



FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, December 3, 6:00pm - Potluck Dinner and Election of Officers

FFAA Elected Officers

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

2013 Calendar

1st Tuesday each month - FFAA
3rd Tuesday each month – EAA 1229

2014 Calendar

1st Tuesday each month - FFAA
3rd Tuesday each month – EAA 1229
?? FFAA/EAA Mancinni dinner
4/1-6 Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, FL
?? Spring Pancake breakfast & Young Eagles
?? Spring CAF Hangar Dance
7/28-8/3 Oshkosh
?? Fall Pancake breakfast & Young Eagles
?? Fall CAF Hangar Dance

President's Pen

by Mike Bergeson

Hello, 911

I am not sure, either it is something about Lincolns or cars I have purchased or borrowed from my mother, but sure as the world, the police will get involved one way or another. The weekend of November 16th I went back to Pierre, South Dakota to help my Dad celebrate his 93rd birthday. I had bought my Mom's old Towncar and it seemed like a great opportunity to bring it back to Minnesota. I caught a commercial flight out to Pierre on Friday night.

Most people read these articles because of an interest in aviation. Because of that interest, I feel obliged to include an aviation fact that I learned that weekend. Did you know a Beech 1900 will bounce as good as a Supercub? Don't feel bad, I didn't know it either until we landed at Huron. (Editor's note: As someone was heard to say on a rough flight, "Was that a landing or were we shot down?")

After a wonderful weekend in Pierre, I headed home on Monday morning. It was an uneventful trip filled with thoughts about how much better it would be to be flying home in the Cub. And then I decided to take my new 16 year old car to work on Tuesday morning.....

I had just exited off of Highway 61 North to get onto 494 West when another person decided to make a late exit off of Highway 61 and get onto 494. I caught the movement of a vehicle out of my left eye and quickly moved to the far right lane and then the shoulder to make room for the other vehicle, all to no avail. "Hello, 911, please send a police officer."

At our December meeting we are going to have elections. We need a good slate of candidates. If you or someone you know would be good in a position, please nominate them. If you want better articles than this, elect a new president. See you on Tuesday.



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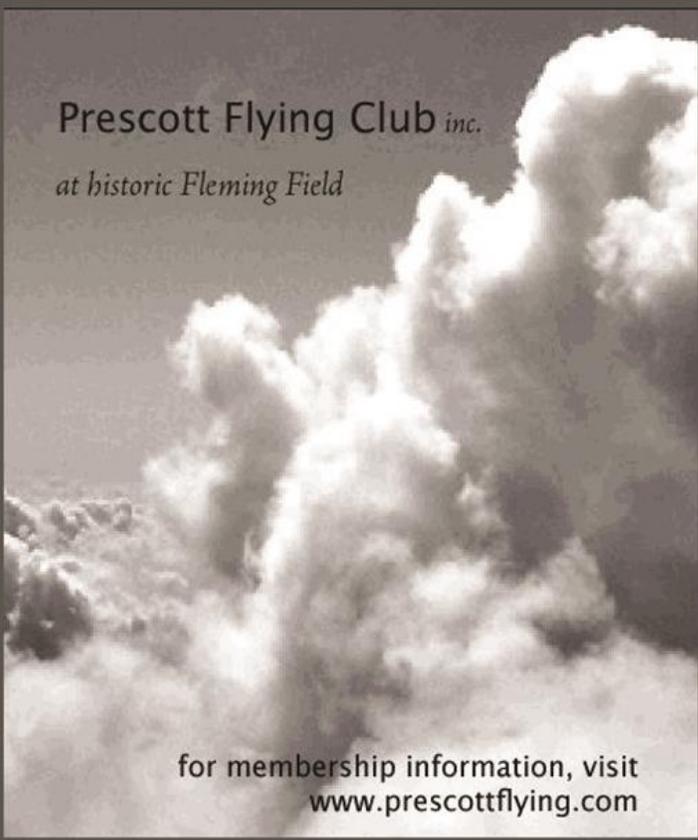
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FFAA Meeting Minutes --- November 5, 2013 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Mike Bergeson at 19:00
2. Minutes for the previous meeting were approved as published in the Fleming Flyer.
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear:
Beginning balance \$3128.67
Interest \$0.03
Ending Balance \$3128.70
Treasurer report was approved.
4. Activities report Greg Bauer - None
5. Old Business - None
6. New Business - None
7. Airport managers' report Glenn Burke
 - A. Finances for the airport for the first 10 months have been good, operating in the black. +\$99,400 for airport operating fund which gives a total of all funds +\$81,400. Fuel sales up 1 ½ %.
 - B. FAA notice, (600 total), have gone out to SSP airport neighbors informing them of the closure of the community gardens, downsizing of the park parking and the houses that will be bought to clear the airport clear way zone on the North side. Had 66 responses.
 - C. Contractor has been hired to remove the gardens.
 - D. Obstruction removal and pavement up grade should run about 1.3 million. FAA and state and city funding.
 - E. TSA inspection went well, no problems reporter.
 - F. FAA inspection
Finances are following best practices. Things that could be looked at to increase revenue. Update leases. Develop Standards for commercial operators.
 - G. Open area to south of runway will need to be fenced in.
 - H. Air traffic control has no objections to an instrument approach to runway 16
 - I. Master plan considering extending runway to the South.
 - J. Up and coming capital project for 2014 include resurfacing ramp and some taxi ways. Around \$2,370,000. Paid for with Grants, Local Money, FAA money and Assessments.
8. Meeting adjourned at 19:40

