office Bldg

July Meeting

Join us at the July meeting for an update on what's going on at the airport.

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 8, 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

Dear Aviation Users,

I was so grateful when the Federal Aviation Administration announced that they will continue funding contract air traffic control towers at the nation's airports through at least Sept. 30, the end of the federal government's fiscal year. In particular, I appreciate those who reached out to Sen. Klobuchar and Sen. Franken and members of the U.S. House of Representatives as well as local elected officials and other local units of government in the fight to keep our tower open. This facility plays an important role in enhancing the safety and efficiency of operations at Anoka County-Blaine Airport. I hope a long-term funding mechanism is worked out in the next budget cycle for continued success of the Contract Tower Program without the use of funds paid by passengers to maintain and enhance our airport runways and taxiways.

More than 10,000 people attended the Discover Aviation Day's event. I can't thank the volunteer staff and organizations enough for the great work in organizing the activities. I especially want to give a shout out to the based tenants who brought an airplane to the display area. The flight line on Sunday afternoon was near capacity. The weather on Sunday June 2nd was absolutely beautiful and many pilots took advantage of the clear skies and 975 airport operations were recorded on this day. This has been by far the busiest day of the year.

Speaking of airport operations, I'm sure it does not come as a surprise to most readers that the busiest days are when the weather

is clear regardless of the day of the week. For example, the next two busiest days of the year besides DAD Sunday fell on Monday (June 3rd) and Thursday (May 23rd) with more than 600 operations each day.

As always, if you have any questions please call me. I can be reached at **763-717-0001**

With regards,
Joe Harris

RAAC Report

By John Krack

We held a RAAC meeting on Tuesday, June 11. We asked for an update from MAC staff on several items that we've been tracking:

- Overview of the proposed new Commercial Minimum Standards
- Update on the impacts of Sequestration
- Update on the reliever airport Long Term Comprehensive Plans
- Update on the Non-Aeronautical Revenue initiative
- Update on the Facility Acquisition Fee

Proposed Commercial Minimum Standards

NOTE: A complete copy of the proposed standards, together with some supporting materials, is available on the MAC website at

<http://www.metroairports.org/Utility/News-Events/Meeting-Scheduled-for-Draft-Minimum-Standards.aspx>

A public information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 at 6pm at the MAC general office building at 6040 28th Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

Evan Wilson and Kelly Gerads outlined the changes Staff is proposing for minimum commercial Operator standards. The purpose of the standards is to:

- Promote efficient, safe, economic handling of air commerce
- Ensure adequate availability and service levels to meet tenant and transient expectations
- Protect the investments of commercial operators
- Encourage viable business environment and practice
- Protect airport users from unlicensed and unauthorized products and services
- Promote the orderly development of airport land

The proposal is based on these considerations:

- Infrastructure and use of facilities
- Fleet Mix
- Types of Operations
- Future Projections
- Commercial tenant make-up
- Commercial service needs
- Available space
- Ability for MAC to provide services where necessary.

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The standards differ by airport, based on the above considerations. For example, a Full Service FBO at STP requires 5 acres of contiguous land, 120,000 square feet of paved apron, a 5,000 square foot terminal/office, a 28,000 square foot storage/maintenance hangar with at least a 24-foot high door, and 75 parking spaces. A Full Service FBO at ANE and FCM requires 3 acres of land, an 80,000 square foot paved apron, a 3,500 square foot terminal/office, a 15,000 square foot hangar with an 18 foot door, and 40 parking spaces. At LVN, MIC, and 21D they require 1.5 acres, a 36,000 square foot hangar, a 1,500 square foot lobby, and 20 parking spaces. Fuel service requirements differ across the airports as well. A variance process is also provided for FBOs who don't meet the standards and have a reasonable case for not upgrading.

Minimum hours for retail fueling are also prescribed: STP, FCM, and ANE must offer retail fueling a minimum of 12 hours/day, 7 days per week, while MIC, LVN, and 21D must offer fuel a minimum of 8 hours/day, 7 days a week.

Other minimum standards are specified for Specialized Aviation Service Operations such as Aircraft Charter, Airframe and Powerplant maintenance, Avionics Sales and Services, and Flight Training/Aircraft Rental.

