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OWATONNA AIRPORT'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST, 2005

WHAT'S NEW AT THE OWATONNA AIRPORT?

2005 is another busy year at the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport. The new 10-unit T-hangar building project is complete and has added to the hangar capacity of the airport. The project was the first of its kind in the state of Minnesota utilizing 95% federal funding for a revenue producing project.

Improving the accessibility of the airport and community is an airport priority. This year the City of Owatonna continues to work towards the construction phase of the Crosswind Runway. Runway 04/22 is planned for years 2006 and 2007. Much of the work is already in place including land acquisition, zoning, and preliminary design phase engineering. The required Environmental

Re-evaluation is currently underway.

Other airport improvement projects that will be completed in 2005 include the extension of the hangar area taxi-lane, new runway markings, the airside sub-drain system repairs, and work to correct the settling around the runway and taxiway edges. The City of Owatonna will also be completing needed roof repairs to the main heated hangar facility and adding new carpet to the lobby and office area occupied by Rare Aircraft Ltd.

The airport is an important asset to the Owatonna community and a vital economic development tool. It has

been rewarding to work with the community "Partners for Progress" group made up of representatives from the City and County Planning departments, Owatonna Business Incubator, and the Owatonna Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development Authority. The group is tasked with the economic development of the community and recognizes the value of the airport. The airport has been identified as a key component of the overall work plan. This will help ensure proper land use development around the airport, enhance the use of the facility, and coordinate development and the protection of the airport as a valued community resource.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the hard working members of the Owatonna

Airport Commission. This group of community minded individuals volunteer time towards making our airport a better facility. Additionally, I would like to thank the members of the Owatonna Joint Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment for their commitment to protecting the airport through the Airport Zoning Ordinance.

Lastly, please check out our new dedicated airport website currently under construction at www.owatonnaairport.com.

Of course, make plans to attend the 2005 Airport Fly-In breakfast to be held Sunday August 28, 2005 from 7:00 AM to Noon!!!

ANNUAL FLY-IN BREAKFAST

The Owatonna Airport will be holding its annual Fly-In Breakfast on August 28, 2005. Join us for a French toast breakfast, static aircraft displays, R/C airplane displays, and more! Call Dave or Matt at (507) 444-

2448 for more information. See you at the airport!



"The airport runway is the most important main street in any town."

Norm Crabtree,
former aviation
director for the state
of Ohio

2005 AIRPORT INTERN

For nearly a decade the city of Owatonna has helped college students start their careers in airport administration by offering a summer internship. This summer's intern was Matt Thompson, a student at the University of North Dakota. Matt assisted Dave with nearly all aspects of managing the airport including, conducting the daily inspection, helping with field maintenance, updating lease

agreements, and helping plan the 2005 Fly-in Breakfast. The internship has been a great learning experience for Matt, who is expected to graduate in December of this year. The Owatonna Degner Regional Airport would like to wish Matt good luck in his future career.



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Freedom,
Beauty,
Adventure...
aviation
offers it all.”*

Charles
Lindberg

In the upcoming months, we will be working on updating our airport web site. More details to come in future issues of *Crosswinds Newsletter*.

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