

CROSSWINDS OWATONNA AIRPORT'S NEWSLETTER

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AIRPORT FLY-IN BREAKFAST TIME!

2007 CIVIL AIR PATROL FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

The Annual Airport Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast to benefit the Owatonna Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be held Sunday, August 26th. The fly-in breakfast is a great way to get to know others on the airport and show off our great airport facility to the community and visiting pilots. The event is traditionally well attended and will include a variety of attractions from warbirds to RC models. The CAP will be serving a great French Toast breakfast with sausage and fresh fruit. The breakfast cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 10. Pre-sale tickets are available as well, \$5 adults/\$3 children. If you would like to help or have an idea on how to improve the event please feel free to stop by or contact Dave or Philip at (507) 444-2448.



THE HEALING FIELD

The Owatonna Degner Regional Airport will be the venue for the 2007 Healing Field event sponsored by the Owatonna and Steele County Exchange Clubs. The event will take place beginning on September 11th through September 14th.

The Healing Field is a flag display set up in recognition of a particular event or group of people. The original Healing Field was a September 11 memorial to honor those lives that were lost. The Owatonna display will consist of 1,000 flags, each will represent a person or event of honor. Each flag will have a ribbon on it so patrons can honor: service people, family members, anniversaries, soldiers, cancer survivors, victims, etc.



T-38 DISPLAY DEDICATION

On July 3rd, the T-38 jet aircraft display was officially dedicated to the new location on the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport. The airport is a fitting and appropriate location for the one of a kind landmark display welcoming visitors to our community. Private contributions made up the majority of funds needed to make the move from the former Heritage Halls Museum property to the airport a reality. A committee lead by the mayor, city officials, Airport Commission, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce, and other civic leaders was the driving force behind the project. The display is truly unlike any other in the world!

CROSSWINDS QUOTE:

Flexible is much too rigid, in aviation you have to be fluid.

— Verne Jobst

CROSSWIND RUNWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Phase 1 construction of Crosswind Runway 05/23 is scheduled to begin in September! Bids were received on July 10, 2007 and contract awarded to Blitz Construction of Stewartville, MN to begin the initial phase of the runway project. This years work will include primarily the drainage improvements and installation of storm sewer for the runway site. The airport will also be completing the environmental work, storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), and the wetland mitigation required under the project. This years construction should have a minimal impact to users and not involve any major runway or aircraft movement area closures. Work is anticipated to be completed under phase 1 in a limited four to six week time frame after notice to proceed is issued. All project costs will be 95% federally funded through the FAA Airport Improvement Program.



MINNESOTA AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Gary E. Underland has been inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame. He first soloed in 1956 and started his career as a crop sprayer, worked on aircraft maintenance, and gave flight instruction. He later flew with Buzz Kaplan on many long distance flights, including those to Siberia, the Arctic Circle, and Europe. Underland also mentored many young aviators, teaching them to fly and build their own aircraft.



The Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame is a means for honoring Minnesota Pioneers and historic aviation persons in a lasting and significant way. In other words it is a way to recognize the contributions made by those who have helped promote the aviation environment we are so proud of. Other inductees to the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame were: Roger Anderson, Ray Brown, Harold Chandler, Curtis Erickson, and General Lauris Norstad. A local reception is planned for Gary in honor of this achievement for Aug 24, 2007. Please contact Dave for details.

SUMMER AIRPORT INTERN

CURRENT TOPICS IN AVIATION

Reauthorization –

http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/reauthorization

Airbus A380 –

<http://airbus-a380-news.newslib.com>

New Instrument Procedures Handbook –
FAA-H-8261-1A, dated 2007 supercedes the IPH dated 2004

A big thank you to Phil Tiedeman the 11th Intern at the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport. Phil has been involved in a variety of projects and helped out in a number of airport administrative and operational tasks. Phil also planned the 2007 youth aviation camp program which included two programs. On August 6th the half-day Aviation Discovery camp met and children aged 6-10 learned about model building and other hands-on aviation activities. Then beginning on August 7th the Aviation Exploration camp met for four days for youth aged 11-14 to learn about aviation. Way to go Phil on making the camps such a big success!

Phil is a recent graduate of the University of North Dakota with a major in Aviation Management and is also a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI). His last day of work at the airport will be on August 26th at the fly-in breakfast, an event he helped plan. Another thank you to Phil for all the hard work and good luck as he continues to pursue a career in airport administration!



AOPA'S AIRPORT WATCH VIDEO

Do you know what to look for? Do you know how to respond? A short 19-minute video was created to help answer these questions. Airport Watch is narrated by AOPA president Phil Boyer, in it you will learn how to better protect your airport. Contact Dave Beaver at (507) 444-2448 for more information. This video can also be viewed online at the following address <http://media.aopa.org/airportwatch.aspx>

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
- For your convenience we have posted all Emergency contact information and phone numbers in all of the T-hangar units.
- Direct payment options are now available to T-hangar renters. If interested in setting up automatic payments please contact Dave.
- We are always looking for new ways to improve airport security, if you have any ideas please contact the airport at (507) 444-2448.
- 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

AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Owatonna Airport Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 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. We would also like to welcome the newest Airport Commissioner, Dan McIntosh.

AIRPORT ZONING

The Owatonna Joint Airport Zoning Board met recently for their annual meeting. The board reviewed current zoning legislation impacting airports and local zoning issues. The City of Owatonna working closely through the joint board is committed to protecting the airport through proper land use development and enforcement of the Airport Zoning Ordinance. Thank you to the members of the board!

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