



*Newsletter*  
**Anoka County Aviation Association**  
**ACAA**

Next Meeting: **Monday, March 9, 2020 7:00 PM**  
EAA 237 Building, Anoka County Airport.

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**March, 2020**

**Calendar**

March 9, 2020 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building
March 10, 2020 (Tue)	7:00pm	RAAC Meeting MAC General Offices
March 23, 2020 (Mon)	6:00pm	EAA Chapter 237 Meeting EAA Building
April 24-25, 2020 (Fri-Sat)		GMAG event @ KCFE
April 27, 2020 (Mon)	6:00pm	EAA Chapter 237 Meeting EAA Building
May 1, 2020 (Fri)		Newsletter Deadline Want Ads Due
May 11, 2020 (Mon)	7:00pm	ACAA Meeting EAA Building
May 13, 2020	4:00pm	Anoka County Airport Advisory Commission Meeting Blaine City Hall
June 9, 2020		Summer RAAC Meeting Location TBD

**Q2 - How would you primarily characterize your aircraft operations? (More than one answer possible)**

- Recreation/GA - 85%
- Corporate/business - 13%
- Other (a majority responded education/training) - 7%
- Commercial (FBO, SASO) - 2%
- Charter (Part 135 - less than 1%

**Q3 - Rankings as to why they chose their base airport (more than one answer possible)**

- Proximity to home - ranked 1st overall, with 63% listing it as their first choice
- Availability of hangar space - ranked 2nd overall, with 13% as first choice
- Availability of amenities - ranked 3rd overall, with 9% as first choice
- Availability of commercial services - ranked 4th overall, with 7% as first choice
- Proximity to my business - ranked 5th overall, with 12% as first choice
- Other - ranked 6th, with 10% as first choice

I look forward to seeing many MAC airport system users at The Great Minnesota Gathering, April 24-25<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Municipal Airport (KCFE).

Regards,  
Joe

**RAAC Report**

By John Krack, RAAC Chair

The spring Reliever Airports Advisory Council is scheduled for 7pm Tuesday, March 10 in the Lindbergh Room 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. Reliever Appreciation Stakeholder Engagement – Dana Nelson
  - B. New Reliever Hangar Developments – Joe Harris
  - C. Reliever Airport Updates – Phil Tiedeman and Blaine Peterson
  - D. Hangar Inspection and Aesthetics – Robert Dockry
  - E. Results of Reliever Usage Survey – Joe Harris
3. Tenant Concerns Issues – RAAC Representatives
4. Future Meetings Schedule for 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday – June 9, 2020
  - Tuesday, September 8, 2020
  - Tuesday, December 8, 2020

If you have reliever airport questions or concerns, please contact your airport manager

**March Meeting – ANE Noise Abatement Plan**

Jennifer Lewis from the MAC Noise Department will brief us on the updated ANE noise abatement plan. There have been several changes since the last version several years ago. See article below for more details.

Family, friends, and members of other airport associations are cordially invited. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 9, at the EAA 237 Hangar on the west side of the field. Doors open around 6:45; refreshments will be provided. Let's have a great turnout to hear Jennifer's talk. Hope to see you there.

**From the Director's Chair**

By Joe Harris, Reliever Airports Director

Dear ACAA Members,

I owe a debt of thanks to all tenants and airport users for taking the time to complete the "How are we doing" Reliever Airports survey. Staff is still going through the results. The final count of participants was 516 (or approx. 65% of the 797 original emails). However, the survey link was shared, so the actual number of users aware of the survey could have been much higher. I'd be willing present the final results at a future ACAA meeting. Again, I really appreciate your support on this important study.

