

## T-38 MONUMENT RELOCATION PROJECT

Work is underway to re-locate the T-38 aircraft display from the former Heritage Halls property to the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport.

A small group representing the Kaplan family, the Kaplan estate, the City of Owatonna, and the Airport Commission are leading the project.

The display has truly become an Owatonna community landmark. Preserving the display by relocating it to airport property is a good fit and a fitting tribute to Buzz Kaplan. The move also meets the Air Force display eligibility requirements.

The estimated project cost is \$85,000. Those interested in contributing can do so. Please contact Dave to learn more.

**Winter Guests:** *Two foxes recently photographed at the Minneapolis International Airport.*

"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

Leonardo Da Vinci

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE...

The Owatonna Degner Regional Airport Commission met recently in an annual planning meeting. Topics discussed included a variety of short and long term objectives for development of the facility. A continued priority is the completion of the construction phase of the Crosswind Runway 04/22. The construction phase of the project is scheduled to be divided between years 2006 and 2007 and is eligible for 95% Federal funding participation. The airport is currently completing the required Environmental Re-evaluation for the project and preparing the project bid documents to include plans and specifications. Runway 04/22 is planned for 3,000' x 75' asphalt paved and lighted. We are currently working with the FAA and MnDOT Aeronautics to determine the timing and funding for the project. The construction component of the project will be coordinated so as to create as little of an operational interruption as possible.

More on this in the coming months....

## WINTER OPERATIONS

It's winter time again! Winter can be a very enjoyable time of year to fly in Minnesota. It also means a constant battle with ice and snow on the airport. As a reminder please take care to pick up any tie down ropes, parking chocks, or any other hazard to snow removal equipment or other aircraft on the air operations area.

Freezing T-hangar doors can also be a problem. If you know you will be flying and need assistance with a door, please let Dave know ahead of time. We can make sure that the door is working properly and cleared for your departure.



## AIRPORT WEB-SITE

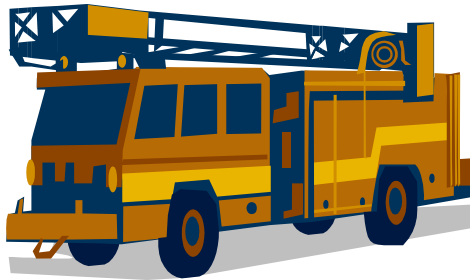
Please take a moment to view the new airport web-site at [www.owatonnaairport.com](http://www.owatonnaairport.com). The site is still being tweaked here and there and we would sure appreciate your input. We would like to incorporate any suggestions into the site in order to provide the information that you need! Please give Dave a call with any thoughts.



*The mother of a young man who had just earned a commission and his pilots wings said to him "Now you remember son, don't take any chances, you fly low and slow!"*

## AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING TRUCK

The Owatonna Degner Regional Airport is committed to the safe operation of the airport facility. In conjunction with the Owatonna Fire Department, the airport has acquired an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Truck. The truck is recently retired from



the Rochester International Airport due to upgrade requirements imposed from the FAA. The truck has a 1,000 gallon foam and water capacity. The truck can be used as a first line of defense for any major aircraft or airport structural fire.

Increased planning, awareness, and practical exercise of the airport emergency plan are essential. The airport currently reviews the existing Emergency Plan annually. Within the next two years the airport will be sponsoring a large scale exercise simulating an airport emergency. We will be partnering with several area law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and the CAER and CERT agencies to plan the drill. There is a great deal of coordination and planning required to run such an event. If you are interested in participating with the Emergency exercise please contact Dave to learn more.

## FEDERATED SIGN

You may have noticed some construction activities along the airport frontage road on the North side of the Airport Property. The City of Owatonna has approved an agreement with Federated Insurance Company to construct a monument type sign. The sign will welcome visitors to Owatonna which is also the national headquarters of the company. The sign meets all local airport and City zoning requirements.



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