

CROSSWIND RUNWAY 05/23 RUNWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Bids for the construction of Crosswind Runway 05/23 will be received on April 29, 2008. Anticipated work to be completed under the project and likely to begin in early June will include the earthwork, borrow and subbase placement for the 3,000' x 75' runway. Other planned activity for this years work will include misc. airfield lighting, the placement of the underdrain system, and crushed aggregate base course. In 2007, the airport completed the initial construction phase of the project involving the installation of drainage improvements and storm sewer for the runway site. You may have noticed the flailed end sections for this system currently located off the frontage road on the north side of the property. These sections will be connected and opened up during the grade work. Other preparations which began in 2007 involved the completion of the required Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and the environmental permitting process.



All eligible project costs are being funded with 95% federal funding participation through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement

Program. Therefore the project is being bid to include alternate phases to allow for flexibility in the award of the project depending on the federal funding that may become available. Phase II of the project will also be bid to include the actual paving, marking, lighting, navaid placement, and landscaping. This phase is anticipated to be completed in 2009 but components of it may begin yet in 2008.

The plan has the airport remaining open throughout the construction period. To accommodate air traffic while work is being conducted in the existing runway safety zone a displaced threshold is planned to be in place on Runway 30/12 for a period of time. Upon the award of the project a more detailed schedule will be determined. Look for more information in the coming weeks regarding schedules, construction impacts, and aircraft movement area impacts throughout the project. Please contact Dave at 444-2448 with any questions that you may have regarding the project, special provisions, safety plan, or to schedule a time to review the plans.

CROSSWINDS QUOTE:

There's nothing like an airport for bringing you down to earth

— Richard Gordon



2008 YOUTH AVIATION DAY CAMPS

Registration for the 2008 Youth Aviation Day Camps will begin April 26th 2008 at Willow Creek School from 7:00– 10:00 AM. If you miss the sign up day please contact Dave at (507) 444-2448 or the Owatonna Park and Recreation Office at (507) 444-4321. The camps will be held beginning the week of August 4th, 2008.

Aviation Discovery: This is a half day aviation camp for youth grades 1-3 completed. Children will have the opportunity to learn about airplane model building and many other visual and hands on experience that will introduce your child to the many facets of aviation.

Aviation Exploration: This four day camp is for youth grades 4-7 completed and is full of hands on activities. The camp is an exciting and educational experience for kids interested in learning more about aviation. The camp will also include the building and flying of a balsa wood model.



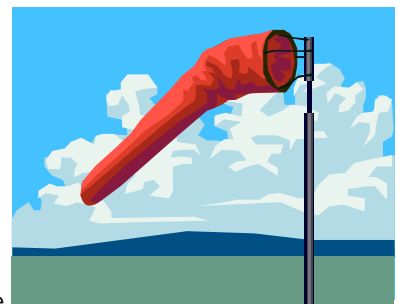
SPRING/SUMMER SAFETY

The weather is improving and as the temperature rises, so does the number of aircraft flying. Please be vigilant for other traffic not only in the traffic pattern, but in the local area.

This year will also see increased construction activity at the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport. Contractors will be following a construction safety plan and be limited to movement within approved areas. Be alert to ground activity on the airport and fly safe!

MUSIC IN OWATONNA EVENT

In late 2007 the Airport Commission approved a Special Use Permit application from the Music In Owatonna group as part of the process to allow for the use of the airport as a venue for the 2008 Music in Owatonna event. Music in Owatonna has scheduled the event for Saturday, June 7th and will feature the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Be aware of additional auto parking and foot traffic activity. There should be minimal impacts on any aircraft movement areas during the event.



2008 CIVIL AIR PATROL FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

The annual Civil Air Patrol Pancake Breakfast is planned for Sunday, August 24th. Mark your calendars for what is always a great community event!



2008 Minnesota Airport Directory

Additional copies of the 2008 Minnesota Airport Directory and Travel Guide are available. Please contact, Airport Manager, Dave Beaver for more information!

AIRPORT COMMISSION

We would like to welcome Joe Green as the newest member to the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport Commission. Joe has been employed with Owatonna Public Utilities for over 5 years and is currently the Director of Gas, Water and Power Production. In addition to his varied responsibilities at the utilities, Joe has been active in other city functions including Partners for Progress which builds on the strengths of five organizations (city, chamber, county, incubator and utility) to meet the economic development needs of existing and locating businesses.

In his free time, Joe is active in coaching sports, enjoys the outdoors, and spending time with his wife Sheri and three children, Evan, Alex and Ashley.

Welcome Joe!

The Owatonna Airport Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend this public meeting. Come out to the airport to learn more about current news and the future plans of the airport.

AIRPORT COMMISSION:

- Rich Anderson
- Jerry Carstensen
- Joe Green
- Doug Hughes
- Dan McIntosh
- Don Myers
- Kyle Wolfe

Notes:

- If you have any interesting stories, ideas, or flying adventures that you would like included as a possible story in a future edition of the Crosswinds Newsletter let us know at airport@ci.owatonna.mn.us
- Direct payment options are now available to T-hangar renters. If interested in setting up automatic payments please contact Dave.
- If you wish to receive The Crosswinds Newsletter via e-mail, send an e-mail to Dave at: airport@ci.owatonna.mn.us or call the airport at (507) 444-2448 or they may also be viewed at the airport website at www.owatonnaairport.com