



Newsletter

Anoka County Aviation Association

ACAA

Next Meeting: **Monday, July 11, 2016 6:30 PM**

July, 2016

NOTE TIME CHANGE

EAA 237 Building, Anoka County Airport.

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Calendar

July 9, 2016 (Sat)	9:00am	Patriot Ride Key Air
July 11, 2016 (Mon)	6:30pm	ACAA Meeting & BBQ EAA Building
Jul 11, 2016 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building
Jul 13, 2016 (Wed)	4:30pm	ANE Airport Advisory Council Meeting Blaine City Hall
July 14, 2016 (Thu)	8:00am	BAPG Meeting Key Air
Jul 17, 2016 (Sun)		MN Aviation Education Camp St. Paul Downtown Arprt
Aug 14, 2016 (Sun)	8:00am	Pancake Brkfst Lake Elmo Airport
Aug 29, 2016 (Mon)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads Due
Sep 12, 2016 (Mon)	5:00pm	Annual ANE Airport Picnic MAC Maint Bldg
Sep 13, 2016 (Tue)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC General Offices

July Meeting – Pre-Meeting Picnic @ 6:30 and Comcast Internet Briefing

We'll take advantage of the nice summer weather and do another "mini-picnic" before the business meeting. We'll cook up some hot dogs, and have a chance to visit a bit.

Adrian Dennis, the Comcast business account executive, will be available to brief us on the Comcast project to make high-speed Internet available at ANE.

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM on Monday, July 11, at the EAA 237 Hangar on the west side of the field. Let's have a great turnout. Hope to see you there.

President's Corner

By Michael Lawrence, ACAA President

Key Air Twin Cities will again be hosting "The Patriot Ride" on Saturday, July 9th. This is the 11th year of this charity ride and second year we will have hosted it. Last year, over 3,000 motorcycles gathered in support of Minnesota's military, veterans, and their families. All proceeds from this event go directly towards four charities: Minnesota Patriot Guard, Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund, Tribute to the Troops – Minnesota Chapter, and Folds of Honor – Minnesota. This all day event features helicopter rides, aircraft displays and fly-overs, parachute jump, demonstration ride, bike show, bike raffle, product and food vendors, live band and much more. A great event for riders and non-riders too! Check out www.thepatriotride.org for all the

event details and rider registration. If you would like to donate to the event, please go to my Crowd Funding page at:

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PR16/MichaelLawrence>

RAAC Report

By John Krack

The Summer Reliever Airports Advisory Council (RAAC) meeting was held on Tuesday, June 14 at 7PM in the MAC general office building. Following is a summary of the major items covered:

MAC CEO Brian Ryks was introduced to the RAAC, and vice-versa. Brian summarized his background, and noted that the Reliever Airports are a critical part of the overall operation.

Noise Abatement

Dana Nelson from the MAC Noise Department summarized the noise abatement program and resources at the GA airports

- Each MAC airport has a noise abatement plan, and a page on [macnoise.com](http://www.macnoise.com) with information on noise abatement resources
- Pilot briefings are offered regularly at FCM and ANE, and at other airports by request
- Airport Advisory Commissions at STP, FCM, ANE, and LVN include local officials and other stakeholders who meet regularly to discuss noise and other airport issues. Airports without AACs work with the airport managers as appropriate. The next ANE AAC meeting is on July 13 at 4:30PM at Blaine City Hall.
- Pilot guides are available on www.macnoise.com

Dana noted that MAC has an online flight tracking system, and they follow up on all noise complaints. Most of their complaints (as might be expected) come from FCM and ANE.

Long Term Comprehensive Planning

Neil Ralston gave an update on the Long Term Comprehensive planning:

- The Lake Elmo plan was sent to the Met Council in early May. MAC is hoping for Met Council approval in August, followed by final MAC board approval in September
- The Crystal plan is well under way. They've started the stakeholder phase, and expect to start a 45-day public review this fall.

Despite its recent declines, Crystal still ranks in the top 10 in MN for based aircraft and operations, exceeding even St. Cloud. It is on the FAA "hot list" for runway incursions.

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MAC is looking at closing two runways, including the turf runway, which had only 69 operations per month last June through August. The decision on keeping the tower open will be based on ops, not runway configuration.

