It Sneaks Up On You

Each month I wait for inspiration to hit as I sit down in front of my computer and start to write my article for the FFAA newsletter. I ponder about flights that I have recently made, articles I have read, and memories of my past experiences. As I was sitting here, I remembered that October 14th, 1947 is the anniversary of when Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in the Bell X-1. That was only 13 years before I was born. Well, this will be the 68th anniversary of that accomplishment.

Thinking about the time that has passed since General Yeager’s broke the sound barrier makes me realize that I am past 50. All of us over 50 realize that we do not feel the same as we did 25 years ago. We find aches and pains that have no reason. We wake up in the night to full bladders, muscle cramps, and stiff joints. I hate to admit it, but I take these as warning signs that my days of being able to pass a third class medical are numbered. My days of flying my Super Cub are numbered. I want to be able to fly well into my retirement years. Flying is my happy place.

As most of us know, legislation has been introduced in the U.S Senate and the U.S House of Representatives that will eliminate the need for a third class medical certificate for private pilots that need the certificate because our airplanes have a gross weight higher than a light sport airplane. This legislation is important to stimulate general aviation and keep us all flying longer.

As of now the U.S Senate’s version of the Pilot’s Bill of Rights 2, S.571 has the support of 62 U.S. Senators. However, Minnesota’s senators have not signed on as co-sponsors. Please contact Senators Franken and Klobuchar and explain the importance of this bill to general aviation.

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The U.S. House of Representatives version of the Pilot’s Bill of Rights 2, H.R.1062, has the support of 140 U.S. Representatives. Minnesota fairs better here, as four of our Representatives (John Kline, Erik Paulsen, Collin Peterson, and Rick Nolan) have signed on as co-sponsors. We still need to get Tim Walz, Betty McCollum, Keith Ellison, and Tom Emmer to sign on. Please contact them and let them know how we feel about passing this important legislation that will help keep us flying.

We all need this so that we can continue going to our happy place.

**FFAA Meeting Minutes — September 1, 2015 Meeting**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Mike Bergeson.
2. Minutes for the previous meeting approved as published in the Fleming Flyer.
3. Treasure’s Report by Robyn Shear
   a. Beginning Balance: $3,480.01
   b. Ending Balance: $3,480.04
   c. A motion was approved by the membership to move the organization’s checking account from Bremer Bank to Wings Financial Credit Union to save money on frequent incurred fees.
4. Old Business: None
5. New Business - None
6. Activities Report:
   a. October 10th is the tenant’s BBQ at the terminal. $300 was approved at the August meeting to pay for the expenses.
   b. Saturday, September 12th was the hangar dance at the CAF hangar.
   c. September 19th, was the Young Eagles Fly Out and pancake breakfast.
   d. Kathy Fox, from Sierra Hotel, mentioned the “Planes ‘n Paws” Open House on October 17th at the CAF hangar.
7. Airport Manager’s Report:
   a. Basic introduction - Philip Tiedeman
      * Came from Brookings, SD and before that Midland, TX
      * He’s just trying to take everything in and get a base knowledge
   b. Relay for Life Event will be back next year
   c. Hangar inspections - hangar owners need to provide proof to the city that they (the city) is named as an insured on their personal insurance policies
   d. Lighting project is coming along.
   e. New mower is projected to be delivered in October.
   f. The beacon is waiting for Molnar Electric.
   g. The PAPIs are operational now.
   h. The fence still needs to be repaired. No date yet on when the contractor will be coming to do this.
   i. On the 24th of September the gates are scheduled to be updated.
      * Kirk Lindberg asked if the wireless remotes are still going to be usable. Philip was not sure.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

**Past Airport Events**

Bob Brown III Car Show – This is car show was a fund raiser for a great cause. With 427 show cars and motorcycles and over 2000 spectators we raised over $10,000, which 100% of all money goes the Ronald McDonald House at Gillette Hospital. The Street Rod Association also held a voting event at our show which hosted another 26 cars and over 500 votes. City Councilor, Lori Hanson was also present to pick her favorite car and motorcycle for special trophies. Even the real Ronald McDonald clown was present.

