



# FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, April 2, 6:00pm  
Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting

## FFAA Elected Officers

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## Appointed Positions

### **Activities**

Greg Bauer  
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### **Newsletter Editor**

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### **Airport Manager**

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## 2013 Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month - FFAA

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month – EAA 1229

5/19 – EAA pancake breakfast

6/8 – CAF Hangar Dance

6/28-29 – Kaposia Days

9/7 – CAF Hangar Dance

9/8 – EAA pancake breakfast

## **President's Pen**

by Mike Bergeson

(editor's note: Your editor missed page three of last month's article by Mike, so the remainder of his article is posted this month. He doesn't talk much, but sure can spin a yarn with the pen..)

...continued from March....

"I flew my airplane out to Hayes last weekend to visit my folks and the weather got bad. My mom loaned me her car so I could get home. I am going back to Hayes to return my mom's car and get my airplane."

"Please get out the car, Mr. Bergeson, and have a seat in my vehicle."

Quietly, I got out of the comfort of the Lincoln, walked back and got into the patrolman's car. I sat there in silence as the officer called in for any outstanding warrants on me and checked to see if there had been a car stolen that matched the description of my mother's car. While waiting for information to come back, the officer asked what kind of airplane I had. I told him I had a Super Cub. This was the first good thing that happened. He told me that his grandfather had rebuilt a Super Cub. The officer actually sounded friendly. He asked where I kept the Cub and I told him. About then the information came back clean. It was then he commented that I did not have my seatbelt on when he approached the car. I thought, "Here we go again." I explained that I had been using my seatbelt but had un-buckled it so I could get my wallet out of my back pocket so I could show him my driver's license.

The officer then reached for his ticket book and began to write. After what seemed like hours, he pulled the ticket out and handed it to me. He explained that he was giving me a warning for speeding and to slow it down. I politely thanked him, got out of his car, and crawled back into my mom's. The officer followed me for the 15 miles. It seemed like forever.

My mother's curse was finally exhausted. Ron and I completed the trip to Hayes. We got up early the next morning and enjoyed a beautiful trip back to Fleming Field.



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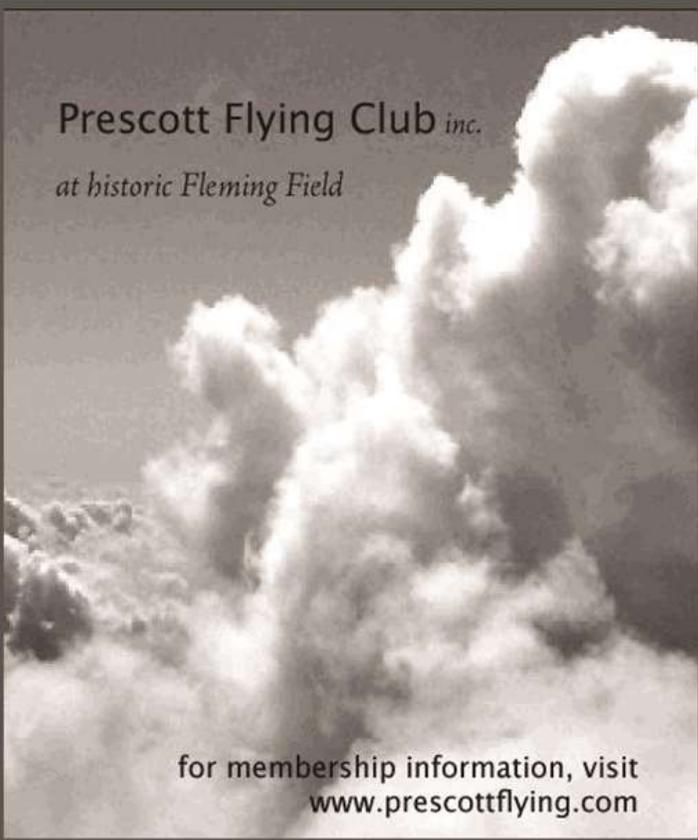



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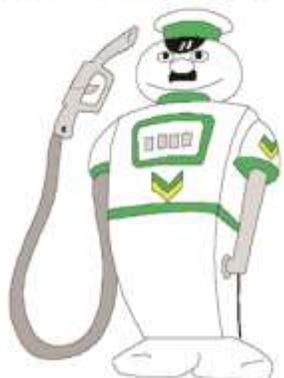
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**Tech Notes:** Kirk Lindberg

A few issues ago I was all excited about the new “action cams” and all the cool video footage I’m seeing on youtube where people mount their GoPro or other action cam to their aircraft for spectacular in-air footage. Joel Ludwigson let me borrow his GoPro to shoot some footage of the last flight of my Velocity, which got me all juiced up about the technology. I started scouring the reviews for the best action cam as well as trying to find out just what the regs were regarding mounting these little electronic wonders to the outside of an airplane. Unfortunately for me and my Bonanza, the official word from the FAA is that unless you have an STC for a particular camera with a particular mount on a particular airplane, you can’t mount these on the outside of a certified aircraft. No field approvals allowed. FAA = Fun Ain’t Allowed. So my enthusiasm has waned for doing some cool POV (Point Of View) videos from the air. Homebuilders, you can do whatever you want on your experimental aircraft.

