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FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, November 4, 6:30pm Potluck Dinner, 7:00pm Business Meeting
Program: TBD or watch election returns

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Activities

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2014 Calendar

1st Tuesday each month – FFAA

3rd Tuesday each month – EAA 1229

9/6 Fall CAF Hangar Dance

9/14 Fall Pancake breakfast & Young Eagles

10/9 Private Pilot Refresher Course starts (Thursday evenings)

President's Pen

by Mike Bergeson

Experiments

I have always had a fascination with any man-made object that travels through the air. I would read everything that I could find about airplanes. I think I wore out the "A" volume of our Britannica encyclopedias at home and the "A" volume of the World Book encyclopedias at school. Also, the "P" volume provided a vast amount of information, on parachutes.

Anyone who has grown up on a farm realizes that there are a vast amount of supplies that can support aviation in one way or another. For example, baling twine makes really nice parachute cord. The black plastic sheets used to cover the silage pile can be used for a parachute canopy. Now you can see what I learned from the "P" volume.

My brother Mark and I figured out that we had all of the makings for a parachute. We just needed a way to get into the air to test it. We could hardly contain our excitement when we realized the Army did parachute training from towers. The final ingredient for our parachute experiment was standing right beside the chicken house.

Like most farms, we had a windmill tower that was no longer used for its intended purpose. Our windmill had been put into use as a tall mount for a television antenna to receive the only channel available to us, Keloland CBS on channel 6. Our folks didn't allow us to climb the windmill. Something about falling and getting hurt.

Well, we would have a parachute, so we thought the parental warning of danger did not apply. We quickly made our first parachute using TLAR (That Looks About Right) calculations. We were set. We had a parachute and a parachute test tower. We were ready. Mark was always the most adventurous one, but for some reason he thought we needed a test pilot for the first jump, and it wasn't going to be him. I didn't want to be first either.

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...President's Pen continued...

The other thing that you will find on farms is stray tom cats. We thought a stray tom cat would make a perfect test pilot. So we caught one and attached the parachute. We hauled the cat up the windmill about 15 feet and tossed him out away from the windmill. The parachute failed to deploy fully and the cat hit the ground running. As the cat ran straight across the farm yard the parachute looked like a black poltergeist in hot pursuit. Try as we might, the cat had too big of a head start and we could not catch him. He disappeared with our first parachute. A couple of days later the cat was back, no worse for wear, but our parachute was gone, never to be seen again.

(Editors note: I had a cape when I jumped off our chicken coop roof. It's a wonder I've never broken any bones. My dad made an airplane out of a crate and pushed his brother off the chicken coop roof in it. Perhaps this is something farm kids simply must do, and maybe has something to do with the origins of the expression "when pigs fly".)

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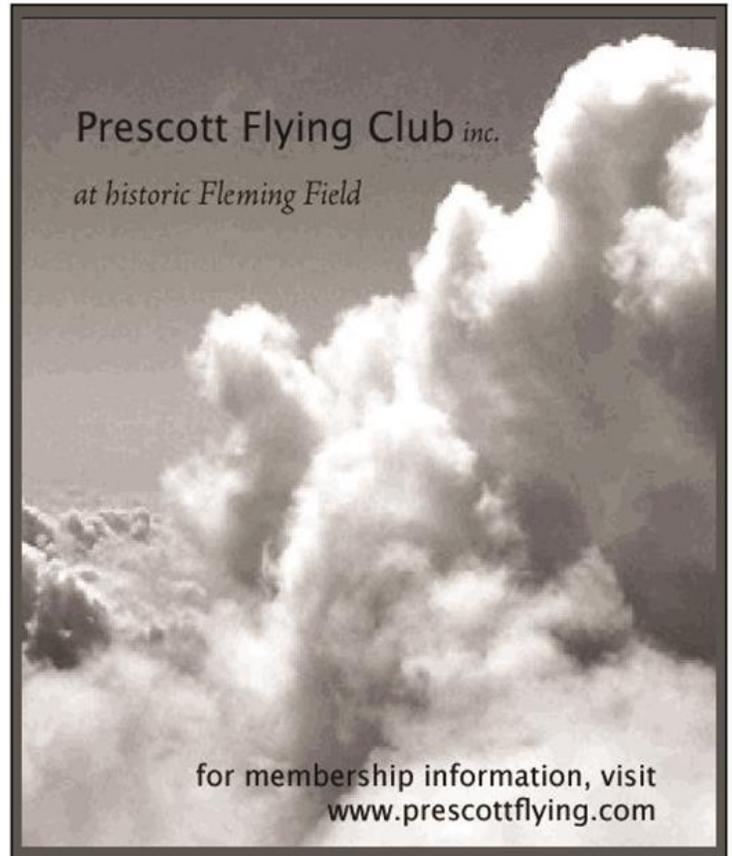
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FFAA Meeting Minutes --- October 7, 2014 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Mike Bergeson at 7:00 PM
2. Meeting minutes for the previous meeting were approved as published in the Fleming Flyer.
3. Treasurer Report Robyn Shear
 - Beginning Balance \$2987.53
 - Interest \$0.02
 - Ending Balance \$2987.55Treasurer report approved
4. Airport Managers Report - Glenn Burke
 - a. New operations specialist Joe Carney Starts Monday
 - b. Master Plan and environmental assessment went to the City Council.
 - c. Ramp construction proceeding well. Concrete now pored around fuel pumps.
5. Old Business - None
6. New Business - None
7. Activities - None
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM

