



*Newsletter*

# Anoka County Aviation Association

**ACAA**

Next Meeting: **Monday, September 11, 2017 5:00 PM (Note earlier time)**

**September, 2017**

**ANE Annual Picnic**

MAC Maintenance Building, Anoka County Airport.

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### Calendar

Sep 11, 2017 (Mon)	5:00pm	Annual Airport Picnic MAC Maint. Bldg.
Sep 13, 2017 (Wed)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC General Offices
Nov 3, 2017 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads Due
Nov 13, 2017 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building
Dec 13, 2017 (Wed)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC General Offices

### September Meeting – ANE Annual Picnic

Our September meeting will be our 9th annual ANE BBQ/Picnic, to be held on **Monday, September 11**, at the **MAC building (next to the Tower) from 5 to 7 PM.**

#### NOTE LOCATION AND TIME CHANGE!

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. Tenants should have received a mailer from MAC announcing this event.

Hope you can join us.

There will be no ACAA business meeting, and elections will be held at the November meeting.

### Tower Tips

By Neil Otey, ANE Tower Manager

Hello Everyone,

Hope you all are having a great summer!

While working a shift recently (yes, I still work traffic) I observed an aircraft approaching from the northwest tracking directly toward "Class B" airspace at 5.5/VFR, during the MSP morning outbound rush hour. I watched with interest, and prepared to call the satellite sector to point out the "intruder". This aircraft continued into the face of the veritable "onslaught" of Bemidji "Kings and Queen-Airs" headed for BRD, FAR, BJI and beyond....all climbing to 60 and above.

Moments after I first noticed the potential conflict, the "intruder" made a sharp turn south for a couple of miles then abruptly east, just in time to avoid "Class B" a second time, and a King-Air climbing through his altitude! It was as if, he (or she) had some innate sense of pending DOOM.

The phone is ringing, my toast is burning, and the weather is due....but I just can't keep my eyes off this guy!

This agile "airman", I'll say, in deference to the excellent pilots of the fairer sex, then proceeds to tip-toe along the sidelines of the Class B like Teddy Bridgewater, and come out the other side totally unscathed!

As I prepared the next ATIS, I couldn't help but wonder about two things:

Why not ask for flight following? AND/OR Why not "go around" the airspace with a little room for safety?

Now I grant you, the pilot was dead right! He stayed outside of "Bravo" airspace every second of the way, but I challenge you to say he was using good judgement.

Airspace is your friend! It is specifically designed to keep smaller aircraft away from larger, faster aircraft. Use that to your advantage!

A controller's job is to keep airplanes apart. We are here to help when we can. A different altitude or a slight change in heading can often make your journey much more enjoyable. Besides...you are already paying for it!

Clear Skies from the guys in the tower!

### RAAC Report

By John Krack

The fall RAAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 7PM at the MAC general office building at 6040 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. in Minneapolis. The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
2. Issues:
  - A. Crystal Airport RAAC Representative Introduction - John Krack
  - B. Non-Aeronautical Revenue Update - Eric Johnson
  - C. Anoka County/Blaine Airport Drainage Issue Update - Al Dye
  - D. Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP) Update - MAC Staff
  - E. St. Paul/Downtown Airport Restaurant Update - Joe Harris
  - F. Super Bowl Planning Update - MAC Staff
3. Tenant Concerns/Issues - RAAC Representatives
4. Future Meetings Schedule for 2017- 7:00 p. m. Wednesday - December 13, 2017

This is a public meeting, open to anyone who wants to attend.

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## RAAC Report

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**New Crystal RAAC Rep:** Bruce Wiley, who has served as the Crystal representative for the past 6 years, has decided to “pass the baton. The new rep is Johannes (John) Grosen, a member of the Yankee Flying Club at MIC, who has been flying for about 10 years. We also have an alternate rep, Tom Whisenand, who is also a member of the Yankee Flying Club, and has been flying for about 1.5 years. Welcome to both of these gentlemen, and I look forward to working with you both.

And thanks to Bruce for your service.

**Drainage Issue at ANE:** It’s gotten better. We’ll find out next week what MAC’s findings were and what they’re doing, but I’ve been flying quite a bit this past month and have noted an east-west ditch full of water, but not the pond that Don Johnson had reported earlier.

