



Newsletter
Anoka County Aviation Association
ACAA

September, 2012

Next Meeting: **Monday, September 10, 2012 5:00 PM**
 Annual ANE Picnic MAC Admin Bldg. Anoka County Airport.
NOTE LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE

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Calendar

Sep 10, 2012 (Mon)	5:00pm	ANE Picnic MAC Bldg.
Sep 12, 2012 (Wed)	6:30pm	ANE Arpt Community Informational Meeting Blaine City Hall
Nov 2, 2012 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads due
Nov 12, 2012 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Bldg

September Meeting – ANE Picnic

Our September meeting will be our 4th annual ANE BBQ/Picnic, to be held on September 10 at the MAC building (next to the Tower) from 5 to 7 PM.

The event, sponsored by the ACAA and the MAC, is for airport tenants, users, businesses and their families and friends. This event has grown into a fun gathering for our airport community. Last year 300+ people attended.

Joe Harris advises that this year MAC will be recognizing five individuals for their outstanding promotion of the airport.

Hope to see you there

There will be no ACAA business meeting, and elections will be deferred to the November meeting.

RAAC Report

By John Krack

On Monday, August 27, the Commission approved the changes to Ordinance 107 (Reliever Airport Rates and Charges) with several changes from the version presented at the Public Hearing:

- The tiered rate structure on Jet-A fuel at ANE, STP, and FCM has been replaced with a flat 10 cent per gallon charge starting in 2013, escalating at 4% per year. (The Jet-A fee at MIC, LVN, and 21D is the same as for 100LL, and is set at 10.9 cents in 2013, escalating at 4% per year.)
- The turbine aircraft landing fee has been reduced to 100% (from 125%) of the MSP non-signatory rate at STP, and to 90% at FCM and ANE. This will vary up or down each year based on the MSP rate. The minimum landing fee remains at \$20.

The revised ordinance will be known as Ordinance 114.

Although we were not successful in getting the ANE and FCM landing fees dropped, or in getting an increase in the Reliever Airport Value, there were some positive aspects to this whole process and the final outcome:

- The dreaded Surcharge provision is gone. MAC no longer has a blank check to write against the tenants.
- The Reliever Airport Value provision/cap is not included in the new ordinance. Should we be able to justify an increase down the road, the process should be a lot simpler.
- The square footage rent for storage tenants won't rise quite as fast (3% vs. 4% before).
- Overall, I think the process was very public and fair. Although it would have been desirable to have tenant involvement earlier in the process, MAC was responsive to our request for additional discussion with tenant representatives, and they did in fact make a few small changes. In my discussions with the MAC staff and with Commissioner Landy, I think they really tried hard to reach a reasonable compromise.
- The response from the tenant community was terrific. Many excellent (though sometimes conflicting) points were made, and MAC got the message that we really do care, not only about our pocketbooks but about the future of the GA airports. Should we have to go through this in the future, we'll have some good documentation as a starting point for refining arguments, and a pool of articulate tenants to bring to the party.
- I think we sent a clear message that tenants are about tapped out, and additional revenues have to come from different sources. I would expect a lot more tenant pushback should MAC propose new or higher tenant fees. I'm hoping that this will result in more focus on non-aeronautical revenue generation, which does offer some good potential as a significant revenue source.

My take is that the Commissioners feel they have a workable plan, and if this doesn't work out, will hopefully be more open to other ideas.

- There was concern expressed about the collectability of landing fees at ANE and FCM, and staff agreed to report back the Commission 6 months after this ordinance goes into effect.

Time will tell, of course, how well this new plan works out. We all hope that it's successful and that we don't have to go through it again in another 5 years. We also hope that the more dire predictions of these fees driving GA traffic and tenants away from the MAC airports don't materialize. But if they do, we should be able to spot it fairly quickly and take appropriate action.

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

Medical Petition Comment Deadline September 14

From the AOPA Website:

For pilots yet to weigh in on an effort to reduce the burden of medical certification, the deadline is approaching and every voice counts. The FAA has collected more than 15,000 comments to date on the joint AOPA and EAA petition to exempt from the third-class medical requirement pilots who command a range of small aircraft (with fixed gear, 180 horsepower or less, four seats or fewer, and no more than one passenger), during daytime VFR, informed by online training in medical self-assessment and carrying a driver's license.

