



FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, September 2, 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
- 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

Oshkosh

After a long hiatus from attending AirVenture I returned there this year for what was to be a one day visit. I went down with Terry, my neighbor from across the street. Well, we had so much fun on the first day we decided to stay a second day. We were able to locate a motel room right in Oshkosh. Although the room looked like it was from a live episode of Cops, it served its purpose.

The first day we tore through the displays and walked until it felt like our feet were lead. We approached the second day with a slower approach and had a wonderful time. The Saturday afternoon air show was one of the best I have ever seen. The USAF Thunderbirds were absolutely spectacular!

I saw several really neat airplanes. One was the oldest Super Cub and another was the PA-11 that was flown by Kernahan and Rinker Buck across the United States in Flight of Passage. One of my favorites was a blue and white Taylorcraft that was restored by Dave and Matt Retka (editor's note: Dave is a Fleming resident. Look for the father and son restoration story in a 2015 EAA magazine article).

I met a very friendly guy named Ed Doyle who had flown in with a Supercub. Ed competes in short takeoff and landing competitions. He told me that his record in a modified Cub was 35 feet for the takeoff and 45 feet for the landing. Ed humbly explained that the density altitude was probably below sea level and the Cub was experimental. Even so, it was quite an impressive feat.

After having fun all day, Terry and I decided to stay for the night air show. If you have never seen one, it is a thing of majestic beauty! The fireworks display after the show was without question the best display I have ever seen.

The exhibitor booths are a dangerous place to hang around. I ended up getting a set of vortex generators for my Cub. They are now installed and I am trying to figure out how the performance has changed. I did notice that my landings seem to be quite a bit shorter, but Ed doesn't need to worry about his record.....yet.



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FFAA Meeting Minutes --- August 5, 2014 Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by VP Ami Sela at 7:00 PM
2. Minutes for previous meeting were approved as published in the Fleming Flyer.
3. Treasurer report Robyn Shear
 - Beginning Balance \$2987.45
 - Interest \$0.05
 - Ending Balance \$2987.50Treasurer report approved.
4. Old Business None
5. New business None
6. Activities Report
 - a. September 14th Breakfast and Young Eagles.
 - b. Saturday 9th Movie Night at Ami's hangar 7:00 PM
7. Airport manager's report Glenn Burke
 - a. Ramp reconstruction grants awarded.
 - b. Taxi ways and area around fuel area done this Fall.
 - c. Assessments have gone out. Some have already signed financial agreements.
 - d. Environmental assessment almost done. FAA looked at it and is on board.
 - e. Master Plan goes before the City Council on September 22nd.
 - f. PAPI is out of service. New ones from Winona are being installed.
 - g. Hangar inspections just about done.
 - h. Operations Manual (rules and regulations) being updated.
 - i. Airport operations specialist position are being interviewed. 69 applicants.
 - j. Airport Advisory Commission meets September 9th at 6:00 PM. Agenda includes budget and capital improvements.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 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 to place an ad.

Airport Manager's Corner
September 2014

Master Plan and Environmental Analysis Update

The City Council will receive the final Master Plan (MP) recommendations at its September 22nd work session. The MP is a plan for orderly growth and maintenance of Fleming Field. The MP recommendations include:

- Adding overruns to both ends of the runway
- Add a new non-precision approach for runway 16
- Upgrading the approach to runway 34 from a non-precision to a precision approach
- Extending the west parallel taxiway to the end of the runway (when warrants)
- Update the airport rules and Regulation
- Properly staff the airport

The City Council has had several updates on the MP and has approved some parts of it last winter. If fully approved, the plan would be used as a guide for Fleming field for the next 20 years.

The Environmental Analysis (EA) is very close to completion. The draft EA was sent to 17 agencies for comment (editorial comment: This is a classic example on how much regulation our government imposes on everything. Think about how this impacts costs and the ability of U.S. businesses to compete). Four agencies have visited the airport to get a better understanding of the changes that we are proposing.

Staff also sent out a letter to 1,130 airport neighbors informing them of the draft EA. If there are no significant comments from the agencies' or neighbors the EA will be published and we can begin on the obstructing removals this fall.

2014 Reconstruction Project Update

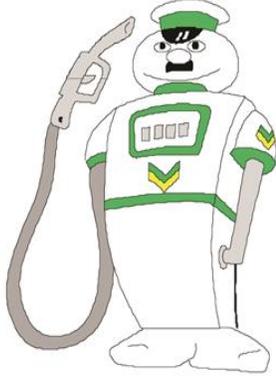
The FAA and MNDOT grants for the reconstruction project were delivered to the City and approved by the City Council this past month. The contractor has been notified that the financing has been finalized and the contracts have been delivered to them. We are waiting for the return of the signed contracts, insurance and bonding. Once those items are complete a notice to proceed will be given and the contractor will have 15 day to begin the project.

The fuel area is one of the first areas scheduled. During construction the fuel cabinets will not be available and two fuel trucks will be at the airports. The trucks will have Jet A and 100 LL. 91 UL auto gas will available during construction. The contractor has 20 working days to complete the fuel area.

This project budget is \$2,500,427. We are paying for the project as follows:

2014 Airport Reconstruction Project		
FAA Grant	\$	2,057,185
MNDOT Grant	\$	286,021
Tenants Improvement Fees	\$	43,329
City Share	\$	113,892
Project Budget	\$	2,500,427

FLEMING FIELD
Automated Fuel System



100LL	\$5.33
Premium Unleaded	\$4.49
Jet A	\$4.79

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This is the first reconstruction project to use tenant improvement fees at Fleming Field. The improvement fee is similar to a street assessment on a house. Hangar owners were given the option to pay the entire fee upfront or finance the fee over 10 years with 4% interest. The fee for a typical 70 wide lot is \$786. The fee for a bowstring hangar, on the ramp, was \$3,366. These fees help keep the airport debt down.

Operations Specialist

The first round of interviews was held for the Operations Specialist in August. The interview panel selected two candidates for another interview that will be held September 2 and 4. We are hoping that the new employee will begin work at the end of September or early in October.

PAPI

The Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) were removed in early August. All the hardware has been delivered to the airport. Installation should begin in the week following the Labor Day. The lights will be out of service after installation until a flight check has verified their accuracy.

Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) Meeting

The next Airport Advisory Commission meeting is Tuesday September 9th. Topics for Commission discussion will be the 2015 Airport budget and the updating of the airport rules and regulations. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm in the meeting room at the Terminal building. Everyone is welcome.