In terms of the *overall* results (i.e., all airports together), here are some of the high-level results:

**Q1 - At which MAC Reliever Airport are you based?**

- Anoka - 30%
- Airlake - 20%
- Flying Cloud - 18%
- Lake Elmo - 16%
- Crystal - 10%
- St. Paul Downtown - 6%

## The View From Here

By John Krack

### MAC Noise Abatement Plan and Procedures

At the March meeting, Jennifer Lewis from the MAC Noise department will brief us on the current recommended noise abatement procedures. When the tower is closed, three major changes have recently been made:

- Runways 18 and 27 are right traffic (helps keep traffic away from the adjacent neighborhoods)
- Runway 27 is designated as the “calm wind” runway (though runway 36 is preferred for nighttime departures)
- The recommended runway 27 run-up area is at the intersection of taxiways B and E. (Helps keep run-up noise away from the houses near the departure end of runway 27.)

The last item has provoked some controversy among pilots, and will be a good point to discuss with Jennifer.

When the tower is open, of course, the tower controllers will designate runways and traffic patterns, and as always, safe operation of the aircraft prevails.

Check out the Plan and the Pilot guide at:

<https://www.macnoise.com/pilots/anoka-county-blaine-airport-ane-pilots>

### The ACAA Turns 30

The ACAA was founded in June, 1990, which brings us to our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. Stay tuned for more information in the May Newsletter.

### Kathy Vesely Retires from MnDOT Aeronautics

Kathy Vesely, a longtime member of our ANE community, has retired as Assistant Director of MnDOT Aeronautics on March 2. Congratulations to Kathy, and we look forward to seeing more of her around the airport. Enjoy your retirement.

Kathy is holding two retirement events on Thursday, March 12. See the flyer on page 4 for details. Note that you must sign up for the Evening Dinner Buffet by March 5.

### In Memoriam – Chris Chapman

Dan Carroll advises that Chris Chapman, a longtime member of the ANE community, passed away on January 27. Neither Dan nor I knew him personally, but I expect that many of you did. Per the Strib obituary, he was a Cub driver, among many other interests and skills. In the Guestbook on the Strib website, Jim Borg posted:

*As airport neighbors, Chris and I had a lot of moments just sitting and watching airplanes land and takeoff. I will miss those times. My sincere condolences to the Chapman family.*

Our condolences to the Chapman family as well.

### Communication Thoughts (repeated from January)

I've been thinking about how we might improve the communication pipeline from MAC to the reliever airport communities. Currently, when MAC has information they need to broadcast, it goes mostly to tenants through snail mail or sometimes email to addresses they have on record. If the information affects more than tenants, each organization such as ACAA, EAA, flying clubs, etc. have to forward it to their

constituents through any of a variety of means. It's kind of hit-or-miss as to who gets what information when.

It's also the case that many people now use social media and would prefer to be notified that way.

I think it would be helpful if MAC could add to their website a feature for reliever airports where interested persons could register to receive pertinent information from MAC. I envision that one could register a name, address, phone number, email address, Facebook address, Twitter address, designate the airport(s) of interest, and perhaps the desired categories of information, such as general announcements, runway/taxiway closures, construction schedules, tenant-oriented messages, etc. MAC, in turn, could enter messages and send them out to interested parties with the push of a button. Another option would be to post messages online and notify people with a link to the message, as they do with Commission meeting materials.

This could get information out to users in a timely manner and reduce MAC's paperwork load.

**I'm interested in feedback on this idea. Do you see value in something like this? Do you have other ideas? Have you ever missed an important message from MAC because you weren't on the right mailing list? Let me know.**

### Aesthetics Ordinance Compliance Required for Lease Renewal

As noted in January, MAC will be renewing leases over the next few years. Kelly Gerads advises that they will require compliance with the MAC Maintenance Standards ordinance (AKA the “Aesthetics Ordinance”) prior to renewal. So... take stock of what you need to do to comply while you have a couple of years to get it done. You can view the ordinance at:

[https://metroairports.org/sites/default/files/ordinances/Ordinance\\_112.pdf](https://metroairports.org/sites/default/files/ordinances/Ordinance_112.pdf)

If questions, discuss with your airport manager.

### Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering

Mark your calendars: the GMAG event will be held again this year at the Buffalo airport (KCFE) on April 24-25.

This is well worth attending. It features great seminars, lots of vendors, and a chance to hobnob with your fellow pilots.

You can fly in, or drive it in about 45 minutes from ANE.

And if you're a Minnesota Pilots Association member, you get in free.