The associations estimate that about 39,000 pilots would be able to exercise such an option annually, and the exemption, if granted, would potentially affect between 86,664 and 114,333 aircraft. The FAA granted a request to extend the comment period through Sept. 14, following a flood of responses to the initial 20-day comment period which closed in July.

Check the AOPA website at

http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/articles/2012/120829medical-petition-comment-petition-closing.html?WT.mc_id=120831pilot&WT.mc_sect=adv

for details and a link to submit the comments. Get your comments in by Sept. 14.

New MAC Appointments: Congratulations to Denny Probst and Roy Fuhrmann for their recent appointments to senior positions within MAC. As described in Vivian Starr's Commission reports, Denny was promoted to Executive Vice President of MAC, where he is in charge of most of the MAC operations. Roy was appointed to Vice President of Management and Operations, where he will take over most of Tim Anderson's former duties, including operations at MSP and the Reliever Airports.

I know both of these gentlemen, and am sure they will do a fine job. Roy has first-hand reliever airport experience, having been the MIC airport manager for awhile. I look forward to working with both of them.

ANE Airport Community Informational Meeting Sep 12: The annual Community Informational Meeting, where MAC representatives give a presentation to the public and answer questions about the airport, will be held this year at Blaine City Hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 12. Following is the meeting description from the MAC website:

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) will be hosting an informational meeting regarding the Anoka County – Blaine Airport (ANE)

The forum will begin with a formal presentation conducted by MAC staff followed by a question and answer session. The information provided will include facts about existing operations at ANE, complexities related to the operation of public airports, and an overview of the ongoing noise abatement program and efforts to address community concerns about the airport.

Last year's event was extremely well attended, and we hope for a good turnout this year. Airport users are strongly urged to attend, to put a face to the public on the folks who use the airport, possibly to help answer questions, and to show support for the airport. And you might learn a thing or two.

Blaine City Hall is located at 10801 Town Square Drive NE in Blaine. See you there!

Dan Sullivan's Aerobatic Team Partner Involved in Tragic Davenport, IA Airshow Accident

Vivian Starr sent the following email the other day:

Dan Sullivan, KANE, stopped by my hangar this afternoon, Sept. 1, to report that a member of his aerobatic jet team fatally crashed this afternoon at the Quad Cities Airshow. Our deepest sympathy goes to Dan and his team on the loss of a dear friend.

The team members, known as the Hoppers, fly L-39 Albatross jets and perform at many airshows. The seven member team was scheduled to perform at the Quad Cities Airshow both Sept 1 & 2. At this time, the name of the team member lost in the accident has not been released. [The team member was subsequently identified as Glenn A. Smith of Frisco, TX – Ed.] Dan had planned to perform with the team on Sept. 2.

We extend our condolences to Dan and his Hopper teammates.

In Memoriam – Linda Dowdy: Linda Dowdy, a Master Certificated Flight Instructor and 2009 Minnesota Flight Instructor of the Year, and operator of Sim Flight Minnesota at ANE, passed away on August 13. Our condolences go out to her family and many friends.

Elections to be held in November: We'll be holding officer elections in November. If you have any interest at all in getting involved in what's going on, put your hat in the ring. We'll be electing a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and Treasurer. New blood is always welcome, and none of the current officers will be offended if someone else wants to give it a shot. If you're interested, let one of the officers know, or show up at the meeting and nominate yourself. And if you're interested in working on the Newsletter, let me know.

MAC Committee and Commission Meetings

By Vivian Starr

MAC M&O Committee 6 August 2012

The M&O agenda included a recommendation to adopt the proposed Reliever Airports "Rates and Charges" ordinance.

Kelly Gerads, Assistant Director of Reliever Airports presented the staff proposal to Committee members. She briefly reviewed the history of Ordinance 107 and Reliever financial model which fell victim to the economic downturn of the past few years. She noted that if nothing is changed, staff will be required to present Commissioners with a recommendation for a surcharge on all leased land on Relievers. This could amount to a 26 cents per square foot charge on each tenant's lease in 2013.