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Airport Manager's Corner December 2013

2014 Projects

Last month I wrote about the 2014 project. This will be the reconstruction of the aircraft ramp, North Diagonal taxi way, extending South Gate Road to the ramp and reconstruction of taxi lanes Cessna and Decathlon in the north hangar area. The preliminary cost is approximately \$2.3 million. We are counting on grants from the FAA and MNDOT to cover approximately 85% of the cost and the remaining coming from the airport and assessments from neighboring properties. The Airport Advisory Commission will begin looking at an assessment policy at its Tuesday December 10th meeting.

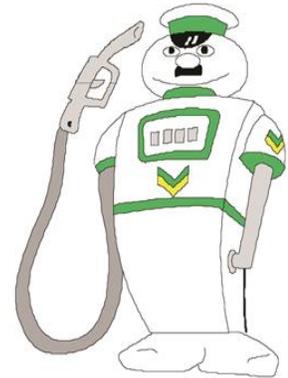
The reconstruction of the ramp is the most costly part of this project. We know that the asphalt, installed in 1988 over six inches concrete that date back to 1941, will need to be removed and depending on the soil boring results additional excavation may be needed. New base material and 3 inches or more of new asphalt will be installed. One area that will cause the most problems will be the removal to the pavement around the fuel pumps.

91UL Auto Fuel Rebate

The owner of an aircraft that has a Supplemental Type Certificate for auto fuel and uses auto fuel is eligible for a refund of road taxes paid to the state of Minnesota. If you purchased auto fuel at Fleming Field the airport manager can give you a fuel report with your purchases and help you file Form PDR-1AV with the State. If you need more information or assistance, please call the airport office 651-554-3350 or email Glenn at gburke@sspmn.org

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Snow Removal

The equipment has been pulled from storage. The cobwebs are cleaned off and the plows, sweeper, snow blower and sander have been greased, serviced and are ready to go. We will have a new winter seasonal employee this year, who will be dedicated to snow removal. He is a retired public works supervisor who has many years of experience in all type of snow removal equipment. As always if you are going to fly shortly after a snow storm call the airport office 651-554-3350 or the airport cell phone 651-485-7442 and let us know your plans. We will do our best to get your taxi lane cleared so you can fly.

Rates & Charges

The Airport Master Plan has a chapter on the airport finances. The contractor, Marr Arnold Associates, is forecasting the long term financial needs of the airport. The large reconstruction projects and maintenance equipment will cause the airport's budget to run deficits in years these projects are undertaken. Marr Arnold has suggested that the City look comprehensively at the Rates and Charges for airport buildings, land leases, tee hangars and services every five years beginning in 2014. Marr Arnold is doing that right now and will present its finding to the Airport Advisory Commission and City Council in December.

New Hangars

If you haven't noticed a new hangar is under construction at Fleming Field and a second customer is finalizing a lease with the intent to build this coming spring. We have handled many inquiries this fall and have given tours and information to pilots that are exploring the possibility of building. If you have any questions of about hangar lot availability please contact the airport office. We are happy to give tours of the building sites that are available.