**LTCP Update:** Staff is wrapping up the Crystal and Airlake plans, and is into the environmental review process with Lake Elmo. Neil Ralston, airport planner, advised me several weeks ago that he expects to get started on the Anoka plan later this fall. Why is this taking so long? It’s because Neil and his staff are seriously listening to stakeholder input, and are trying to find workable compromises that address the concerns of the communities while still meeting MAC’s mission to optimize the use of these airports. Both the Lake Elmo and Crystal plans have been revised several times to address stakeholder input. It’s not an easy job, and we commend the MAC organization for putting the time, effort, and financial resources into this very comprehensive and transparent process.

**Economic Impact Study:** MAC has commissioned an economic impact study, due out later this year, on the GA airports. We expect the findings to shed a lot of light on the benefits these airports provide, and to provide a strong case for continuing to optimize their contribution to the overall transportation system. The last such study, done in 2005, showed a very positive impact, and we expect the results of this one to be even better. Stay tuned ...

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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### The View From Here

By John Krack

#### Airport Manager

I understand that Glenn Burke has now been officially terminated from MAC employment, and that his appeal to MAC has been rejected. (He still has an appeal to the court regarding the amount of restitution, but that’s a different issue.) It’s sad on several fronts, but now MAC can move forward to find a new airport manager for Anoka and Crystal, and I’m told that this will be a high priority. We look forward to getting this issue behind us and finding someone to fill this important position.

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#### Interesting Graphic

One of the largest and most common concerns that residents near airports have when the subject of runway extension comes up is that it will result larger and noisier aircraft (particularly jets) using the airport. At the August 17 Lake Elmo public environmental meeting, MAC presented a graphic that to me showed very clearly what impact a longer runway length would have on the types of aircraft that could safely use the airport. A copy of the graphic is included on Page 4, but if you’re reading this on paper, it’s in black and white, and to get the full impact you need to see it in color which, if you’re reading this online, you can do by clicking on the following link:

[https://metroairports.org/General-Aviation/Lake-Elmo-Environmental-Assessment/Lake-Elmo-Newsletter-\(August-2017\)-web.aspx](https://metroairports.org/General-Aviation/Lake-Elmo-Environmental-Assessment/Lake-Elmo-Newsletter-(August-2017)-web.aspx)

The diagram shows a number of “larger” GA aircraft and the runway lengths they need to take off safely at 60% and 90% load. Superimposed on this are the current and proposed (Lake Elmo) runway lengths, showing quite clearly which aircraft might (based on runway length) use the airport that could not do so now, and which ones would not likely use the airport at all. (For comparison, I’d like to see MAC add some of the smaller regional jets that people might be more familiar with, to show pretty persuasively that a modest runway extension won’t be inviting airliner-class aircraft.)

Although legally any pilot of any aircraft can use any public airport, as pilots we know that there are many factors that would preclude someone from doing so. G4s and Citation Xs (or CRJs or ERJs or 737s) are absolutely unlikely to ever try using the Lake Elmo airport.

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#### Interesting Website for Local Airport History Buffs

While browsing around the Internet preparing this newsletter, I came across a website that documents old/abandoned airports around the country, including several in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Did you know that in the early 1920s, the Curtiss Northwest Airport was located southeast of the intersection of Larpentour and Snelling Avenues in St. Paul?

Or that the private St. Paul Park airport was located in Cottage Grove as late as the early 1970s?

Or that the Anoka Flying Service airport was established in 1927 southwest of the intersection of Round Lake Boulevard and Main Street in Anoka, and remained there until the early 1960s?

Or that there was a Northern Pump airport in Fridley in the 1940s through the early ‘60s?

These and several other local airports from the Twin Cities’ rich aviation history are documented at:

[http://www.airfields-freeman.com/MN/Airfields\\_MN\\_Minneapolis.htm](http://www.airfields-freeman.com/MN/Airfields_MN_Minneapolis.htm)

Check it out. Perhaps some of you “old timers” even remember some of these.

