



# FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, July 1, 6:30pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00pm Business Meeting  
Program: TBD

## FFAA Elected Officers

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application or renewal

## Appointed Positions

### **Activities**

Greg Bauer

### **Newsletter Editor**

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### **Airport Manager**

Glenn Burke  
651-554-3350

## 2014 Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month – FFAA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month – EAA 1229  
7/28-8/3 Oshkosh  
?? Fall Pancake breakfast & Young  
Eagles  
9/6 Fall CAF Hangar Dance

## **President's Pen**

by Mike Bergeson

### **Presidential Prolix**

This year is slipping away fast. We are already into summer, the height of the \$100 pancake season. I have only made it to one flight breakfast so far this year. I hope to get to a few more as the summer rolls on. We all have our favorite fly-in breakfasts. Some of my favorites are down in southern Minnesota because I used to go to them when I lived in Cresco Iowa. Very few of us fly our planes enough and the breakfasts are a good excuse to get out and get a little time on our engines.



Most of us are hoping that the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act of 2013 will pass, but we all know that Washington is more akin to a three ring circus than a reasonable governing body elected by the people. Although I am hoping for reform from this bill, I am not banking on it. For the near term, most of us that fly will be subjected to passing a flight physical. Several diseases can limit our ability to pass a flight physical, but I think the one thing that scares most of us is heart disease. I know heart disease scares me to death. Both of my parents have cardio-vascular disease and if I don't change my lifestyle, I will have it also.

During June, I spent several days at the North Central Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls while my mother had some major repairs completed. Fortunately, her surgery went well and she is back to being her old self. Looking at the patients in the hospital, one common observation was excess weight. I am only assuming, but I would guess a lack of exercise is a contributing factor.

The days of waiting around in the hospital gave me a lot of time to think about lifestyle and issues that could force me out of aviation. My future holds two options. At some time in the future when I don't think I can pass a physical I will sell my Super Cub and go light sport, or I can reduce my risk for cardio-vascular disease and continue flying what I want to fly. I don't want to get to the age of my parents and find myself in the same boat. It is time to make a change.

(Editor's note - good article "Just for the Health of Pilots":

[https://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/medical\\_certification/hop/media/obesity.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/medical_certification/hop/media/obesity.pdf))

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## FFAA Meeting Minutes --- June 3, 2014 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Mike Bergeson at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes approved with a correction to item 7B. Should read " The last 3 years the airport debit decreased by almost a million dollars." Minutes approved as corrected.
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear

Beginning Balance	\$3268.08
Debit Cancer Society	250.00
Debit Greg Bauer	90.00
Interest	0.03
Ending Balance	\$2927.45

Treasurer report approved
4. Activities
  - a. Hangar Dance Saturday  
Open 6:00 PM  
Lessons 7:00 PM  
Dance 8:00PM
  - b. September 14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast and Young Eagles.
5. Old Business None
6. New Business None
7. Airport Managers Report Glenn Burke
  - a. Airport Advisory Commission Notes.
    - A. Discussion on restoration complete
    - B. Bids out
    - C. Bids open June 12<sup>th</sup>
    - D. Project completed by July August 2015
  - b. New funding available:

	Old	New
FAA	\$1,788,350	\$1,788.350
State	\$90,350	\$160,610
City	\$276,040	\$205,780
  - c. Consultant recommended City should have 4 to 5 employees, which would mean 2 new employees.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 July 2013

### Airport Pavement Reconstruction

Bolton and Menk and City Staff opened bids on June 12 for the 2014 Airport Reconstruction Project. The Airport budgeted \$2.1 million for this project. Bids were 16% higher than expected budget and that budget has now grown to \$2.4 million. Even with the higher construction costs the City Council awarded the contact to Max Steininger Inc. Construction, from Eagan, MN.

Federal and State grants will pay 94% of the project expenses. The remaining 6% is \$153,900 will be paid by the City and the tenants. Through the spring, city and tenant shares lowered from \$278,000 to \$153,900. The Airport Manager appealed 3 decisions for better funding, and was successful.

The pavement reconstruction is laid out into four phases. The following phases are as follows:

- Phase I – Fueling Area Reconstruction
- Phase II – Ramp Reconstruction and South Gate Road Extension
- Phase III – Reconstruct Taxiway Alpha, Cessna, and Decathlon
- Phase IV – South Apron Rehabilitation

Construction can begin once FAA and State grants are secured. We are hoping that construction will begin in September. If the grants come late construction will be deferred until next spring.

### Fuel System Reconstruction – Phase I

Following the phases above, Phase I will be the pavement reconstruction to the Fueling Area. The contractor will remove all asphalt and replace with concrete. During reconstruction, the area around the fuel system will be closed for self-service fueling. Phillips 66 is lending two fuel trucks to the airport during this time. These trucks will only be accessible during business hours. Also, there will be no access to 91 UL.

### Airport Operations Specialist

Earlier in the year, an outside consulting firm recommended hiring two full-time employees to effectively and efficiently operate the Airport. One would replace the Intern position with a year round personal, and the other would replace the seasonal maintenance to a year round maintenance personal.

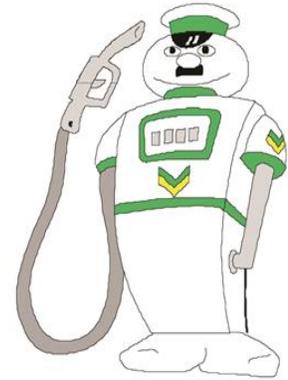
The City council approved the Airport Operation Specialist during their June 23 meeting. This position will replace the intern position. The additional cost of the position on an annual basis is estimated at \$32,000 including benefits. Human Resources will start recruitment in June to hire an individual by late August.

One of the reasons the City council approved the positions was because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The intern must be terminated after 90 calendar days due to the ACA. The Operations Specialist will be a year round position, eliminating recruiting every 90 days. Along with tasks the intern completes, the Operations Specialist will maintain and update the airport's web site, advertisements, external communications, organizing lease works, and fill in as maintenance worker during the seasonal worker's off months.

### Airport Advisory Commission

The Airport Advisory Commission met on June 10 in the airport meeting room. Commissioners were updated on the Airport's budget, Master Plan, and Environmental Analysis. Preliminary discussions on the airport's rules and regulations were brought forth. In the upcoming months, commissioners will make suggestions and decisions to the Rules and Regulations. Due to elections, the August meeting has been moved to Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join.

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## **Hangar Inspections**

This year the Airport and South Metro Fire Department conducted fire inspections for the North and West buildings along with all businesses on the airport. All fire inspections were completed by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. We want to thank all who have completed their inspections. City staff and the Fire Inspector will now be focusing on re-inspecting buildings who failed to meet the fire code. City staff will also be focusing on completing hangar inspections for the South buildings. If you have not scheduled your inspection or need a re-inspection please contact the office (651-554-3350) by July 31<sup>st</sup>. You can also contact the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding inspections.