- Airlake is seeing more jet activity, and MAC is looking at ways to accommodate that in the Plan.
- The ANE Plan is being delayed a bit due to activity on the other Plans. We're looking at things starting to surface in the third quarter.

Non-Aeronautical Revenue

Garv Schmidt noted that the recent FCM lease should bring in about \$28K per year. The ANE Parcel 60 soil borings were not perfect, so that's still under review. The North end parcel is still in the works.

Lakeville Annexation

MAC is looking to get sewer and water on the Lakeville airport, and approached the city of Lakeville to annex the land. Lakeville is OK with that, but Eureka Township is concerned about creeping land acquisition. Eureka Township is looking at some sort of a joint powers agreement that would address their concerns while enabling MAC to meet their objective.

GA Financial Model

Kelly Gerads reviewed the GA Financial Model published in the May Newsletter, and updated the 2016 projections to include the MSP ground rent changes. The MSP changes had a positive impact of around \$300K, while the estimated outside funding for capital projects came down by around \$1M (I'm not sure why). The end result was an overall loss of around \$850K, and a positive Cumulative Balance of just over \$1M. But keep in mind that these projections are exactly that, and are likely to change even more as the year goes on.

Other

The three airport managers reviewed past and upcoming events at their respective airports.

Commissioner Lisa Peilen noted the recent situation where GA maintenance equipment was allowed to deteriorate well beyond its useful life (my words) and said that she wants to avoid this in the future.

John Krack noted that he's had several recent inquiries about rental hangar space at ANE, and suggested that we might want to encourage tenants with extra space to sublease to other aircraft. He suggested that we should consider dropping the Sublease Fee, develop a standard sublease form that tenants could use, and document insurance requirements and suggestions.

Sad News

Actually, Terrible News. As I was writing this, I received an email from Vivian Starr with a link to a Star Tribune article. It seems that Glenn Burke has been charged by authorities with seven counts of theft by swindle for diverting over \$100,000 from the South St. Paul airport to his personal use while he was the SSP airport manager. We sincerely hope that this is a huge

misunderstanding, but the evidence seems pretty strong. He's currently on paid administrative leave while MAC investigates.

This is particularly disappointing because Glenn has a wealth of experience in airport management, and has brought some new and creative thinking to the party. I have been extremely impressed with his attitude, his involvement, and his creative approach to problem solving. He has been a pleasure to work with.

I would hope that something can be worked out, but in any case, we wish Glenn well in the challenges ahead.

By the time you read this it will be all over the news media, but the link to the article is:

<http://www.startribune.com/former-south-st-paul-airport-manager-accused-of-stealing-100-000/385594131/>

The View From Here

By John Krack

Discover Aviation Days

I spent most of both afternoons parking cars (there were lots and lots of them!), but still had time to partake of the pancake breakfast and check out the exhibitors. Sunday was definitely the better weather day, but we had good crowds (estimated at 12,000 people total, down from 15,000 last year) both days. Over 900 folks attended the hangar dance, also down a bit from last year. People seemed to be enjoying themselves, and to me the event was quite successful. Special thanks to the CAP for safely handling aircraft movement and parking, and to all the volunteers and sponsors who made the event possible.

The 5K "Fun Run" is Back On

We reported in May that the 5K "Fun Run" planned for May 21 at ANE had been cancelled due to lack of approval from the MAC legal department. Well, the necessary approval has now been received, and plans are to hold the event sometime in October. Stay tuned for further details.

Clearing House for Hangar Rentals

I've had several people contact me recently looking for hangar rental space at ANE. Unfortunately, there wasn't a lot I could do to help them. I gave them several names, and I think most of them found space, but it occurred to me that it might be helpful to have a clearing house to link people looking for space to people with space to rent out.

I've discussed this with Glenn Burke, and Glenn pointed out that the more we can utilize existing airport infrastructure (i.e. hangar space), the less MAC has to put into developing new building areas, and the more activity we can bring to the airport.

The first step is to assess the need and determine whether this is worth pursuing. I'll start with asking all of you whether (a) you have space that you'd consider renting out, and (b) whether you've had inquiries from folks looking for rental space.

Renting out space can help defray your costs, and if you really want to get into it, you can depreciate part of your building to reduce your taxes (but consult a tax expert before taking this step).