Check out MPA at [www.mnpilots.org](http://www.mnpilots.org).

### Discover Aviation Days

As this goes to press, there's no official word on the future of DAD. Craig Schiller advises that they're working on renewing their non-profit status, and are still looking at what can be done to keep it going.

### Golden Wings Buildings Up For Sale

The MAC [Reliever Airports Hangar Listings Portal](#) lists the Golden Wings buildings for sale. Although it's sad to see this wonderful airport asset go, we thank Greg Herrick for sharing his passion for historical aircraft with all of us, and contributing so generously to the vibrancy of our aviation community. We have fond memories of Discover Aviation Days, GMAG, Safety Seminars, and other events hosted at the Golden Wings facility.

Thanks, Greg, and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

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## The View From Here

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### Printed Copies Will Come Out Late This Month

Due to my schedule (out of town since early January), the printed copy of this newsletter will not be mailed prior to the meeting. If you're not getting an emailed copy, send me your email address and we'll add you to the list.

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### Newsletter Input Solicited

I'd like to bring more variety to the content, so if you have any interesting stories, experiences, or tips to share, please send them along.

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### Looking to Buy/Sell/Rent Hangar Space?

Check out the hangar space clearinghouse on the MAC website:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScE5S3evAwO20p1wv4nbWY0bVIMxPtI-lyLze5oBA3N6gbWGA/viewform> or

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScE5S3evAwO20p1wv4nbWY0bVIMxPtI-lyLze5oBA3N6gbWGA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>.

Depending on which browser you use, you may have an easier time opening the alternate link. Or, you can click this QR code.



If you're working from a hard copy, here's how to get to the site without having to enter the above string of gobbledygook:

1. In a browser, go to [metroairports.org](http://metroairports.org)
2. Click on **General Aviation**
3. Mouse over **Airport Users** and click on **Prospective Tenants**
4. Click on the link under **Reliever Airports Hangar Listings**.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the **Next** button

**NOTE: The website was recently updated to include a "Hangar Wanted" category. You can use this also if you're looking for rental space.**

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### January Meeting Minutes

Since there was no meeting in January, there are no minutes.

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

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### WANT ADS

#### FOR SALE:

Brand new Appareo **Stratus Power** Certified USB Charging Port. Sells at Sporty's for \$349 plus shipping. \$225. Check it out at:

[https://www.sportys.com/pilotshop/stratus-power.html?\\_SID=U](https://www.sportys.com/pilotshop/stratus-power.html?_SID=U)

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#### FOR SALE:

4-gallon case of Phillips Anti-Rust aircraft oil \$100.

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*Please Join Us*

*Kathy is retiring.  
After an enjoyable career she's leaving now  
for Time with Toys and Travel.*



**Evening Dinner Buffet**  
425 West 7th Street | Saint Paul, MN 55102  
DEGIDIOS.COM

5:00 pm Arrivals begin  
6:00 pm Dinner service begins  
7:00 pm Presentations

R.S.V.P. Acceptance by March 5<sup>th</sup>  
with \$5.00 per person to:  
Cassandra Inackon

Email: [cassandra.inackon@state.mn.us](mailto:cassandra.inackon@state.mn.us)

Mail acceptance: 222 East Plato Blvd | Saint Paul, MN 55107  
MS 410 (for internal MnDOT only)

For more information: 651.234.7210

*Kathy Vesely*

*Retirement  
Double Feature Party!*

*Thursday  
March | 12 | 2020*

**Afternoon Cake Party**  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
No R.S.V.P. Required  
(stop in when you can)

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### Discover Aviation Days

**2019 Dates:** Canceled for 2019

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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.

Or (\*\*NEW\*\*):

Pay via **PayPal** to [treasureracaa@gmail.com](mailto:treasureracaa@gmail.com). Or send an email to us at [aneairport@gmail.com](mailto:aneairport@gmail.com) and let us know. We will send you an invoice with a link to enter your credit card information for payment.

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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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1. Ads must be received by the date indicated in the calendar notes to be guaranteed to appear in the next newsletter.
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