



# FLEMING FLYER

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

## FFAA Elected Officers

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## Appointed Positions

### **Activities**

Greg Bauer

### **Newsletter Editor**

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### **Airport Manager**

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## 2014 Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month – FFAA

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **What If?**

What a month for flying! An annual for the Cub during the first week and poor VFR conditions the rest of the month. I was only able to get a couple of hours in the air. The lack of good flying weather this month gave me a lot of time to ponder what if questions and try to repair a Jeep with a blown engine.

Last Saturday I made a journey to Rochester. The objective of the mission was to take my 5 year old granddaughter, Julia, bike shopping. Surely as weeds grow, so do the grand kids. Julia's old bike was too small and it was time to move up to a 16" model.

I picked up Julia and we headed out to a store with a lot of bikes just her size. On the way to the store Julia said, "Grandpa, after we get the bike we need to go to Subway and Flapdoodles." And what does grandpa say? "Sure, Julia, that sounds fun. What is Flapdoodles?" Julia sounded a little bit indignant that Grandpa didn't know what Flapdoodles was when she said, "Grandpa! They have ice cream!"

We arrived at the bike store and Julia picked out the prettiest purple and pink bicycle that you ever saw. On the way to the check out, we went past the sidewalk chalk. Julia was out sidewalk chalk at home, so we picked up a box of that as well. You can't run out of sidewalk chalk when spring is just starting.

It was on to Subway for a nice lunch. Julia sat and ate her lunch like a little lady. She had earned a trip to Flapdoodles. Flapdoodles is not only a fun word to say, it is quite an impressive ice cream shop. Baskin Robbins has nothing on Flapdoodles. Julia and I each had two scoops, Strawberry Cheese Cake and Cookie Monster. Cookie Monster is like a bright blue cookies and cream. Mighty tasty and it turned our tongues blue. It doesn't get a lot better than eating ice cream with your granddaughter when both of you have blue tongues!

In addition to the ice cream, the walls at Flapdoodles are covered with interesting sayings such as "Two Wrights don't make a wrong, they make an airplane." (I'll bet you thought this article wasn't going to be aviation related!) And my favorite of all: What if the hokey pokey is really what it is all about?

Have a great month and get some time in the air!



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## FFAA Meeting Minutes --- April 1, 2014 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Mike Bergeson at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes for previous meeting approved as published in Fleming Flyer.
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear
  - Beginning Balance \$3134.16
  - Credit Dues and ads \$384.00
  - Ending Balance \$3518.16Treasurer report approved.
4. Activities Report Greg Bauer
  - A. Fleming Pancake Breakfast May 18<sup>th</sup> and Young Eagle Rides
  - B. Movie night at airport terminal 7:00PM April 5<sup>th</sup> Mosquito Patrol
  - C. Brian Utley speaker for May 20<sup>th</sup> Dinner at 6:00PM Talk at 7:00 PM
5. Old Business None
6. New business None
7. Airport Managers Report Glenn Burke
  - A. FAA Flight Inspection will be inspecting obstacles as it pertains to the instrument approaches at several airports. They have new equipment and if they find obstacles they will require a 30 day response and a 1 year fix.
  - B. Mad Further Car Show wants to use Fleming field for their show again this year. They would like to use the runway for time trials. Time frame mid to late August.
  - C. State Legislator
    - i. Airport auto fuel is being taxed as it was used on the State roads. You can get it back. See Glenn. Trying to get the tax charge removed.
    - ii. State Airport Fund got back the 15 million dollars the state took in years past. State now fat with money. Good for Fleming. For time being projects will be funded at 90% Federal 5% State and 5% Local.
  - D. Capital projects. Changing a little
    - i. Hotel Lane not rebuilt this year
    - ii. Northwest Diagonal taxi received approval to be rebuilt back to its original 50 foot width.
    - iii. The ramp will be removed, 8 inches of class 5 and 4 inches of pavement.
  - E. Master Plan is considering 300 foot overrun to the South and 200 feet to the North
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 May 2013

### Master Plan Open House

There will be a Master Plan Open House on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Terminal Building; doors will open at 6:00 pm. There will be displays and at 6:30 pm a short presentation on the process and the plan will be given. Members of the Airport Master Plan Advisory Group, City and Bolton & Menk staff will be on hand to answer questions and take comments. Public comments from this open house will be incorporated into the final draft that will go to the City Council later this summer.

### Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) Meeting

City Finance Director Michelle Pietrick attended the Commission meeting. She presented financial data and charts for the airport funds from 1996 to 2013 to the Airport Commission. The airport funds are the Airport Operating Fund, the Airport Capital Improvement Fund and the BRS Building Fund. She pointed out that the large spikes in spending correspond with major capital improvements at Fleming Field.

- 1997 Airport Terminal Building
- 2002 Airport Road Reconstruction, Commercial and South Hangar Areas
- 2006 South Tee Hangar and West Hangar Area
- 2008 Demolition of East and West Barracks and BRS Building Construction.

The airport debt in 2006 was approximately \$2.2 million and that has been reduced to approximately \$1.15 at the end of 2013. The trend has been positive for the past four years.

### 2014 Reconstruction Project Update

The Plans and Specification are close to completion for the 2014 Ramp, North Diagonal Taxiway, Cessna and Decathlon Lanes Reconstruction Project. The City Council will approve the plans and authorize staff to solicit bids. We will open bids in mid-June, hopefully they bids will be below the engineer's estimate, which is now \$2.2 million.

A set of plans are located in the airport manager's office for those who would like to review them and comment.

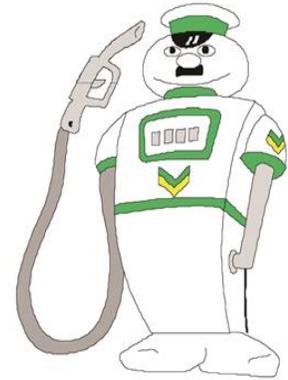
### Fire Inspections

It is once again time for annual hangar inspections. Airport management will be working with the South Metro Fire Department to complete these required inspections beginning May 19<sup>th</sup>. Hangars must be used primarily for aviation purposes, ensure that you hangar meets fire code requirements (mounted fire extinguisher inspected in last twelve months, fuel storage less than six gallons excluding what is in aircraft tanks, etc.), and verify you have valid insurance information with the airport containing the following:

- \$1,000,000 General Liability Insurance
- The City of South St. Paul must be named as an additional insured.
- The Address of the covered property (i.e. the hangar on the airport)
- Expiration Date of Insurance

In addition, we will be updating contact information on tenants and sub-tenants in hangars at Fleming Field. This information is required by the City of South St. Paul and includes name, aircraft N-Number, personal address, email, and phone numbers. This information is incredibly important in cases of emergency and in airport planning functions.

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Here are some key reminders to be prepared for your hangar inspection:

- Long term uses of extension cords are not allowed. When you are finished using one, please unplug the cord from the outlet.
- All fire extinguishers must be serviced within the past 12 months and one must be hung in a visible location, preferably near the exit door. 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.
- Three feet of clear space around the electric service panel.

### **MNDOT Aeronautics**

In the past year the State of Minnesota repaid \$15 million to the Aviation Fund and Delta Airlines repaid another \$3 million owed to the Aviation Fund from its bankruptcy several years ago. MNDOT Aeronautics has proposed spending a portion of the returned money by increasing the state match on federal projects. This would lower the airport share of FAA construction project to 5%.