



FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, October 1, 6:00pm - Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting

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Appointed Positions

Activities

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Airport Manager

Glenn Burke
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2013 Calendar

1st Tuesday each month - FFAA

3rd Tuesday each month – EAA 1229

President's Pen

by Mike Bergeson

HPFF

Recently I went flying and after I landed I pulled the Cub up and parked by the terminal. I went in and poured myself a cup of coffee and sat down to enjoy some good airplane conversation. I was asked where I was flying to, and I point up and said, "The air." A pilot piped up and said he could understand. It is the most tranquil place to be. Another pilot sitting beside me said that some people talk about the risk of flying, but thought that sometimes it was the only safe place for him to be.



One pilot, who is very methodical and does everything by the book inserted his two cents and said that although it could be tranquil, it could be terrifying. He told us a story about how recently he was flying an airplane that he hadn't flown before and the fuel burn was substantially higher than expected for the engine that was in the airplane. He said he almost ran out of gas. He described it as a high pucker factor flight.

I have never heard of an acronym for a high pucker factor flight, but I think that HPFF would fit into the aviation vernacular well. I know that I have experienced HPFF, and when I look back it was mostly caused by my own ignorance. I guess it became a good learning opportunity.

HPFF can also be caused by factors beyond our control that no amount of preflight or planning could prevent. So, what can we do about HPFF? Go fly and practice emergency procedures until they become second nature. And then practice them some more. Burning gas is the cheapest insurance policy you have. Read a book. Barry Schiff wrote a great one, "The Proficient Pilot." Try some of Barry's suggestions. It will make you a better pilot.

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FFAA Meeting Minutes --- September 3, 2013 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by President Mike Bergeson at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes for the last meeting were approved as published in the Fleming Flyer
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear

Beginning Balance	\$3294.59
Interest credit	.03
Ending Balance	\$3294.62

Treasurer was approved.
4. Activities report Greg Bauer
 - Sunday Pancake Breakfast
 - 10-3 Car Show
 - CAF Dance
5. Old Business None
6. New Business
 - Moved and passed to donate \$250 to Food shelf (Neighbors of SSP)
7. Airport managers' report Glenn Burke
 - A. All hangars with water will be getting new water meters.
 - B. Glenn's new E-mail address is Gburke@sspmn.org
 - C. Airport finances \$844,000 airport operating fund deficit. \$521,000 capital fund deficit. This would go away when west side hangars are built on. 380 Airport Road deficit is the BRS hangar.
 - D. New weekend employ Amber Nordsing
 - E. Master Plan and Advisory Group
 - Discussing Runway length and Instrument approaches
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

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Airport Manager's Corner October 2013

TSA Inspection

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) visited Fleming Field in the first week of September for a surprise inspection. It went well with the exception of a couple of aircraft that were unlocked on the ramp with keys in the cockpit. Use this as a reminder that the aircraft should be locked even when you are stepping away from your aircraft for a few moments for the restroom.

Water Meter Replacement

Thanks to all hangar owners who let the meter replacement technician into their hangars. All the meters were replaced in the course of four working days. The old meter required a meter reader to hook up a handheld computer to get the meter reading. The new meters emit a radio signal when the meter reader drives past the property.

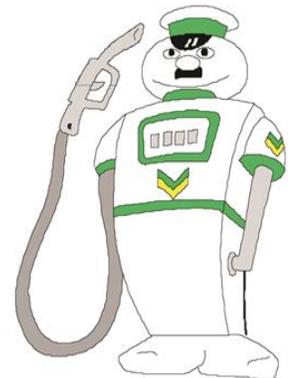
2014 Airport Budget

Last month I wrote about the 2012 financial results and how the total airport debt was reduced by \$294,134. That reduction was primarily from a transfer from the City to the Airport Fund for charges incurred by the airport that should have been paid by the city. Airport debt has come down from a high of \$2.21 million in 2006 to \$1.37 million in 2012. The airport 2014 budget will be submitted to the Airport Advisory Board (AAB) in the next few days. 2014 will be a year that will add to our deficit.

If the AAB and City Council approve the budget that I am submitting there will be a major paving project in 2014. That project would be the reconstruction of the aircraft ramp, north diagonal taxiway, and Cessna and Decathlon Lanes in the

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north hangar area. This is a \$2.3 million dollar project. Federal and State grants will cover approximately 87% of the project and assessments will be charged to adjacent hangars. The airport share will be in excess of \$210,000.

Airport Projects

The three 2013 Airport projects are complete. Everyone has seen that Henry Avenue asphalt removal and replacement project was completed in August. The second phase of Hangar 6-8 roof was completed in early September. A new thermo plastic roof membrane with additional insulation was installed. The runway crack sealing was finished on September 13th. 46,817 linear feet of crack were routed and sealed this year.

New E-mail Address

Please remember that I have a new e-mail address, gburke@sspmn.org. The city is changing its domain name and all city employees will have new email addresses that end in @sspmn.org. Take a few moments now to update your contact information with my new email address.