

MEADOW LAKE AIRPORT (00V)

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Newsletter - February, 2009

- Attachments: (1) "A Dangerous Day at Meadow Lake"
(2) MLAA Rule 91-1 (Rev'd), Written Consent Required to Vend or Store Gasoline
(3) MLAA Financial Statements (2006 & 2007)
(4) MLAA Budget Worksheet for 2009 and explanation
(5) MLAA 2009 Dues Notice (yellow cover sheet)
(6) Annual MLAA Census Memo (yellow cover sheet)

President's Remarks (Dave Elliott):

LASP NPRM: Many of you are aware of the recent Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) from TSA regarding a Large Aircraft Security Program (over 12,500 lbs) *and* the airports that serve them. Over 4,000 submissions were made to TSA ... all negative! Since the probable extension of the proposed regulation was to all reliever airports, we submitted a comment as well. The text of that response is posted on the MLA website. Stay tuned for follow-on advisories.

MLA Traffic Pattern: We recently received a letter from concerned member/CFI about apparent haphazard traffic pattern operations on our busy weekends (*see attachment 1*). While it is always up to the PIC to exercise prudent judgment for runway selection and radio advisories, the Board would encourage all pilots at Meadow Lake to review and exercise standard AIM practices at 00V, especially with our weather reporting unavailable:

- Listen to traffic pattern advisories for runway in use ... before entering the pattern ...
- or overfly the airfield at 1,500 AGL (8,500 MSL) to check traffic and windsock (... watch for gliders);
- Plan on RWY 15 being the default runway ... up to a 10 knot tailwind;
- Plan on a standard 45 degree entry to the downwind ... especially when there are aircraft in the pattern;
- Don't do straight-ins or overheads when there are aircraft in the standard pattern;
- Use standard traffic advisory radio calls ...

Let's be considerate neighbors out there.

Annual Membership Meeting - Nominating Committee: Our annual General Membership Meeting is coming up in 2 months (May 12th). Verlin Schauer has indicated that he will not be running for re-election to next year's Board, so I have asked him to Chair a nominating committee (per the By Laws). Anyone interested in serving on the committee or in running for election next year should contact him. A report of the committee will be published in April with the Notice of Annual Meeting.

ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The following resolutions have been developed since our last newsletter:

- 2008-11** directs CDoT/Division of Aeronautics to apply our Aviation Fuel Sales Tax refund account (approx \$20K) to our interest liability on the SIB loan.

2008-12 authorizes the Association to establish checking, savings, and other necessary accounts with Farmers State Bank, Falcon, Colorado

FINANCES

MLAA Rule 91-1 (rev'd) Written Consent Required to Vend or Store Gasoline (Attachment 2): This revision is to clarify that MLAA has two sources of revenue from fuel deliveries to the Airport:

- (a) We currently assess and collect 6 cents per gallon for fuel delivered for commercial resale, and
- (b) We need everyone accepting deliveries to the airport to report their fuel invoices or bill of sales so that we can get a 4 cent per gallon refund from the aviation fuel sales tax that was already paid on the fuel, whether for resale or for personal use.

Financial Reports for the MLAA (Attachment 3): for the years ending December 31, 2006 and 2007. Financial records for 2008 are currently with our CPA for preparation of our IRS Return.

Budget Worksheet (Attachment 4): used by the Board to establish our 2009 financial plan and dues assessment. An explanation is included.

MLAA Member Assessment (Dues) Notice for 2009 (Attachment 5): Please note that membership assessments (dues) are required not later than April 30th to vote at the annual General Membership Meeting on May 12th and to avoid late charges and penalties.

Annual MLAA "Census" (Attachment 6): Voluntary cooperation with this program may increase our annual FAA "GA Entitlement Grant" from \$150,000/year to as much as \$400,000/year. We are in competition for these funds with "public" (municipal) airports that maintain an accurate register of aircraft leasing storage on those airports. As a "private" airport, we protect your privacy and do not keep such a register, but we do need your voluntary cooperation to assist us in procuring additional support for your airport.

Grants. We are still working with CDoT to define a payment plan for the interest accrued from the SIB loan. The Board did contribute the approximately \$20,000 balance of our Fuel Tax Refund Account to bring the outstanding balance to under \$300,000 and we are working on several ideas to satisfy the CDoT requirement. To date, we have received \$54,632 from the CDoT/Division of Aeronautics for the Strategic Business Plan grant. We have just submitted the FAA Grant Agreement for Phase I of this year's GA Entitlement AIP (Airport Improvement Program) grant. This \$48,693 will complete payoff of the SIB principal (\$6,611) and will begin design and site prep for the AWOS (\$42,082). According to this grant, Phase II (acquisition and installation) grant is to be applied for prior to August 15th.

BY LAWS -- UPCOMING SPECIAL MEETINGS

Most of you are aware by now that we did not have a quorum at the Special Meeting on February 10th. We did however, have a good discussion and received valuable input concerning the proposed By Law revisions. The By Law committee [Jamie Johnston (chair), Mike Easley, and Lee Leshner] will provide an updated version of the proposals for the Annual Meeting:

- Members expressed concern about the "thru-the-fence" provisions of the first revision and we have established a committee [with the ACC as a basis: Joe Kuberka (chair), Mark Shook and Greg Johnson] to review and update the old draft that MLAA had prepared many years ago.
- The second revision dealt with term lengths of Directors and will be better defined.
- The third revision allowed for dissolution of the MLAA by "majority" of the membership and many members expressed concern that a "majority" should be a number higher than a simple majority.