If there's enough interest, I think there are several things that would need to happen before it would fly:

1. Drop the MAC Sublease Fee. As I've noted before, this fee is a hassle and a nuisance, is difficult to enforce, and its structure is not fair to the lessor. In short, it's a disincentive. Further, with the additional revenue coming into the GA

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Model from the reassessment of rates at MSP, and non-aeronautical revenue starting to flow, the \$50,000 per year from the Sublease Fee is more than made up by this additional income.

2. Develop a basic lease form that tenants can use to protect themselves, their subtenants, and the MAC. The idea is to have an attorney draft a "standard" form that anyone could use that would cover most sublease relationships, so you wouldn't have to rely on a "boilerplate" lease, or hire an attorney to draft one for you.
3. Develop written guidelines on what both the tenant and subtenant need to have in their respective insurance policies. (If a subtenant damages your building, you need assurance that he/she has insurance to cover it.)

So let me know your thoughts (preferably by email). Does this idea make sense? Would you consider leasing space in your hangar under these circumstances?

ADS-B Rebate

The FAA has announced a \$500 rebate for new installations of TSOd ADS-B Out equipment. The program starts this fall, and applies to U.S.-registered, fixed wing, single-engine, piston aircraft first registered before January 1, 2016. The program runs for one year, and is limited to the first 20,000 applicants. Supposedly, equipment can be purchased now, but installation must wait until the program starts this fall to be eligible for the rebate. For more details, Google "ads b rebate", or check out <http://www.faa.gov/nextgen/equipadsb/rebate/>.

Flight Line Flea Markets

Flight Line Enterprise is hosting a 3-day flea market in Blaine on August 12-14. The event will be held at Aquatore Park, at Hwy 65 and Clover Leaf Parkway, from 9AM to 7PM. Numerous vendors are expected, so stop by and check it out.

If you're interested in being a vendor, or for more information, check out the Flight Line website at <http://www.flightlineltd.com>

NOTE: A sister event scheduled for July 8-10 has been canceled due to lack of sellers.

Runway Safety Meeting

I attended the annual Runway Safety meeting on June 7. The meeting was led by Neil Otey, the ANE tower chief, and included a number of stakeholders from the aviation community. The focus was on airport safety, including runway incursions and surface incidents, factors affecting tower workload, and ongoing concerns from previous meetings.

Items discussed included:

- A "Surface Incident" is an unapproved movement in a designated movement area
- A "Runway Incursion" is an incident where an unauthorized aircraft, vehicle, or person is on a runway. Runway Incursions can be classified as Minor or Significant
- In 2015, there were 4 runway incursions per day around the country
- If you see something that doesn't look right, say something
- Aircraft traffic has been up the last 2-3 years
- Reducing non-aircraft runway crossings (fuel trucks and other necessary ground vehicles), which add to congestion on the ground and on the radio. There were 1,000 in each of

March and April, and 1,300 in May. Service roads were discussed as a way to do this.

- The south service road is deteriorating, and is difficult for trucks to negotiate. It's too narrow for two trucks to pass, the pavement is thin, and the curves are sharp. This results in more vehicle wear and tear, longer times to cross the airport, and more driver cost. Reworking it is in the 2018 capital improvement plan.
- A north service road is in the future, but is more than 5 years out, and will require a lengthy environmental review. It's very time consuming to have to go off-airport to get between the south and north ends.
- Most incursions are from non-airport people who are unfamiliar with the airport and don't know where to go. Airport users are encouraged to offer help to people who appear to be lost. Perhaps we need to make up a brochure with map that we can make available at the entrances showing where things are on the airport and where it's permitted/safe to go.
- The east side gate code is widely known to non-airport users, so people use it as a short cut across the airport.

Viewing Pavilion

The following is from the Blaine Airport Promotion Group June Newsletter, by Roger Hansen:

The public aircraft viewing pavilion located at the base of the control tower at the Blaine airport received special attention on September 12, 2011 during the annual Anoka County Aviation Association and airport staff sponsored picnic.

The picnic provides an opportunity for airport users, Metropolitan Airport Commission staff as well as friends and family members to share flying experiences and recognition of the year's events.

MAC chairman Dan Boivin presented plaques to six airport tenants during a special recognition ceremony specifically to thank them for their efforts and volunteer spirit in the construction of a public viewing pavilion and its tower communication system that allows for hearing pilot and controller voice communication.

