



FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, January 7, 6:00pm - Potluck Dinner and Program

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Appointed Positions

Activities

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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

The Comfort Zone

All of us have a comfort zone, or envelope, that we operate in on a daily basis. One thing I have found in life is that to get better, you need to push the envelope, get out of your comfort zone. It is easy to stay status quo, getting better takes a decision to do it and then going forward with the decision. Flying is no different. By pushing the envelope, you can improve your flying skills and enjoy a new experience.



In July, Jim gave me my biennial flight review. Jim asked if I had ever done a spin in my Cub. Although I had spun other airplanes, I had to admit that I had not spun the Cub. Jim told me that everyone should know how their airplane spins. I now can say that I have done a spin in my Cub. This experience expanded my envelope.

Before the spin experience, when I practiced stalls, I would stall and quickly recover. No big deal, just stall and recover. After experiencing the spin, I will now practice holding the Cub in a stall with various flap positions and descending in a stall 500 to 1000 feet. During the decent I will use the throttle to control the rate of decent. This practice has helped my feel more comfortable on final approach and has made my landing approaches more consistent.

Bob, a friend of mine who keeps his Champ at Benson, has been after me to get my skis on the Cub. I have been a little shy of the idea. You know, it is outside of the comfort envelope. Last Saturday Dave prodded me to get my skis on. I decided to do it. Skis were going on the Cub.

Saturday afternoon while I was putting on the skis, Dave asked if I wanted to go with him to see what ski flying was all about. I jumped at the chance and went with Dave. The ride was a new experience. It was my first ride in a ski plane. And it was fun. The skis are on the Cub and ready to go. It is time to stretch the envelope!

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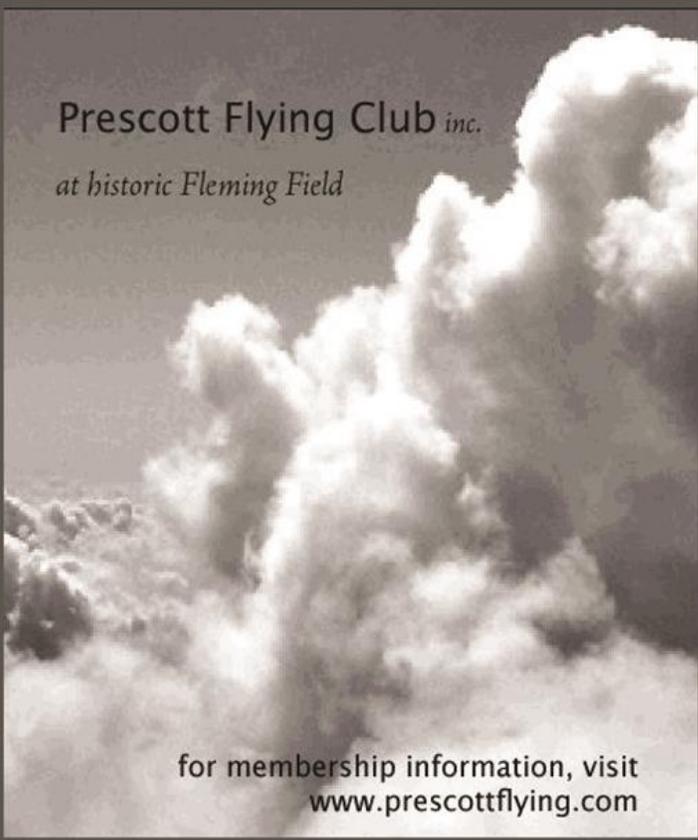
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FFAA Meeting Minutes --- December 3, 2013 Meeting

1. Meeting Called to order by President Mike Bergeson at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes for the previous meeting were approved as published in the Fleming Flyer
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear
 - Beginning Balance \$3128.69
 - Interest \$0.02
 - Ending Balance \$3128.71Treasurer report approved
4. Activities report Greg Bauer
 - Tenants Breakfast at terminal set for January 19th.
 - Movie "Fly Boys" will be shown at Ami's Hangar Friday Dec 6th 7:30 PM
5. Old Business None
6. New Business
 - Election of officers for 2014
 - President Mike Bergeson
 - Vice President Ami Sela
 - Secretary Jim Hancock
 - Treasurer Robyn Shear
7. Airport Managers Report None, Glenn absent
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

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Airport Manager's Corner January 2013

Snow Removal

Winter is here and the snow has piled up. This past week the maintenance people have been removing the large piles of snow at the ends of the hangars. The snow plow drivers have asked me to tell those driving near the snow removal equipment **DO NOT DART BEHIND SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT**. This has happened on a few occasions this winter. Our plow truck rear visibility is very limited and the drivers do not want to hit your car.

Our drivers are instructed that planes have the right of way, so you can expect the snow plows to wait for aircraft to pass.

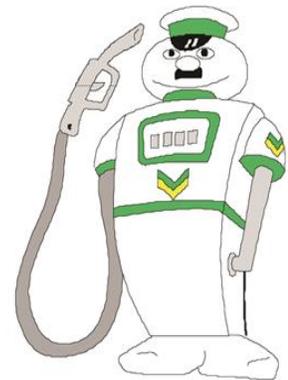
Rates & Charges

The Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) met in December to discuss the Airport's Rates & Charges. Rates & Charges are the fees paid by the users for buildings, T-Hangars, land leases, tie down fees, fuel, and more.

The airport debt to the City of South St Paul on January 1, 2013 was over \$1.3 million. The master plan contractor, Marr Arnold Associates, has forecast 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 and this debt will not be paid off in a reasonable time frame.

Marr Arnold has recommended that the City look comprehensively at the Rates & Charges for airport buildings, land leases, tee hangars and service every five years beginning in 2014. Marr Arnold gave the AAC financial forecasts and fee increases in October that would raise \$40,000 annually. The AAC looked at the forecasts and revenue proposals and recommended that some revenue proposals be implemented but others be eliminated. The acceptable proposals totaled just over

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\$20,000. The AAC sent Marr Arnold back to look more closely at Land Lease and t-hangar revenue.

Marr Arnold developed four proposals that would increase land lease and t-hangar rents by 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%. The 5% proposal would raise \$20,000 annually on the 10th year, the 10% proposal would raise \$20,000 by the 4th year and the 20% proposal would raise \$32,040 in the 1st year. The AAC selected the 10% proposal with a slight modification that t-hangar rates be increased 5% in 2014 and another 5% in 2015.

I will be talking at length at the Fleming Field Aviation Association meeting on this topic and how it would be implemented in the land lease contracts. I hope to see all of you at the FFAA meeting so we can have a good discussion about this proposal.