We are working with CDoT and the FAA to draft an acceptable “Thru-the-Fence” Agreement for our membership that will serve two purposes: (1) solidify your access to and use of your airport, and (2) satisfy the FAA concerns that MLAA maintain control as an operating authority over access and operations of the airport. **Anyone interested in serving on this committee or having ideas that you would like to have considered, please contact Joe or meet with the committee on Friday, March 13th at 4:00 pm at the MLAA Hangar.**

We are planning to schedule a workshop for the Board to meet with the FAA & CDoT to work out details of the draft being developed, followed by an FAA/CDoT Joint Planning Conference (JPC) here at Meadow Lake in late April with the MLAA membership. The purpose will be to discuss with you their view of this Agreement and their support for Meadow Lake and perceptions of our future. Please look for the announcement and be prepared to attend with your questions and concerns. Any members interested in assisting with either of the above committees are encouraged to contact the chairperson or any of the members.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Land Acquisition. (MLAA Project #XX-01 [**multiple FAA AIP and CDOT grants**] ... Coordinator: Dave Elliott) This multi-year project began with the acquisition of the Hangar/Restaurant property in 2001 and continues to date with the reimbursements from the FAA for the payback of the \$3.5 Million Colorado Aeronautics Board SIB loan. Interest on the loan, reimbursement for MLAA expenses and possible additional purchases remain.

Fire Water Storage. (MLAA Project #08-02 ... Coordinator: Verlin Schauer) An easement has been prepared for a 40’ x 40’ plot across Cessna Drive from the mail box units and should be signed and recorded in the next few weeks. George Cold will begin excavating the site as soon as the ground thaws. It is reported that FFPD is noting our progress and is again reviewing building plans for Meadow Lake.

Strategic Business Plan. (MLAA Project #08-03 [**CDAG Grant 08-00V-02a**] ... Coordinator: Dave Elliott) ADG presented the draft Plan to the Board on February 4th and it is under review.

Airport beacon. (MLAA Project #08-04 [**CDAG 08-00V-02b**] ... Coordinator: Richard Martin) The new beacon is up and operating. Only \$7,000 of the \$10,000 budgeted were expended.

Runway-Taxiway Lighting Rehab. (MLAA Project #08-05 ... Coordinator: Ron Lee) Rehab complete ... runway and taxiway lights remain 100% operational thanks to the Ron’s attentive efforts. He is planning ahead now and procuring replacement parts and systems.

AWOS. (MLAA Project #08-06 [**FAA AIP-17 / CDAG 09-00V-01 match**] ... Coordinator: Mark Shook) The FAA Grant Application was submitted in January and the Grant Agreement for Phase I was submitted Feb 23rd. Acquisition and installation require Congressional appropriation for Phase II ... maybe Aug-Sep?

Pavement Maintenance. (MLAA Project #08-07 [**CDAG 09-00V-01b**] ... Coordinator: Ron Lee) Crack filling was finally commenced during February and should be complete by the time you read this. The contract with Avery Asphalt was for 10 tons of material, with priority being the runway, then taxiways, etc. Even though we had some significant cracks (it was amazing to watch the amount of material flowing into a visually “narrow” crack), Avery was able to do not only the runway, but all of the MLAA taxiways and Cessna Drive

too. Many private owners were able to take advantage of the opportunity (just costs, no mobilization charge) to get their taxiways/ramps done too.

Pavement Expansion. (MLAA Project #08-08 [CDAG 09-00V-01c] ... Coordinator: Ron Lee) Project is to expand the run-up areas of Runway 15 and 33 and widen the intersection turning radii along Taxiway Alpha ... summer of 2009.

Thru-the-Fence Agreement. (MLAA Project #09-02 ... Coordinator: Joe Kuberka) Old draft has been obtained from ADG ... inquiries to other airports have been made. \$4,000 allocated in the MLAA 2009 budget.

MLAA Finance/Grant Audit. (MLAA Project #09-03 ... Coordinators: Dave Elliott/Verlin Schauer). Following completion of the FAA AIP-17 grant payback of the SIB loan, an GAO A-130 Program Audit will be conducted of MLAA previous year finances and Grants. \$4,000 allocated in the MLAA 2009 budget ... some costs may be recovered by future grants.

Re-enumeration. (MLAA Project #09-04 ... Coordinator: Dave Elliott) Initial contact has been made with the new Peyton Postmaster, charts of the hangar/taxiway area have been requested from ADG.

MLAA Fuel Facility. (MLAA Project #09-05 ... Coordinator: Mark Shook) We are researching funding and equipment to establish a 24/7 self-serve fuel facility at 00V to provide fuel for our membership & transients and an additional revenue source for the MLAA. Initial contact with CDoT is favorable, although several prerequisites must be met first.

MEADOW LAKE COMMUNICATIONS

How to Get Information:

Airport Website: MeadowLakeAirport.com

- Check the website ... it is updated several times a week. While the association plans only 4 mailed newsletters per year, we publish board meeting reports, voting results, events, and news and information on the airports website at: www.MeadowLakeAirport.com (shortcut = 2MLA.com)
- If you are a member of the MLAA, or a based pilot, it is vital that you send us your e-mail contact info. We send out information on Airport taxiway and runway closures and TFRs notices by e-mail.
- Sign up for important news alerts at: info@meadowlakeairport.com

MLAA Scheduled Board Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at 1500

13560 Piper Lane, Meadow Lake Airport. (MLAA Hangar) **All members welcome**

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