The six honorees have provided more than a structure. Over the past five years the facility has gained recognition as a gathering place and family picnic grounds with a great view of the intersecting runways. In May 2016 the viewing area was the center of activities during lunch breaks for 300 students and teachers from three schools during visits to the airport on May 6, 12, 23, and 24th.

THANK YOU TEAM!! *Don Rosacker, Bob Johnson, Tony Loth, Tim Loth and Doug Solseth.* Your efforts have given us a centerpiece for visitors to enjoy and connect to the Blaine airport in a very positive way. Volunteers make up the teams that come together to make successful programs happen and collectively provide an exciting and healthy airport environment that is felt throughout the community.

May 9 Meeting Minutes

The pre-meeting picnic started at 6:30. All enjoyed the time to socialize, while filling up on hot dogs cooked by Don Johnson, baked beans brought by Vivian Starr, and various chips, liquid refreshments, and cookies.

The business meeting was called to order at 1915 by Vice President Don Johnson.

Officials present: None

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Vivian Starr gave the Treasurer's report. As of the end of April balances were:

Checking:	\$1,134.59
Savings:	4,912.42
TOTAL:	\$6,047.01

Craig Schiller gave a report on Discover Aviation Days: Flyers have been sent out, and they're in the final stretch. They're looking for volunteers. The hangar dance is back on. Setup will be done Tuesday through Friday.

The show is growing. Last year they had about 15,000 attendees, and they're hoping for that many or more this year. Entrance on the east side will be closed to facilitate traffic flow exiting the event. Don Johnson suggested that they put up a sign at the east side keypad advising tenants in advance that they won't be able to enter during the event.

The Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering had approximately 920 attendees.

The Comcast project to install cable at the airport was discussed. Craig Schiller suggested that we invite the project manager to one of our meetings to fill us in on the details.

John Krack reviewed several MAC-related items that were published in the May Newsletter:

- Non-Aeronautical Revenue: The Spring Lake Park school district is interested in purchasing Parcel 60, the 23+ acre orphaned piece of land south of Highway 10. The deal is contingent on the results of soil boring tests.

The National Sports Center has signed a lease through 2016 for 49 acres of athletic fields near the intersection of 105th and Radisson Rd. formerly leased to the City of Blaine.

A parcel at FCM has been leased, with expected annual revenue of around \$28,000.

- Long-Term Comp Plan: Lake Elmo is done, and LVN and MIC are in progress. Meetings will be scheduled later this summer to get pilot/tenant/user input for ANE.
- General Aviation Model: The GA operating gain for 2015 was about \$2.6M, and after factoring in capital projects and equipment, the net gain was about \$96K. Projections for 2016 showed a similar operating gain, but a net loss of about \$470K after capital projects and equipment. The projected 2016 Cumulative Balance (think of it as kind of a savings account) remained positive at about \$1.4M. However, recent changes to MSP lease rates, and non-aeronautical revenue deals, are expected to improve these numbers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2005.

Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.

WANT ADS

HANGAR FOR SALE

2159 Michigan Ave
45W x 40D x 14H. South facing, sturdy cement block construction (recently painted inside and out), NEW ROOF, bi-fold door 39 feet 4.5 inches wide (opens to 10 feet 7 inches high). Also has 16 x 10 feet office space (heat and A/C) and large loft/attic area. Call Winston at 952-484-1278.

HANGAR FOR SALE

2135 Michigan West
48w x 40d TWO hangar doors (elect) approx. 14ft high x 40 wide. Heat & AC office space. Call Craig at 651-426-4751

HANGAR FOR SALE

8 - Stall T-hangar on Oregon and Pennsylvania.
32' x 180' (5,760 sq. ft.): open inside with sliding
40' door openings: new roof and tin ceiling and end side walls. \$175,000. Call Bob at 239-227-4407.

HANGAR FOR SALE

2511 North Dakota East Taxiway, Facing South
58W x 40D x 14H hangar built by Structural Buildings. 50 foot wide by 14 foot high electric bi-fold door. Door opens to 12 foot 8 inch height. Garage door access at rear, North side: 9 wide by 8 high garage door. Front access door. Asking \$85,000. Call Dave at 763-244-4028



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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

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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.

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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.