Provisions are included for restricted licensing of the following commercial services by operators not based on a MAC airport:

- Aircraft Detailing
- Independent flight instruction, where the instructor supplies the aircraft. (Flight instruction in the trainee's aircraft is exempt from the ordinance provided the instructor does not employ or use other instructors and does not advertise.)
- Provisional A&P maintenance, where the mechanic can work on a specific aircraft identified in the license
- Satellite A&P maintenance, where a commercial mechanic based on one MAC airport may perform maintenance services at another MAC airport

Operators providing these services must be based on an airport (no "Chuck with a truck" mechanics), and must be licensed by MnDOT.

Rules for Flying Clubs are also addressed. Basically, they need to comply with State rules.

Finally, a "catch all" provision allows the Director of Reliever Airports to approve and determine the standards and requirements for commercial operations not specifically covered by the ordinance. (Presumably, this would cover such services as FAA medical exams.)

The timeline for moving this ordinance forward is:

- Informational Meeting – June 19
- Public Hearing to solicit public comments – Early August
- Hearing Officers' Report
- Hearing Officers' Meeting
- Commission Approval
- Effective Date – 1 January 2014

Sequestration

Gary Schmidt reported that there's still no Federal budget for 2014, and unless funding is provided, most contract towers (including ANE and STC) are scheduled to close October 1. (The recent Congressional action to keep them open runs out on September 30.)

The House Transportation Subcommittee is making budget recommendations.

Commissioner Landy suggested that I contact Bill Towle, the STC airport director, to see if we can work together to come up with an action plan, and also to check into any State plan. Meanwhile, communications with your Congresspeople can't hurt.

Long Term Comprehensive Plans

Al Dye from the Airport Development Department gave an update on the Reliever Airport Long Term Comprehensive Plans. Airlake, Crystal, and Lake Elmo are being done this year, with Anoka, Flying Cloud, and Saint Paul scheduled for next year. The timetable for the 2013 plans is:

- Updated Forecast Preparation – January-April
- Document Preparation – April-September
- Public Involvement Program – May-September
- Public Informational Meetings and Public Comment Period – Late Summer 2013
- MAC Committee/Commission Presentations – April 2013, Summer 2013
- Adoption of Updated Plans by MAV and Submittal to Met Council – October 2013

Non-Aeronautical Revenue

MAC has hired CBRE, a global real estate services company, to get this moving. CBRE will do a market analysis, a strategic plan, a marketing plan, and will meet with city officials to develop these properties. They are the "point persons" to make this happen.

Facility Acquisition Fee

Kelly Gerads said that this fee is still under review. She said that since January 1, 2012 there have been 16 transactions subject to this fee, bringing in \$72,487. The lowest fee was \$2070, and the highest \$13,000. The expectation is for \$150,000 per year from this fee, and so far that's not materializing. An update on performance under the new fee structure and Financial Model is due in August, and they want to look at the overall performance before recommending changes. There may be some sources that are sufficiently over plan that would allow modification to the FAF without having to change anything else. We should have better information in a few months.

You may recall that the big issue here is that the FAF is based on square footage, so owners of older, large leaseholds such as large row hangars may find that the FAF is a significant portion of the value of the buildings, making it a deal-breaker when it comes time to sell.

Kelly noted that MAC is still soliciting suggestions for modifying this fee to make it fairer, or raising the revenue if it is eliminated. You can send ideas directly to kelly.gerads@mspm.org.

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

Early Newsletter

I have some commitments in late June/early July that will preclude my doing the Newsletter at my normal time, so you're seeing it a few weeks early this time around. Once again I'll invite would-be journalists/editors to help out occasionally.

Picnic

I haven't confirmed it, but I'm expecting that we'll be having our annual picnic instead of a business meeting. More later.

Sequester

As you no doubt know, we dodged the cannonball until September 30, and the tower will remain open until then. However, unless Congress comes up with a budget to continue to fund contract (and some of the smaller FAA) towers for 2014, the ANE tower will close. For now, probably the best thing to do is convey to your

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congressional representatives the importance of keeping the tower open, and urge them to include funding in next year's budget. I'll be contacting the St. Cloud airport director (who also has a contract tower) and the State to see if there are any initiatives that we can plug into.

Discover Aviation Days

Numbers are still coming in, but it appears that Discover Aviation Days was a very successful event. Considering all the rain we've had this spring, the weather was unusually cooperative, and from what I saw working car parking, there was a nearly continuous string of cars, especially on Sunday. Approximately 1/3 of our regular car parking area was lost due to wet ground, but somehow we found places for all comers.