Commissioner Monaco led the staff effort to revise Ordinance 107 and create a new financial model in which the surcharge is eliminated. After many months of staff work including meetings with RAAC reps and representatives of FBOs, a public hearing was held on May 7, 2012. Comments from tenants were received both at this meeting and in writing. Staff then convened a working group consisting of a cross section of airport users who had the opportunity to provide additional data and comments. This resulted in two changes to the staff proposal as presented at the public hearing. The first change replaced the tiered fuel flowage fee for Jet A fuel at STP, FCM, and ANE with a consistent flat fee. The second change, applying only to Jet A fixed wing aircraft, reduces the proposed landing fee rate at the same aforementioned three Relievers: (1) a reduction in the landing fee rate for STP from 125% of the then current estimated compensatory field runway use fee charged to Signatory Airlines at MSP to 100% of the then current estimated compensatory field runway use fee charged to Signatory Airlines at MSP and (2) the reduction of the landing fee for FCM and ANE

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from 125% to 90% of the then current estimated compensatory field runway use fee charged to Signatory Airlines at MSP. For those readers anxious to read the fine print prior the Full Commission meeting (Aug. 27, 2012), please see this link:

http://metroairports.org/mac/appdocs/meetings/Mo/Agenda/MO_A_1163_1.pdf

Responding to comments from Commissioners, Ms. Gerads said the new model shifts from the concept of a financial model for 6 Reliever Airports to a concept of a model for 7 General Aviation Airports. Some money generated by General Aviation at MSP will be funneled into the new Reliever financial model. That, combined with other changes, should put the General Aviation model on sound financial footing going forward. Noteworthy is that the annual percentage escalator fee on ground rent at Relievers will drop from 4% to 3%.

Commissioners' comments included suggestions for signs for airport businesses, and a need for a plan to truly promote General Aviation throughout the state. There was considerable discussion about how the landing fees will be collected and enforced. Currently the concept is for FBOs to be tasked with that responsibility. Representatives from Thunderbird (FCM & MIC) and Key Air (ANE) presented objections to that task.

The Committee voted to accept the Hearing Officers Report and send their recommendation to adopt the revised ordinance to the Full Commission for their approval. At the request of several Commissioners, a requirement for staff to come back in July/August with a report on how the new model is performing was added to the final vote.

Additional news is that Dennis Probst has been appointed to a newly created position, Executive Vice President of MAC. The new position is designed to coordinate and streamline activities of three MAC divisions – Planning, Development and Environment; Finance and Administration; and Management and Operations – as well as the Commercial Management and Airline Affairs Department. Under Jeff Hamiel's direction, Probst will oversee most of the MAC's day-to-day operations.

MAC Full Commission 18 June 2012

At the beginning of the Full Commission meeting, Chair Dan Boivin presented Barbara Butts Williams, widow of Commissioner John Williams, with the traditional Eagle stature and Resolution of Appreciation for his 10 years of service as a Commissioner. Chair Boivin spoke with great feeling about the contributions Commissioner Williams had made to the Metropolitan Airports Commission and the void left by his passing.

The consent agenda included the Management & Operations Committee recommendation to adopt the Proposed Reliever Airports Rates & Charges Ordinance 107. This passed unanimously and without discussion. Ord. 107 will take effect on January 1, 2013. The Ordinance no longer contains the surcharge language. The annual inflation escalator on leases is reduced from 4% to 3%. There will be landing fees for aircraft using Jet A at STP, FCM and ANE. The fuel flowage fee for Jet A users will be a flat, rather than tiered, fee. General Aviation revenue generated at MSP will become part of the General Aviation financial model which will be of significant benefit to the Relievers. The official final document will be published as soon as possible.

Last month, Denny Probst was named Executive Vice President of MAC. This month, Roy Fuhrman was named Vice President of Management and Operations. The official announcement is copied below:

Metropolitan Airports Commission

Roy Fuhrmann Named VP of Management & Operations

Roy Fuhrmann Named Vice President-Management and Operations at the Metropolitan Airports Commission

~Key position oversees operation of Minneapolis-St. Paul International and six general aviation airports in Minnesota~

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL—Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Executive Director/CEO Jeff Hamiel today named Roy Fuhrmann to the post of vice president-management and operations.

In that capacity, Fuhrmann will supervise Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport's (MSP's) director of operations and oversee the MAC's Management and Operations Division, including the Landside Operations, Maintenance and Airside Operations, Facilities, Trades, Police, and Fire departments. The division also includes the Reliever Airports Department, which manages operation of six general aviation airports in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area: Anoka County-Blaine, Airlake (in Lakeville, MN), Crystal, Flying Cloud (in Eden Prairie, MN), Lake Elmo, and St. Paul Downtown.