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#### Flight Line Enterprise

I stopped by the new Flight Line Enterprise gift shop a few weeks ago (bought a Sectional) and chatted a bit with Craig Schiller. They have a nice selection of models and other aviation-related gifts, as well as an assortment of pilot supplies. Check it out when you get a chance. See the ad on page 4 for details or check out their website at:

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

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#### ACAA Website

It’s been a busy summer, with not much progress on [www.aneairport.org](http://www.aneairport.org). It was down for a while, but that is now fixed (thanks, Craig). We also have a new email address: [aneairport@gmail.com](mailto:aneairport@gmail.com). av8r00@gmail.com will continue to work as we transition to the new one.

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## The View From Here

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### Hangar Door Maintenance

If anyone has a contact for someone who does inspection and repair on bifold hangar doors, please let me know ([av8r00@gmail.com](mailto:av8r00@gmail.com)).

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## July Meeting Minutes

We had another great turnout for the July meeting, helped along by the mini-picnic up front and MAC CEO Brian Ryks as our special guest.

ACAA President Michael Lawrence opened the meeting at 1900, and turned the floor over to airport manager Joe Harris. Joe noted that there would be nighttime closures this weekend – Friday night to Saturday morning, Saturday night to Sunday morning, and Sunday night to Monday morning. Joe then introduced the MAC staff members who were present, and their tenures so far with the MAC:

Gary Schmidt, Reliever Airports Director – 30+ years  
Kelly Gerads, Assistant Reliever Airports Director – 27 years  
Al Dye, Airport Development – 17 years  
Neil Ralston, airport planner – 3 years

We then introduced Brian Ryks, MAC CEO, who gave a short summary of his career and an overview of what's happening within the MAC.

Brian opened by complimenting the ANE maintenance crew for the fine job they've been doing. Noting that he has spent 32-33 years in aviation, he summarized the path leading to his present position:

- Education at St. Cloud State University
- Interned at the MAC noise department
- In 1990, went to Denver Stapleton to work on noise abatement, then on to
- Aberdeen SD for 6 years as airport director, then
- 5 years as airport director at St. Cloud, followed by
- 10 years as airport director at Duluth, then on to
- Grand Rapids MI as their chief airport person
- In the spring of 2016, he returned to the MAC as its Executive Director/CEO. We hope he'll stay awhile.

Brian thanked those in the audience for their support of and investment in the Anoka airport, noting that recent numbers show 389 based aircraft and 80,845 annual operations. In 2016, MAC spent around \$6M on construction projects at the GA airports, and more than \$1.3M in private tenant investment has been made at ANE. In 2017-2021, MAC is planning \$55M in capital improvements at the GA airports, with \$6.5M of that at ANE. To help pay for all of this, MAC will aggressively pursue FAA Discretionary Funding grants. In addition, MAC has generated some non-aeronautical revenue through the sale of two land parcels and re-negotiation of the golf course and ballfield leases.

MAC has commissioned a new economic impact study, due out later this year, to assess the impact the GA airports are having on the local and state economies.

MAC supports the AOPA Flight Act, currently in Congress, to reform FAA non-primary entitlements and extend the entitlement use window from four years to five. It would also reduce the 10% local match currently required to 5%.

MAC is staying close to the privatization issue. They support contract towers, but have not taken a position on privatizing ATC pending further details.

Brian also talked a bit about the MSP Reimagined program. He noted that they've built an aircraft viewing area at MSP (and Joe Harris pointed out that the whole viewing area initiative was started by a group of volunteers at ANE). Brian also said that the TSA screened 93,000 more spring break passengers in 2017 than in 2016, and did so "flawlessly."

Following the formal presentation, several members from the audience had questions or offered suggestions:

Kirk Fjetland, EAA Chapter 237 president, wondered about funding for "special projects" at the GA airports, such as doing something useful with the abandoned Anoka Tech building.

Gary Garner said that he'd like to see an indoor pet area at MSP.

The annual fee escalator was also discussed. Kelly Gerads said that they'd be taking a look at fees.

Our thanks to Brian and the other MAC staff for taking the time to attend our meeting and share with us what's happening at the MAC.

