



# FLEMING FLYER

**FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 6:00pm - Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting**  
**Program – So.St.Paul Fire Marshall - “Hangar Fire Investigation, Analysis & Recommendations”**

## FFAA Elected Officers

### **President**

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### **Secretary**

Jim Hancock

### **Treasurer/Membership**

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## Appointed Positions

### **Activities**

Greg Bauer  
 Mike Carver

### **Newsletter Editor**

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### **Airport Manager**

Glenn Burke  
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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** – Homebuilt Fly-In  
**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

### **On My Soap Box**

On occasion, I get a little excessive about safety. At times like this, my wife calls me Safety Sam. A few years ago she asked if I did anything without thinking about safety, and I said, “Pretty much, no.” But that doesn’t mean I am safe all of the time. But I hope I am getting better and learn from my safety mistakes.

Last summer when I was working on our Jeep I was using a putty knife to pop out the plastic retainers holding on the door panel. The putty knife slipped and penetrated the end of my right thumb about three quarters of inch. It hurt real bad (hurt like hell) and needed several stitches to repair the damage. I screwed up and it was my fault.

The hanger fire at Fleming Field got me to thinking about safety. Although an airplane was destroyed and other airplanes were damaged by the heat and smoke, and a hanger was severely damaged, no one was injured. We can be thankful for that.

We all need to remember that safety is our responsibility. When we are working on our airplanes and hangers we need to keep in mind what the potential outcomes may be if we do un-safe actions. Fire is scary, especially around airplanes that are built with flammable materials and have tanks filled with gasoline.

As tenants at Fleming Field, we all have a responsibility to create a safe environment to protect ourselves and others. We need to be responsible so that we do not damage our, or anybody else’s, airplanes and equipment.

To be safe, you have to make a conscious effort to be that way. Every action we do has some element of risk. We need to be cognizant of those risks to remain safe. It is our responsibility to keep ourselves safe and those around us safe. I don’t want to get stitches in my thumb again.



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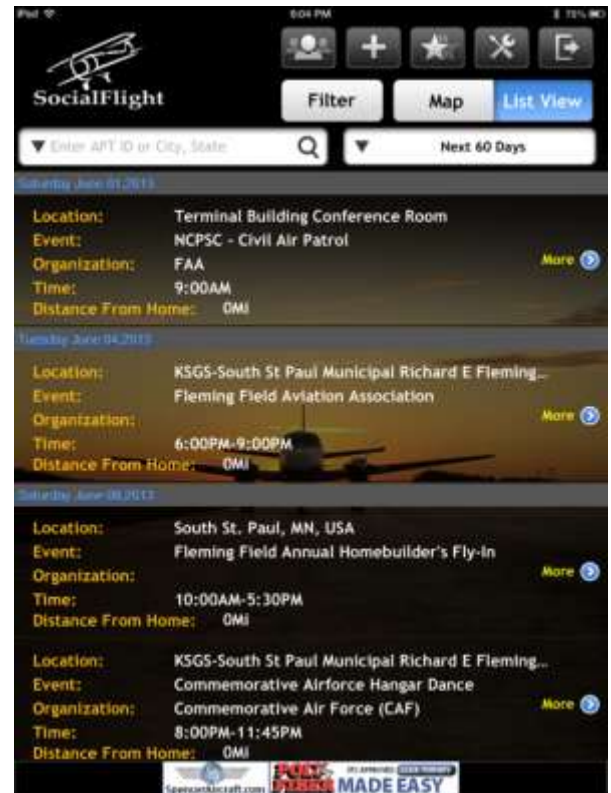
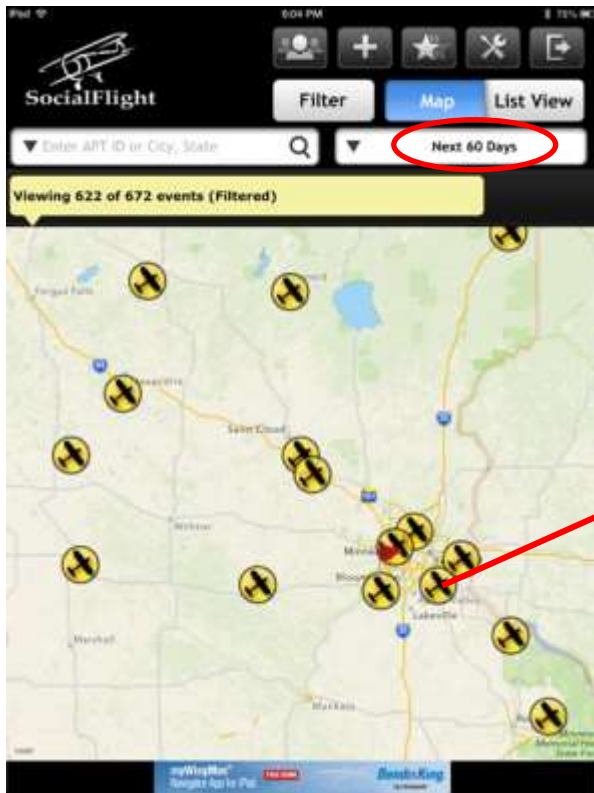
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## Tech Notes by Kirk Lindberg