“Roy's work as director of environment has helped establish Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport as a leader in the field of environmental sustainability,” Hamiel said. “For more than a decade, Roy has overseen one of the most extensive airport noise mitigation programs in the nation. He has directed studies of environmental impacts of airport expansion and ensured that improvement plans and subsequent operations met strict regulatory standards. Roy also helped develop the MAC's Stewards of Tomorrow's Airport Resources program, designed to ensure MAC decisions and actions are sustainable not only from an environmental standpoint, but also from a fiscal, operational and social perspective. I know Roy will bring that same commitment to excellence to his new role as vice president-management and operations.”

As director of the MAC's Environment Department, Fuhrmann oversaw the MAC's efforts to protect water, soil and air quality and to reduce and mitigate aircraft noise impacts. He developed environmental assessments, impact statements and other documentation related to potential environmental issues arising from airport development and operations. He also was responsible for maintaining compliance with all applicable environmental regulations. Once the current residential sound insulation program is complete, the MAC will have spent nearly a half billion dollars mitigating noise around MSP.

Fuhrmann also served as an Army National Guard aviation officer for more than two decades, with deployments to Guatemala in 1995, Bosnia in 2003 and Iraq in 2008 before retiring from military service in 2009. Over the course of his military service, Fuhrmann commanded three separate aviation company units including a self-deploying Medevac unit. As battalion intelligence officer, he developed strategic plans and conducted security risk analyses. In Iraq, he managed a major international theater passenger terminal, including oversight of all scheduling, passenger security processing, check-in and gate control. There, he also implemented an aviation security plan to protect passengers, employees, aircraft, and facilities and flew multiple combat helicopter missions. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service.

Fuhrmann began his career at the MAC in 1994 as an aviation noise/geographic information systems specialist, becoming supervisor-aviation noise and satellite programs shortly thereafter. He joined the Reliever Airports Department in June 1996 to serve as assistant manager of tenant relationships. He also was responsible for all day-to-day operations at Crystal Airport. He later returned to the Environment Department as manager of aviation noise and satellite programs and became director of the department in August 2001.

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Before coming to the MAC, Fuhrmann served as information specialist at the Center for Energy and Environment.

"I am extremely honored to be selected by Mr. Hamiel to serve the MAC in this important role," Fuhrmann said. "It is a privilege to join an executive management team that has a longstanding reputation of outstanding safety and operational performance at MSP. I will do my best to continue this service excellence as part of my new responsibilities."

Fuhrmann holds a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of North Dakota. He serves as chairman of Airports Council International-North America's Environmental Affairs Committee. A commercial instrument pilot and aircraft owner, he is also a member of the American Association of Airport Executives and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Fuhrmann resides in Webster, MN.

The meeting was adjourned, time not recorded.

Respectfully submitted by John Krack, Secretary, ACAA.

WANT Ads

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.

July 9 ACAA General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Lawrence.

Vivian Starr gave the Treasurer's Report:

Checking:	\$ 930.40
Savings:	\$5,908.48
Total:	\$6,838.88

MAC Commissioner James Deal was present.

Discover Aviation Days

Craig Schiller gave a report on Discover Aviation Days. He said it was a wonderful event, and extended his thanks to all who helped. He estimated that around 13,500 people attended, and dubbed it a success all the way around, due in large part to the great job done by the planning team. Post-event comments have been very positive, and. The Hangar Dance set a record with 950 attendees.

The War Memorial was very popular, and 2-3 times more paid advertising than in the past helped to publicize the event. Local cable channel 15 is doing a documentary.

Next year, Craig would like to expand northward, but needs more manpower, especially leaders, to handle an expanded event. Contact Craig or any of the DAD Planning Team members (see list inside the back page) if interested. Arlo Enerson suggested that they look into getting corporate operators involved.

Craig also noted that Big Bombers weekend is coming up on July 20-23. It will be hosted by Key Air this year because Craig will be busy preparing Golden Wings aircraft for Oshkosh.

Ordinance 107

John Krack gave a status report on Ordinance 107, the details of which were published in the July Newsletter.

Non-aeronautical revenue was briefly discussed. Craig Schiller said that there will be more competition from other landlords, as they are prepping land to lease or sell. Craig also said that he thinks the MAC marketing strategy is outdated. He has said for some time that the MAC's policy of requiring potential lessees to cover site prep costs is out of step with the industry. Commissioner Deal (who has a lot of experience in land development) said that it can go either way depending on the agreement between the landlord and lessee.

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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.

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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.