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

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## WANT ADS

### HANGAR FOR SALE

50' wide x 40' deep; Hangar door opening 44' wide x 11' 6" high; fully insulated - front access door; Concrete Floor in excellent condition; 150 AMP Electrical Service and LED Lighting; Overhead gas radiant and hot air heat; Water and sewer; Bathroom with shower; Utility sink; Heated and Air Conditioned Upstairs Office; South facing. \$95,000  
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<http://minneapolis.craigslist.org/ank/for/6179343111.html>

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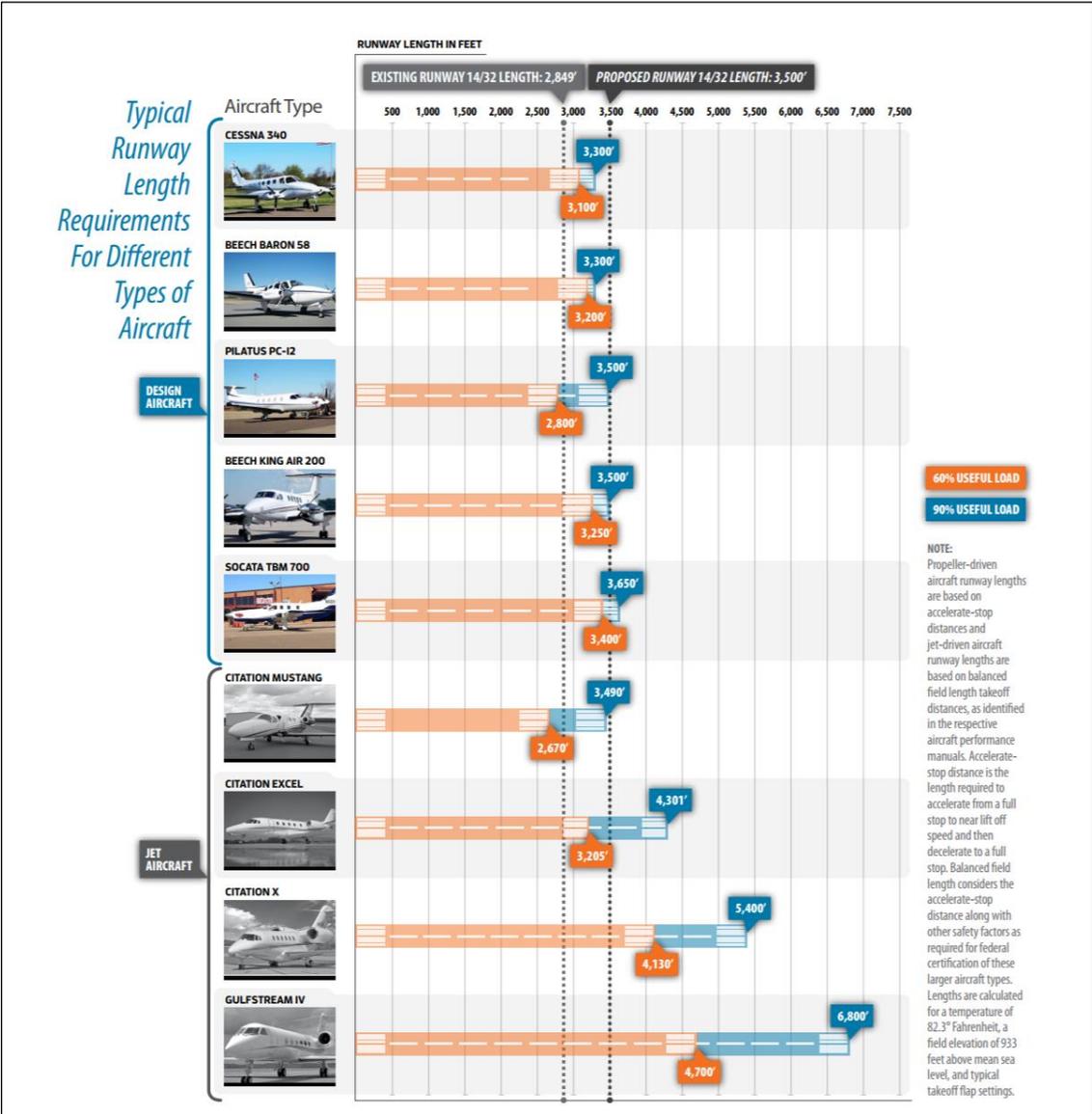
Monday - September 11, 2017  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Awards at 5:45 pm

Anoka County/Blaine Airport  
MAC Equipment Building /  
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### Discover Aviation Days

**2018 Dates:** June 2 – 3, 2018

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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.

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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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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).

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