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Airport Manager’s Corner contd.

Mad Further Car Show – This car show was a collaboration of Further Performance, Madspeed Car Club, Ben’s VeeDub Shop, Long Ball Rally, and Dubs in the Valley. There were over 290 cars on display and between 4,000 and 5,000 spectators. There was judging on different categories as well as an overall winner. To read more information visit the show’s website: http://www.madfurther.com/index.html

CAF Fall Bombers Moon Ball – A huge crowd turned out for the Fall Bombers Moon Ball, held September 19th at the Commemorative Air Force MN Wing’s hangar at the South St. Paul Airport. Free Dance lessons were provided before the dance from TC Swing & TC Rhythm & Swing. Music was provided by the Roseville Big Band and the CAF B-25 “Miss Mitchell” provided some late-night entertainment by running her engines up after dark. Photos from the event can be viewed at the following link: http://www.matthollandphotography.com/Events/CAF/CAF-Bombers-Moon-Ball-Hangar/

Upcoming Airport Events

Planes ‘n Paws’ – On October 17, 2015, the Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing, MN Flyer Magazine, and Sierra Hotel Aero, Inc will host the first Annual Adoption & Awareness Expo. For more information please visit their website: http://www.planesnpaws.com/

River Heights Chamber of Commerce – Progress Plus

On September 30th, the River Heights Chamber of Commerce – Progress Plus, conducted a tour of various transportation, business, and development opportunities in the area. The group met at the Airport Terminal where Airport Manager, Philip Tiedeman spoke briefly about the airport, the businesses located at the airport, and the areas available for development and growth. The group then boarded a bus to tour the communities and closed out the afternoon with a reception at Wipaire.

Lady Luck

There is a new resident airplane in our terminal. Lady Luck is a scale model of a B-17F WWI Long Range Bomber. She wears the marking of “Lady Luck”
flown by the 91st Bomb Group, 324th Bomb Squadron, 8th Air Force. She was built and flown by Brian Crossley.

Beacon Replacement

A new high-intensity airport rotating beacon was installed Monday, September 21. It may appear brighter compared to the old beacon due to an increase in the intensity. This helps pilots identify and locate the airport through various atmospheric conditions and light pollution from the surrounding communities.

Access Gate Upgrades

The access gate upgrades will be concluded early October. Bloomington Security Solutions will be starting with new software upgrades and the Terminal door to work out any bugs before moving onto the vehicle gates. Once finished at the Terminal, they will then move on to the Main Gate, North Gate, West Gate, and finish with the East Gate. The old cards and openers should still work with the new system.

Tractor Replacement

The tractor is currently at Diamond Mowers having attachment mounts installed. We still anticipate the arrival of the tractor sometime in October.

2016 Airport Budget and Projects

The current proposed budget has been submitted to and approved by the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC). There are still a few Capital items to work out scheduling and timing with the FAA and MNDOT. If the budget is approved as is, the airport will be continuing with obstruction removals, crack sealing and seal coating on taxiways and taxilanes, replacing two roofs on the City owned Bowstring hangars, epoxy coating the airport maintenance hangar floor, and acquiring a blower attachment. Federal and State grants will cover approximately 85.6% of the projects. The airport’s share will be just over $64,000.

FAA InFO 15012, Logging Instrument Approach Procedures (IAP)

This InFO (Information for Operators) clarifies the conditions under which a pilot may log an IAP in his or her logbook. Logging IAPs is necessary for a pilot to show compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) instrument currency and training requirements. Furthermore, the information contained in this InFO may be applied to instrument practical tests and instrument proficiency checks. http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USAFAA/2015/09/22/file_attachments/427533/InFO15012.pdf

Airport Advisory Commission

The Airport Advisory Commission will be meeting on October 13th at 6 PM. All are welcome.

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