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“The New Guy” (Airport Operations Specialist)

Joseph “Joe” Carney began working as the Operations Specialist at Fleming Field on October 13th. He hails from Kansas where he lived for the last 10 years and was employed as a dispatcher for the Kansas State Patrol. While working as a dispatcher, he also attended Kansas State University majoring in Airport Management. He is retired from the Army as a Signal Chief (communications). He is an avid Kansas State Wildcat, KC Chiefs and KC Royals fan.

Fuel System

We have opened the fuel area up to aircraft last week, but there is limited access until the asphalt pavement is installed up to the new concrete. The fuel trucks have been emptied and will be returned to Phillips 66 in early November.

Parking and storage of items on the airport

This is a friendly reminder that vehicles, boats, trailers, and other non-aircraft stuff are not to be stored outside hangars on the airport. We are trying to keep our airports' appearance as neat as possible. If you are going out on a trip for an extended period of time you can park your vehicle in your hangar, or along North Gate or South Gate Roads or any of the parking lots around the airport. Automobiles and trucks without current registration tabs are not allowed on public property and have to be removed quickly. The airport office will try to contact the adjacent hangar owners to find the owners of stored vehicles and ask that they be removed in a timely manner.

Airport Reconstruction Project

Here is the latest and greatest on the construction project. This month the contractor has completed:

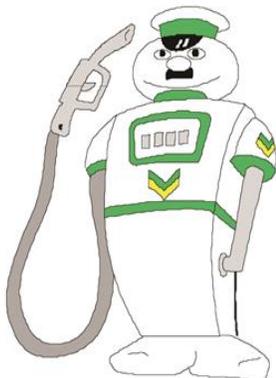
- The 1940 water line has been removed and replaced. All the new waterlines have been tested, passed and are in service.
- The 1940 storm sewer line has been replaced.
- The concrete fuel area is operational, with only the joint sealing remaining.
- All the aggregate base material is in and graded. The aircraft parking ramp is ready for paving.
- The extension of South Gate Road to the ramp is ready for paving.

The pavement process has been an ongoing headache. The original contractor backed out and a replacement paving contractor was found. The replacement paver argued that the quality control (QC) requirements were too tough and requested that the QC be waived or lowered. That contractor was removed. Finally McNamara Paving took the job. A test strip was paved on Thursday October 30th. If the results are good they will be back to pave the remainder of the ramp in the first week of November. I have my finger crossed for good results. It is likely that only one layer of pavement will be put down this year and the final layer next spring. Reconstruction of the North Diagonal Taxiway, Cessna and Decathlon Lanes will wait until next spring.

Airport Advisory Commission

The next Airport Advisory Commission meeting will be on December 9th at 6 pm. All are welcome. The agenda will include a continuing discussion on airport rules and regulations.

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