On a more positive note, I did get my Garmin GDL88 installed on the Bonanza, but have yet to make any “test flights” as it also just came out of annual. I’m still waiting for Garmin to release the software update to the Garmin GNS 400/500 series panel mount GPS systems so I can actually display ADS-B broadcast weather and traffic. It was supposed to be available in March, but hopefully that will be here soon as well. Bill Ramsey and Mike Schoen also have their airplanes in the shop as of this writing to get their GDL88s installed as well. Maybe we’ll have some in-flight reviews for the next issue.

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Hangars at Fleming Field for rent or sale. Greg at 612-709-9646.

FREE to good home: 1950's vintage Spartan cabinet radio and phonograph. Works OK. Belonged to my grandparents but nobody in our family wants it. Glass top. Would look nice if refinished. Youtube video link ->  
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### WANTED – none

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**Airport Manager's Corner**  
**April 2013**

**Mud**

Warm Spring weather is quickly is here at Fleming Field! These bright clear days give us plenty of sun that will melt all that leftover snow and clear out any frost left in the ground. Sadly, heavy moisture levels in the soil create much softer terrain that is at the mercy of many vehicles. Mud can become increasingly costly as damage to the ground itself needs to be repaired along with any damage caused to aircraft propellers/paint by sand that is left behind when mud dries across paved surfaces.

With these challenges in mind, we ask that everyone who visits Fleming Field keep their vehicles off of grass/dirt areas and on paved surfaces at all times. This will help to reduce damage to areas across the airport, save on repair/clean-up costs, and help keep the airfield in a pristine condition that everyone can enjoy. We thank everyone in advance for doing their part in being a good neighbor at Fleming Field!

**Rates and Charges**

In the coming months the Airport Advisory Commission will be reviewing the rates and charges we apply here at Fleming Field. This covers items all items from land leases and fuel margins down to the rates we charge for the meeting room in the terminal building. This process will begin with an assessment of the operating expenses (salaries, repair/maintenance costs, insurance, etc.), and the capital outlays (pavement crack resealing, hangar re-roofing, maintenance equipment, and other projects) forecasted into the future. Understanding the full expense that will be incurred in fulfilling these needs is crucial in knowing how much revenue will be required to not only keep the airport operating, but also in improving it for all users.

At this point, commission members and airport staff will survey the rates at other airports and competing facilities locally and in the region. A comparison will then be drawn between the rates at these other locations and the ones we maintain at Fleming Field, and adjustments will be made according to the needs of the airport. The goal of these potential changes is not simply to increase prices, but to ensure we can meet our expenses, complete projects that maintain and improve elements across the airfield (pavement, roofing, debris removal), and explore solutions that will give users as much choice as possible.

**Airport Inspections**

Over the next month we will be conducting hangar inspections at Fleming Field. We will be verifying valid insurance certificates with hangar owners. Requirements for these certificates are as follows:

**-\$1,000,000 General Liability Insurance**

**-The City of South St. Paul must be named as an additional insured.**

**-The Address of the covered property (i.e. the hanger on the airport)**

**-Expiration Date of Insurance**

If you are a hangar owner on the airport please ensure that these items are in order so that the process might go as quickly as possible. The inspections will be scheduled to begin in April, and we will be conducting them in cooperation with the South Metro Fire Department. Hangars must be used primarily for aviation use and must also comply with all fire code requirements in order to pass inspection. Failure in any element of the inspection will require the issue to be rectified, and a re-inspection of the property performed.

**Weekend Position Open**

We are still looking for a weekend attendant here at Fleming Field. The hours are 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. Duties include but are not limited to: airport inspections, snow removal, cleaning of airport terminal building and bathrooms, and office work as determined by the Airport Manager. If you know anyone who is interested in this opportunity and is at least 18 years old, has a background or interest in aviation, and possesses a valid Minnesota driver's license; please have them contact **Shelly Anderson** at **651-554-3203**.