



FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, June 3, 6:30pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00pm Business Meeting
Program: TBD

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2014 Calendar

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

Presidential Prolix

Wow, May really flew by in a hurry! I was gone the last few days for work and this past Saturday Jill and I had our youngest daughter graduate from high school followed by a graduation party on Sunday. The end of the month just came up and hit me across the head with a baseball bat! Now Kirk is asking for a newsletter article.

Lots of good things happened in May at Fleming Field. The EAA Chapter 1229 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Event was a huge success. I was able to fly 8 kids before the crosswinds got too strong for the Cub. I have never flown a more enthusiastic group of kids. I asked one young man how he was enjoying the flight and his response was, "Mr. Mike, there are no words to describe how wonderful this is." It is appreciation like this that really makes flying Young Eagles worth our time. I sincerely hope this young man will follow through and get his pilot license so he can share the joys of flying with others.

I have been starting to practice some short field techniques that I have been reading about on the internet. (Everything is true on the internet.) I have been going up to a safe altitude and practicing the techniques. Some of the ideas worked, some didn't. But there has been a lot of slow flight this past month. The practice has certainly helped my ability to get off the ground quicker and land shorter. Getting up in the air and challenging your abilities with slow flight is fun. It helps you understand how your airplane reacts to different situation that you could encounter on landing or taking off. Get up and burn some gas and try some slow flight. It will put a smile on your face.



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FFAA Meeting Minutes --- May 6, 2014 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Bergson at 7:00 PM
2. Meeting minutes for 3-4-2014 approved as published in the Fleming Flyer.
Treasurer report - Robyn Shear
Beginning Balance \$3518.00
Debit to Feed The Troops 250.00
Interest .02
Ending Balance \$3268.08
Treasurer report approved.
3. Activities report
 - a. May 18th Breakfast and Young Eagles at Fleming.
 - b. EAA meeting May 20th Speaker Brian Utly
4. Old Business - None
5. New Business
 - a. Relay for life will be held at Fleming August 8th. 24 walk. Motion to donate \$250 to Relay for life passed. Go to "relayforlife.org" to register.
 - b. Kirk Lindberg brought up that Mike Beard is retiring as State Legislator. He has done so much for Fleming and General Aviation. We need to support a candidate that is pro aviation.
6. Airport Managers Report - Glenn Burke
 - a. Hangar inspections starting in June. Fire department will inspect the North side hangars along with airport personal.
 - b. Airport Advisory Commission. This year the airport debit decreased by almost a million dollars.
 - c. Airport Master Plan Open House May 13th 6:00 to 8:00PM at the Terminal.
 - d. The ramp improvements will be done in 4 phases.
 - i. Phase 1 will be area around fuel pump. Fuel pump will be inaccessible during this phase. Fuel truck will be available.
 - ii. Phase 2 will be the rehabilitation of the North main ramp and South Gate road extension
 - iii. Phase 3 will be the reconstruction of the North West taxi way (taxiway "A"), Decathlon Lane, and Cessna Lane.
 - iv. Phase 4 will be the rehabilitation of the South apron.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Fleming Fly Market

FOR SALE - none

WANTED – none

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Airport Manager's Corner
June 2013

Master Plan Open House

On May 13th the airport hosted the Master Plan (MP) open house. Airport staff sent out over 1,110 notices to our neighbors in South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights inviting them to attend the meeting. We had over 60 in attendance, split between pilots and neighbors and an additional 23 neighbors that stopped by during the day that could not attend the evening meeting.

Bolton & Menk, gave a short presentation on the Master Plan process and its outcomes, the Environmental Analysis (EA) and the changes that will come from the EA. After the presentation there was considerable discussion and complaints from the neighbors about low aircraft on approach to the runway and aircraft that did not follow the pattern and wander into areas not used to seeing planes over their homes.

I also attend the Lake Bridge Town Home Association meeting to discuss the Master Plan and Environmental Analysis. The town home association is located to our southeast, right next to Bohrer Pond. The Association has approximately 20 low priority trees on their property and is concerned that removing the trees would lower the value to their property. They also expressed concern that the trees on airport property just north of Lake Bridge would be removed and they would see and hear more aircraft noise. Their third issue was the extension of the west parallel taxiway. Extending the taxiway to the south would bring aircraft closer to their homes. Their complaints have been recorded for the record.

Aircraft Approaches

The FAA's Flight Procedures group has now equipped their aircraft with new radar that can determine the height of an obstruction. This new capability means that airports across the country will have to be more vigilant and remove obstructions soon than planned. The FAA is giving airport 30 days to respond with an action plan to remove obstructions or face loss of night time approaches and restrictions to daytime approaches. Flight Procedures will fly our approaches this coming August.

We are trying to get ahead of Flight Procedures. An obstruction survey completed last October showed there were 37 obstructions that would need clearing and an additional 9 buildings and fences that need obstruction lights. Airport staff is preparing plan and budget to get these obstructions removed and lighted.

2014 Reconstruction Project Update

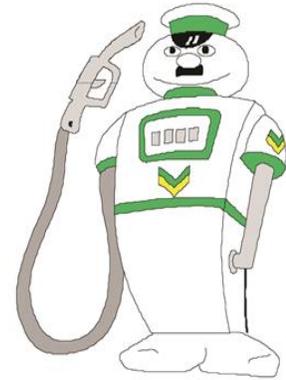
The Plans and Specification are complete and the City Council has approved and authorized the advertising for bids. Seven prime contractors have purchased plans and an additional seven subcontractors have also. Bids will be open on June 12th.

We also found that there will be higher grant amounts awarded to this project from MNDoT Office of Aeronautics. We were expecting \$90,349, that amount has been increased to \$205,779, an increase of \$115,430. That addition grant money will lower assessments to hangar owners adjacent to the project, and lower the airport share too.

Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) Meeting

The next Airport Advisory Commission meeting is Tuesday June 10. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm in the meeting room at the Terminal building. Everyone is welcome.

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