



# FLEMING FLYER

FFAA Meeting – Tuesday, August 4, 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**

Philip Tiedeman (beginning August 19)  
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### **2015 Calendar**

1st Tuesday each month – FFAA  
3rd Tuesday each month – EAA 1229  
August 22 – AOPA Fly-In Anoka (KANE)

## **President's Pen**

by Mike Bergeson

Once in a while life throws you curve. We all have experienced them. And we will all experience more of them. Life threw me a curve in late June. I drove out the South Dakota to see my folks for Father's Day. When I got back to Minnesota, my daughter Kirstie talked me into going back to South Dakota with her the next weekend in the Cub. Am I ever glad that she is a good at convincing me to do things to help her! (She has me wrapped around her little finger!)

When we got to my folks house my Dad was sitting in his recliner. Kirstie sat down on the floor in front of her Grandpa and started to ask questions about what his life was like growing up, how his folks met, and a multitude of other things. My Dad really opened up and told us stories that none of us had heard. It was a real treasure. On Saturday afternoon, Dad had a stroke. He passed away on the following Tuesday evening.

As you can imagine, during times like this, you need a little time to clear your head. I was glad that I had the Cub sitting out at the airport. On Monday, my niece, Amelia, and I went out and had an airplane ride. We needed it. So we just went up and flew. We saw antelope, deer, a bald eagle soaring above us, and storm damage from a recent storm. We chased our shadow along the ground as we tried to see how long we could keep our shadow on cars traveling west on Highway 14. We just flew with no destination in mind. We flew with only one purpose, to clear our heads. We flew for sanity. We flew until we needed more gas. And only then did we head back to the airport, refreshed and ready to continue our vigil with the rest of the family.

Remember, flying is not just for going somewhere. Flying is a great way to straighten out the curves that life sends our way. Go straighten out a few curves.

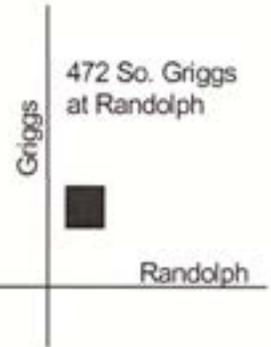


## FFAA Meeting Minutes — July 7, 2015 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Ami Sela.
2. Minutes for the previous meeting approved as published in the Fleming Flyer.
3. Treasurers Report by Robyn Shear:
  - a. Beginning Balance: \$\$3479.95  
Interest: \$.03
  - b. Ending Balance: \$3479.98
4. Old Business - None
5. New Business - None
6. Airport Report - Catie
  - a. **Pavement:** Tie-down holes have been bored and installed in the center of the ramp and are ready to use. The contractor will be coming back to regrade the drop on the shoulder for taxiways, and will also complete some minor concrete and grass repairs.
  - b. **Slurry Coat:** Slurry coat was completed on July 7. The area is closed off for the 24-hour cure time but will reopen after the curing is complete.
  - c. **Obstructions:** 95% of the work was completed last month, and all obstruction work is completely done now. The grant will be closed out in about a month.
  - d. **Gates:** The north and main gates have not been functioning properly. The system is about 10 years old and parts are no longer available. A MnDOT grant is being applied for the purchase and install a new system. In the meantime, remotes still work (cards do not). The gates are being held open longer, and the south gate is still functioning normally at this time. Stop signs will be added prior to entering the ramp as well.
  - e. **Hiring:** Steve Sommers, the maintenance employee, is now available 24 hours/week. Philip Tiedeman has been hired as the new airport manager. Philip comes from the airport in Brookings, South Dakota, and is in his late 20s. He is a St. Cloud State graduate and worked in Midland, Texas, before becoming the airport manager in Brookings. While in Brookings, Philip oversaw an airport reconstruction project that involved moving a stream, which gives him solid environmental impact experience. Philip is tentatively scheduled to start the first week in August. Catie will stay on as long as needed for the transition.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

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### Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society will be hosting their annual Relay for Life at Fleming Field again. This will be the second time the event has been hosted at the airport. The event will take place on Friday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. and continue until Saturday, August 8 at 6:00 a.m. The event is free to the public. Teams will walk around a track to bring awareness to cancer and raise money for research. The ramp will be closed for the event. Barricades will divide the group from operation zones to allow customers access to the fuel systems.

### Hangar Inspections

Thank you to those who completed their hangar inspections. The deadline to complete these inspections has moved to Monday, August 31. This is the last call for hangar inspections and re-inspections. Again, Airport staff and South Metro Fire are inspecting hangars in the south and all businesses on the field. Airport staff is inspecting north and west hangars solely. You may contact the airport office to schedule your inspection or if you need a re-inspection.