Estimates are that approximately 10,500 people attended, about 3,000 less than last year. The Hangar Dance registered 920, about 30 less than last year. The event was slightly larger, and people seemed to be having a good time. Thanks to all of you who brought your planes out for display.

Non-Aeronautical Revenue

With the recent move by MAC to turn this project over to a company that specializes in this kind of service, we're hopeful that we'll soon see some realistic projections and positive action on this all-important initiative.

Commercial Minimum Standards

See the discussion on the proposed Minimum Standards ordinance in the RAAC Report section. I would urge you to look over the document and offer your comments to MAC, especially if you use services that might fall into a "gray area," such as a flight instructor with an established business on a non-MAC airport who comes to you for recurrent training in your aircraft.

Blaine Airport Promotion Group

(From Roger Hansen)

The Blaine Airport Promotion Group continues to host workshops and tours for the local schools, as well as participating in more public community events. On Tuesday, May 28 they hosted over 100 students from the University Avenue Elementary School, and on Monday, June 10 they wowed 80 students going into 3rd grade from the Edina Public Schools Young Scholars program. On Tuesday, July 16 they'll be hosting 300 1st through 3rd graders from the North St. Paul Schools Summer Program. The program continues to grow, and is very popular with the education community.

BAPG has produced a draft map/directory to be made available on displays and through FBOs so visitors can find where things are on the airport. See Craig Schiller if you'd like to see a copy for comment.

The BAPG is very close to applying for their 501(c)(3) certification, which will allow them to accept tax-deductible contributions.

EAA Ford Trimotor in town July 8-10 (Monday through Wednesday)

The EAA's immaculate 1929 Ford Trimotor will be touring the country this summer offering rides, and it will visit ANE on July 8-10. Rides are \$70 per adult with advance registration, \$75 walkup, and \$50 for those under 18. See the website at

<http://www.airventuremuseum.org/fordtrimotor/>

for more details and to sign up.

The aircraft will also visit Bemidji on July 1-3, Brainerd on July 4-7, and Albert Lea on July 11-14 before returning to Oshkosh for AirVenture 2013.

The Collings Foundation Big Bombers to visit ANE again this year

The "Big Bomber Weekend is July 20-21.

MAC Committee and Commission Meetings By Vivian Starr

Vivian Starr is on holiday and was unable to submit a report.

May ACAA General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1905 on May 13, 2013 by President Michael Lawrence.

Attending officials: None

The March minutes were approved by voice vote as published in the May Newsletter.

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

Checking:	\$1365.87
Savings:	4908.92
Total:	\$6274.79

The Treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

Old Business

Discover Aviation Days needs volunteers, especially for setup on Thurs/Fri and takedown on Sun/Mon. Michael Lawrence was authorized to spend up to \$100 to make an ACAA banner.

John Krack will request an update on Non Aeronautical Revenue at the June RAAC meeting

New Business

There's a bill in the legislature that would change aircraft registration fees from a value-based system to one based on weight, and put a cap on the fee. It would also divert aircraft sales taxes to the airport fund and eliminate the sales tax on aircraft parts. Jet fuel taxes would go up by a dime, from 5 cents to 15 cents per gallon.

Don Johnson said that a month or so ago, a hangar door was kicked in, but the would-be intruder fled when the motion sensor activated lights came on. The incident wasn't reported to police. However, tenants and airport users are urged to report all such incidents.

There have been a few incidents – can we get increased drive-bys? Michael Lawrence will follow up with Blaine mayor Ryan to see what police monitoring is being provided now and what might be doable going forward.

The light rail station planned for highway 81 near MIC might offer a boost to MIC by allowing transients to fly in and hop the train to downtown and beyond.

The meeting was adjourned at 1953.

Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.

WANT Ads

HANGAR & LOT FOR SALE:

- Large Lot 60' X 285'
- Hangar 54' X 42' Insulated
- 54' Electric Door Faces South Plus Enclosed "T" Storage Area
- Office with Bath
- Rental Income
- 130' Tarmac in Front of Hangar
- Large Tie Down Area
- Great Location South End

\$144,000 Will consider CD agreement.

Call Roger Benasutti 651 308-8940 or rbbenasutti@gmail.com

Twin Size Hangar at FCM for Rent

44' Door, 42' Deep

Gary Rosenwinkel 952-393-8741

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

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.

