



# FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, April 4, 6:30pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00pm Business Meeting  
Program: TBD

## FFAA Elected Officers

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## Appointed Positions

### **Activities**

Greg Bauer

### **Newsletter Editor**

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### **Airport Manager**

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## 2014 Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month – FFAA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month – EAA 1229
- 4/5 Free movie at terminal – 7:30pm  
(see meeting minutes for info)
- 4/1-6 Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, FL
- 5/18 Spring Pancake breakfast & Young Eagles
- 6/7 Spring CAF Hangar Dance
- 6/28 CAF open house (Kaposia Days)
- 7/28-8/3 Oshkosh
- ?? Fall Pancake breakfast & Young Eagles
- 9/6 Fall CAF Hangar Dance

## **President's Pen**

by Mike Bergeson

### **Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering**

Last weekend I attended the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Golden Wings Museum at the Anoka County Airport. The event was sponsored by the Minnesota Pilots Association.

The Minnesota Pilots Association is a new organization that was started in the last year. Dr. Randy Corfman is the president and was the driving force in the establishment of this organization and the planning for the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering. Dr. Corfman is a real down to earth type of guy. He is an AME and Super Cub pilot, so he is alright in my book.

This was the first time that I had the opportunity to visit the Golden Wings Museum. If you get an opportunity to visit, don't miss it. The Golden Wings Museum is a remarkable collection of vintage aircraft built between WWI and WWII. Have you ever seen a Cunningham-Hall or a seaplane built out of stainless steel? How about six tri-motor aircraft in one building? A diesel powered airplane that was actually flown by Charles Lindberg? The first airplane that a Pope a rode in? Well, it is all in the Golden Wings Museum!

The Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering had several vendor display booths set up, just like a mini Fly-Mart at Oshkosh. Each day was packed with informative seminars on various aviation topics ranging from medical information for pilots to ski flying and cold weather operations.

I met several pilots from Wisconsin, Montana, South Dakota, and Iowa. I talked to one pilot that had flown at Mach 2.2. Just think, I could fly from Fleming to Pierre in under 15 minutes! I met another pilot that flew in Alaska for thirty some years. He walked away from a broken crankshaft that left him on the top of a mountain.

Overall, the event was a great way to learn a little aviation history, meet some really interesting people, and refresh yourself on aircraft safety. I would recommend any pilot to attend next year's convention. You won't be disappointed.



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## FFAA Meeting Minutes --- March 4, 2014 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by VP Ami Sela at 7:00pm
2. Minutes for the previous meeting approved as published in the Fleming Flyer
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear
  - Beginning Balance ..... \$3134.13
  - Interest ..... \$0.02
  - Ending Balance ..... \$3134.15Treasurer report approved
4. Activities report Greg Bauer
  - A. Mancini's dinner March 18
  - B. Free movie night at terminal April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm - [Original movie trailer from 1940](#)
5. Airport managers report
  - A. McMorrow Park revised now to remove the softball fields and put in lighted soccer/football fields. Softball fields will be relocated to park on the North side of town.
  - B. Master Plan Advisory Group considering runway extension, clear ways, and overruns.
  - C. Trouble with the snow blower again.
  - D. Beacon broken. Will be NOTAM out of service until a new solution can be reached.
  - E. Cell tower on the West side grew by 8 feet. Company that owns it put an additional antenna on the top that was not authorized. It has been removed and is back to the original height.
6. Old Business - None
6. New Business
  - A. Kaposia Days June 27, 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>. We have been asked to participate. CAF is having an open house. They would like us to come up with some home built aircraft displays and whatever else.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

## Fleming Fly Market

**FOR SALE** - none

**WANTED** – none

**Ads are FREE to Members! \$1.00 per item for non-members. Ads will run for one calendar year (January through December) and will then be removed. This is because most people who place ads never contact us to remove them even if the item has sold. You may place the same ad again if you wish. Email [dd@visi.com](mailto:dd@visi.com) to place an ad.**

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

**Airport Advisory Commission (AAC)**

The City Council recently reappointed Mike Schoen to represent the Fleming Field Aviation Association, Joel Ludwigson hangar owners and Jason Wik South St. Paul residents to the AAC. The next commission meeting will be held Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the airport conference room. All are welcome to attend.

**Airport Beacon**

The airport beacon is working now that the warmer weather is with us. It is rotating slower than it's designed. The AAC has recommended that the 25+ year old beacon be replaced by a newer FAA approved beacon. I have applied for an emergency grant from MNDOT. Once we have an answer from MNDot I will ask the City Council for authorization to order and install it.

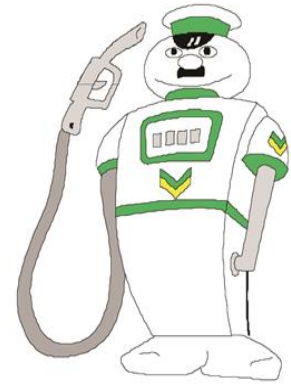
**Airport Finances**

The Finance department has given the City Council the preliminary 2013 financial results for all city departments and for the airport the results are good. The airport has three funds (budgets) - operating, capital improvement and the BRS Building. The combined preliminary results for the three funds showed that the airport was in the black in excess of \$130,000. The airport's debt which was one \$2.2 million in 2008 is now less than \$1.2 million.

**2014 Reconstruction Project Update**

Engineering for this year's projects (ramp, north diagonal taxiway, and Cessna and Decathlon taxi lanes) is nearing 60% complete. I have had several meeting with the FAA to clarify rules and ask for several waivers with good results so far. Our schedule has the engineering being completed in mid-May and the City Council approving the plans and allowing the advertising of bids in late May. We will open bids just before July 4<sup>th</sup> and apply for a grant for the project. Our hope is the FAA will award the grant in August and construction will commence shortly thereafter. It is possible that some or maybe all of the work will be deferred to 2015 if the FAA grant is not awarded quickly.

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