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## FFAA Meeting Minutes --- May 8, 2013 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Mike Bergeson at 7:00pm
2. Minutes approved from last meeting
3. Treasurer report:
  - Beginning balance           \$2,870.49
  - Two credits                 \$362.02 (dues and advertising fees)
  - Zero debits
  - Ending balance             \$3,232.51
  - Treasurer's report approved
4. Greg Bauer activities report
  - May 19 pancake breakfast 8am - 1pm, Young Eagle rides 9am - 1pm
  - Kaposia days June 28 – 30
    - No airplane this year in parade (Friday)
    - Airport open house being run by CAF (Saturday)
    - RC airplane flights are planned (Saturday)
5. Managers' report
  - Talked about Master Plan that is under way
  - Reviewed obstruction survey results
  - FAA pushing to close gardening area immediately
    - Environmental impact study underway, must be completed first
    - Cost is around \$50k to move garden to proposed location
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm
7. Program: Daryl Star – “Super Cub Restoration”

## Fleming Fly Market

### FOR SALE

2001 Dodge extended cab, 4x4, 81,000 miles, loaded, plus snowplow and hyd. liftgate. Original rear bumper and tailgate incl. \$8,500. Greg at 612-709-9646.

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 ->  
<http://youtu.be/GyxkT4DZ0Gg>  
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Sears Kenmore White Washer & Dryer (gas) set. About 13 years old. Both run and look good. Only used on Saturdays by clean couple with no kids ☺ \$150 for both or \$100 each. Youtube video link -> [http://youtu.be/tFM\\_AX\\_ozyc](http://youtu.be/tFM_AX_ozyc)  
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### WANTED – none

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## Airport Manager's Corner June 2013

### MN Legislature

The State of Minnesota passed legislation that will have an impact on Fleming Field pilots, some good some and some negative. The new legislation:

- Eliminates sales tax on aircraft parts and installation labor, effective July 1, 2013
- Reduces aircraft registration fees, except at the lowest level registration raised from \$50 to \$100, effective July 1, 2014
- Aircraft Sales taxes are deposited into the State Aviation Fund beginning July 1, 2013
- Increases Jet fuel taxes to 15 cents per gallon beginning July 1, 2014 (was 5 cents), there is no change to the Avgas taxes

### Changing of the Guards

Jeff Chamber finished his internship the beginning of May. We want to thank him for his hard work and wish him the best of luck with his future career opportunities. Catie Steier has returned for another summer. Catie will be starting her 6<sup>th</sup> year with us.

### Hangar Inspections

We have completed 65% of the fire inspections to date. This year airport staff and the Fire Department are looking at hangars on the south area and all businesses. Thank you to all who have completed these inspections. If you have yet to have an inspection, please call the office (651-554-3350) to schedule one.

Some key reminders to be prepared for are:

- Long term use of extension cords. When you are finished using one, please unplug the cord from the outlet.
- Serviced and hung fire extinguishers. The airport has a company that stops by the terminal every other week to service fire extinguishers. If you are interested, please bring your fire extinguishers to the office. Airport staff will notify you when your extinguisher is ready to be picked up.
- Clear path from the door to the furthest part of the building. This is usually to the electrical panel. In case of emergencies, individuals are able to exit the building safely.

### Hangars #6-8 Roof Repair

The City Council awarded the bid to All Elements in May to complete the second phase of the roof replacement for Hangars 6-8. The roof was damaged during the June 19<sup>th</sup> windstorm. Last October the City Council awarded the first part of the project to All Elements and the work was completed in November. The second phase of repairs are expected to start the first half of July, weather permitted.

### Crack Repair

Fahrner Asphalt was awarded the bid to do the asphalt crack sealing on the runway. Fahrner completed the east parallel taxiway and all the runway exits last year. No Schedule has been set for this work.

### Henry Avenue

The City will be doing extensive repairs to Henry Avenue. The project is a Mill and Overlay, where a contractor will remove broken curb and replace it, then they will remove all the old asphalt grade and pave the road way. That work has not been scheduled.

### Airport Master Plan

The Airport Master Plan Group (MPAG) met on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The MPAG discussed the critical aircraft. The critical aircraft, which is really a group of aircraft, determine the infrastructure requirements of Fleming Field. The airport will be designed

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to meet that critical aircraft. Runway strength, length, approaches, and hangars will be among the infrastructure reviewed. Airport alternatives will be developed, reviewed and approved by the MPAG. We hope the MPAG will select the critical aircraft at its next meeting in Late June.

### **Environmental Analysis**

The data from the aeronautical study has been reviewed by staff and the local FAA district office. We will be seeking waivers for some obstructions so that we won't have to clear so many trees to the sides of the runway. We will have to put obstruction lights on many of the man-made obstructions.

### **Hangar Fire**

As many of you already know there was a fire at 1653 Decathlon Lane on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is one unit of Fleming Executive Hangars. All the damage was limited to the one building; no other buildings were damaged. The unit and aircraft sustained significant damage. The neighboring units, within Fleming Executive Hangar had heat and smoke damage.