

CROSSWINDS

OWATONNA AIRPORT'S NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2006

SUMMERTIME AT THE OWATONNA AIRPORT

SUMMER SAFETY

Summer is upon us at the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport. 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. Watch out for Ultralights! Also, remember your radio calls for the safety of you and the local flying community!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday, August 26th: North Central Cessna 170 Fly-In. Events include tours, hangar flying, and cookout.

Sunday, August 27th: 21st Annual Fly-In Breakfast to benefit the Civil Air Patrol. Adults \$6, Children \$4. Be sure to bring your family to this community event!

FROM THE INTERN:

"...if everything is going along smoothly something MUST have been overlooked."

~Anonymous

T-38 RELOCATION PROJECT UPDATE

The T-38 fighter jet display currently located at the former Heritage Halls property is beginning its relocation. As many of you know, the display will be moved to the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport. A site has been finalized; just north of the maintenance garage next to the Frontage Road. The display relocation is now awaiting FAA airspace approval. In the meantime, we are beginning to coordinate design and construction for the project. Plans include a new concrete base, and a pedestrian approach area with a commemorative display. Our hope is to complete the relocation before the Fall. Once again, we would like to thank all who have donated generously to help fund the T-38 relocation project.



2006 CIVIL AIR PATROL FLY-IN BREAKFAST

The 21st Annual Fly-In Breakfast to benefit the Owatonna Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be held Sunday, August 27th from 7:00am to 12:00pm. Events include a french toast breakfast served by the CAP, static aircraft displays including a B-25, silent auction and more. It is a community event with proceeds benefiting a great cause.

We are always looking for ways to improve the breakfast each year. If you have an idea, contact, or would like to display your aircraft for the event, please call Dave or Marcus at (507) 444-2448.



JUST A REMINDER ...

Many have inquired about the use of the turf areas adjacent to the runway and taxiways at the airport for takeoffs and landings. The use of these grass areas is not approved by the airport. These areas are not maintained, zoned, marked, or lighted as runways for standard aircraft operations. Thank you for your cooperation!



CROSSWIND RUNWAY PROJECT UPDATE

Never a day passes at the Owatonna Airport without an individual inquiring about the crosswind runway. Here is an update!

The new crosswind runway project (04/22, 3,000 ft. x 100 ft.) is in its final design phase as of late July. The airport consulting firm plans to complete this phase by the middle of August, allowing for construction to begin soon afterwards. The Owatonna Airport hopes to begin construction in the Fall of 2006, pending grant allocation by the State of Minnesota and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the fiscal year. Federal and State money allocations may delay construction until 2007. If you would like to view the preliminary plans for the new runway, please stop by the airport for a first-hand look!

AIRPORT ACTIVITY

The Owatonna Airport has seen activity levels mixed as compared to previous years. A number of factors can be attributed to this including higher overall costs. For June 2006, the Owatonna Airport saw record sales of 100LL aviation fuel, but also saw a decrease in Jet A fuel sales. Why? The answer can be attributed to the cyclical nature of the aviation industry. We look for the corporate traffic to rebound permanently through the airport's marketing efforts. The Owatonna Airport staff is constantly working to improve the viability of the airport as a regional transportation resource to increase corporate traffic. We will continue to work with local businesses to assist them in utilizing the Owatonna Degner Regional Airport for their travel needs. So far through July, corporate traffic is on the rise. As for the general aviation community, we aim to maintain high levels of activity despite high costs.



AIRPORT BROCHURE

The Owatonna Airport staff, along with the assistance of members of the Airport Commission, have been working on a new airport brochure, designed to inform and attract local general aviation pilots to the airport. The brochure continues with the airport's existing marketing plan, designed to increase awareness to the pilots and public of the services available at the Owatonna Airport. Look for the new publication in the coming months!

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 future plans at the Degner Regional Airport.

T-HANGAR AVAILABILITY

Do you know of anyone who owns an aircraft looking for a year-round storage solution? Tired of being on a waiting list for years? The Owatonna Degner Regional Airport has T-Hangars available for rent. Contact Dave Beaver at (507) 444-2448 for more information.

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Note: If you have any interesting story, idea, or flying adventure 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

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