



# FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday June 5, 2012

Potluck @ 6 pm - meeting and program to follow (A Day on the USS Ronald Reagan)

## FFAA Elected Officers

### **President**

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### **Vice-President**

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### **Secretary**

Jim Hancock

### **Treasurer/Membership**

Robyn Shear  
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Contact Robyn for FFAA  
membership application or renewal

## Appointed Positions

### **Activities**

Greg Bauer  
Mike Carver

### **Newsletter Editor**

Kirk Lindberg  
dd@visi.com

### **Airport Manager**

Glenn Burke  
651-554-3350

## 2012 CALENDAR

6/22 – Kaposia Days Parade

6/23 – [Airport Open House](#)

7/23–29 - Oshkosh

9/8 - CAF Hangar Dance

9/9 - YE & Pancake Breakfast

## **President's Pen**

by Jeff Sheridan

### **Tort Reform (revisited)**

I published this article a while back, but in light of recent changes in our campaign finance laws, I thought it would be a good topic to revisit as the elections approach. As consumers of some very unique and important products upon which we entrust our lives every time we push the throttle forward, we of all people should care that the makers of those products are acting with due care for our safety. But with the constant drum beat of “lower my taxes” and “reduce regulation,” it is hard to hear the little voices out there saying, “be careful what you wish for, because you just might get it.”

As I told you before, my brother and I have an ongoing debate about whether lawyers or insurance companies are the root of all evil. I’m a lawyer, so you can probably guess which side I take. His business was recently sued in what he believed was a “frivolous lawsuit,” so you can imagine the increase in his already firmly-held belief that we lawyers are the bad guys. As a result, the focus of our conversations about the law often turns to “tort reform.” For those of you not versed in legal terms, “torts” are the civil wrongs committed by one party against another. These can be “intentional torts,” such as assaults, defamation and the like, or “negligent torts,” such as car accidents, malpractice or product liability cases. The tort-reformers, all of them business-oriented folks, would like Congress to limit what people can sue for and how much they can receive in compensation if they win.

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Because we are both aviators, my brother likes to refer to what he believes was the unjust verdict that resulted in Piper's bankruptcy as the poster-child for why the system is broken. I remind him that he didn't actually hear the evidence in that case, so his criticism of the jury's work isn't fair. I also remind him that both sides of that case were represented by lawyers (and I'm guessing not the cheap kind) and that Piper had an equal opportunity to convince the jury that there couldn't be anything wrong with a design that had served aviation well for 60 years. In the end, the jury agreed with the injured party. In short, Piper gambled that their lawyers would be more persuasive than the plaintiff's and, as always happens in a gamble, someone lost.

Our constitution guarantees us the right to a trial by jury, not a trial by Congress. And that is how it should be. I believe that most politicians start their careers with a true commitment to public service, but we have all seen that it takes only a short time for them to become beholden to those who make the largest contributions to their campaigns—Big Business. In the end, the only chance the little guy has at a little fairness is a jury of his or her peers. Regardless of which side of the

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political fence you sit on, you should be very careful about how you toy with the constitutional right to a jury trial. It may seem like a good idea when you are hearing about some big verdict to some seemingly undeserving guy, but when someone you love becomes the victim of someone else's carelessness and the cost of caring for that person for the rest of their lives reaches into the millions, wouldn't you prefer that those millions came out of the pocket of the person or company who caused the injury rather than yours?

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**Fleming Field Aviation Association Meeting Minutes for 5-1-2012**

1. Meeting called to order by President Jeff Sheridan at 7:00 PM
2. Meeting minutes were approved as published in the Fleming Flyer.
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear.

Beginning Balance        \$3,698.76  
Interest Credit            \$0.09  
Ending Balance            \$3,698.85  
Treasurer report was approved

4. Activities Report  
May 19<sup>th</sup> CAF Dance  
May 20<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast at Fleming and Young Eagles  
June 2 & 3 Fleming Fly In with Rans, Vans and Zenith

5. Airport Managers report Glenn Burke.
  - A. South end less than 25% complete North Fire department schedule no available. Schedule with Managers office.
  - B. North end tree project now done.
  - C. Environmental study, Master plan waiting for FAA funding.
  - D. Pavement Maintenance....Seal coating and Crack sealing in the works.
  - E. Airport Advisory Commission approved. Glenn has applications.
  - F. Steve Boo intern last day 5-2-12.
  - G. Still working on getting paid back from City. Getting a little help from Staff.

6. Old Business  
None.

7. New Business
  - A. Motion passed to send Robyn Flowers for new Baby. \$50 plus Delivery. Jim Hancock will take care of this.
  - B. Kaposia Days. Motion passed to spend up to \$1000 for signs and little airplanes to hand out, and other incidentals.
8. Paul Randal from Pipstrel Aircraft presented a short talk in his aircraft.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

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**Airport Manager's Corner**  
**June 2012**

**Airport Advisory Commission**

We have gotten great response for the Airport Advisory Board and have received 21 applications! The City Council will host a Meet & Greet for all applicants on Monday June 11 at their work session. On Monday, June 18 during the City Council Meeting the council will appoint the nine members to the AAC. Thank you to all who applied.

**Hangar Inspections**

We are about half way done with all hangar inspections for this year. Thank you all who have completed the inspections. If you have not had a hangar inspection, please call the office, 651-554-3350, to schedule a date. The big issue the Fire Department has noticed are units not having enough space around electrical panels. There needs to be 30 inches of clearance around the entire panel. Some have found it helpful to draw a circle on the ground to determine the dimensions.

**Pavement Preservation Projects**

Bids and plans specifications have been sent to contractors. We are expecting bids back on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will determine go to the council to award the bid to the low bidder on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Environmental Assessment**

The past month there has been a lot of progress on this project. The city council approved the contract with Bolten-Menk. We also met with the Parks Department to get some basic information on the alternative site locations for the community gardens. We also discussed the removal of a portion of 20 or more parking spaces from the neighboring park, McMorrow Field, and how it would affect the park.

**Run-Up Areas**

When you are doing your run-ups, make sure you don't kick up the dirt and sand into neighboring buildings. We have received complaints, and encourage doing a safe and courteous run-up from now on.

**Airport Events**

Each year there are events that are put on by the FFAA, Commemorative Air Force, EAA Chapter 1229, and others that have showcased Fleming Field to the general public. I would like to thank all who have dedicated their time and hard work to pull off these great events. This year we have had EAA Chapter 1229 put on their Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rides, CAF did their Hangar Dance, Ami Sela organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fleming Fly-in, and new for this year the Airport Open House on June 23rd. Several businesses will open their doors. Bring your planes down to the arrival/departure building. We will have liquid refreshments for all who show their plane and show the community how great Fleming Field is!

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