### Insurance Request

Airport staff will begin notifying hangar owners in regards to hangar insurance. It is required by the City of South St. Paul that all hangar owners have the following on the insurance:

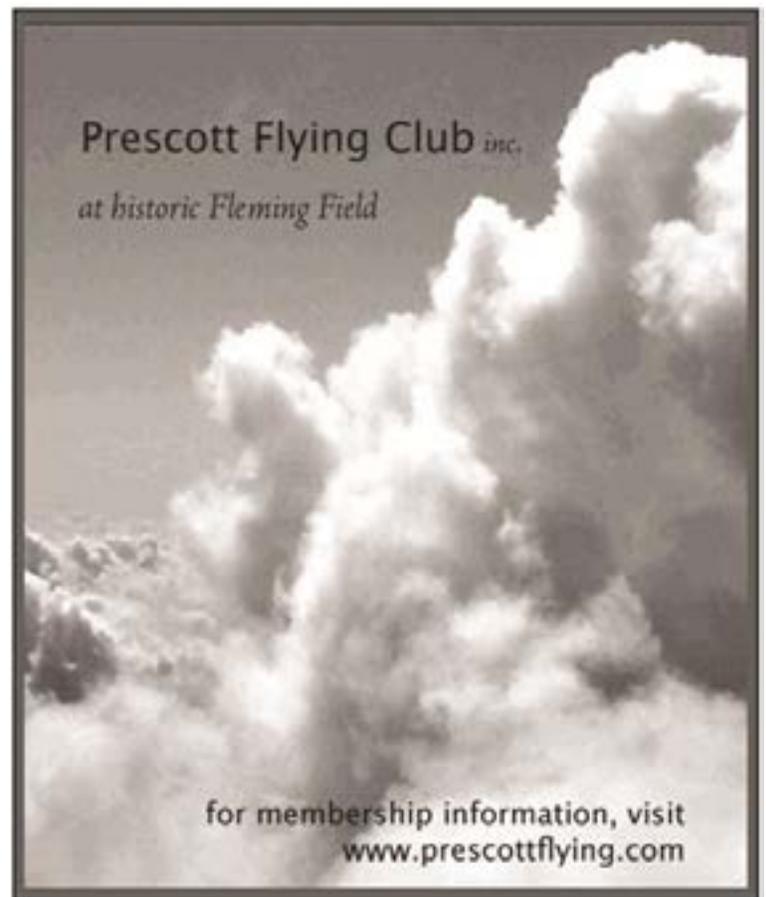
- \$1,000,000 General Liability Insurance
- The City of South Saint Paul must be named as additional insured
- The address of the covered property (i.e. the hangar on the airport)
- Expiration Date of Insurance

Please contact your insurance company to ensure the airport office has the certificates on file.

### Aircraft Incidence

On the morning of July 12, an aircraft was departing from Runway 16 to the south. The twin engine Cessna was not producing lift when the pilot aborted the takeoff. The aircraft ran off into the South Safety Area grass, into the fence, and came to a stop in the southern field before 70th Street. The pilot was not injured during the event. South Metro Fire, South St. Paul Police, and Airport Staff were on site during the day. The aircraft was lifted, placed on a flatbed, and transported to a more secured area on airport grounds. The incidence is still under investigation. Staff is in the process to make the necessary repairs on the fence.

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## Airport Cont'd Construction

The ramp reconstruction is 99% completed. Representatives from Steininger, Bolton & Menk and City staff did a walk through on Wednesday in the last week of July. During the final walkthrough items were identified to the contractor to complete the project. Some items mentioned were installing street signs on the north hangar area, regrade taxiway shoulders and reseed areas. The project will be considered finished upon completion of the final list.

## Gate Cards Access:

The City Council approved an emergency grant from Minnesota Department of Transportation and accepting the bid from Bloomington Security during Tuesday, July 21st meeting to upgrade the card readers and software. The grant will cover 80% of the total cost of the upgrade and the City will cover the remaining 20%. Staff delivered the signed agreement to MNDOT in the last week of July. Once MNDOT executes the agreement Bloomington Security can schedule a day to do the installations. The new system will be the next generation of the current system. Staff will now have the capability to wirelessly transmit information to each card reader from the office. The new system will also allow the transfer of the current database. If you already have an access card, you will not need to be issued a new one.

## Tractor Replacement update

On the same night, the Council also approved a bid for a new John Deere tractor, mower decks, and broom along with the grant from MNDOT to purchase the equipment. MNDOT will cover 80% of the expense and the City will cover the remaining 20%. The signed grants were delivered to MNDOT and are waiting for further processing. In the interim, the City's Public Works will mow the larger grass areas.

## Airport Manager

The City Council approved the hire of Philip Tiedeman as the new Airport Manager for Fleming Field. Philip comes from the Brookings Regional Airport in Brookings, South Dakota where he has served as the Airport Manager since 2011. Philips background includes a wide array of airport experience, including overseeing an extensive Airfield Realignment Project at the Brookings Regional Airport. Philip is scheduled to being work on Wednesday, August 19th. Please feel free to stop by the office to introduce yourself to him. Let's show Philip why Fleming Field is an awesome place to be!

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