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A Farewell to Two of Our Friends

Our airport family lost two good friends over the past couple of months. Rick Ostericher and Barry Smith, both long-time tenants of the airport's South T area, recently passed away.

Rick passed away suddenly on Friday, February 15 while vacationing with his wife, Susan.

A native of Grand Rapids, Rick attended both Central and Western Michigan Universities. Prior to his retirement, Rick was a sales representative.

Of course, most of us knew Rick thru his love of flying. He was an avid flyer for over 30 years, and a member of our South T group for most of that time.

Rick loved the outdoors, riding motorcycles



Left:
Rick Ostericher

and bikes, volunteering at Loaves & Fishes, and spending time with his family.

Barry passed away March 5. Born in the Detroit area, Barry graduated from Kalamazoo College and the University of Michigan Law School. After several years of practicing law in Chicago and Grand Rapids, he returned to Kalamazoo in 1985.

We knew Barry best for his love of everything aviation. He rebuilt and flew World War II trainers, flew Warbirds and the Ford Trimotor for the Air Zoo, and served on the Air Zoo board for 14 years.

Both Rick and Barry will be greatly missed. We were truly blessed to have them part of our aviation family.



Above: Barry Smith

From The Director *Clifton E. Moshoginis, CM*

Recently the Kalamazoo County Aeronautics Board approved a recommendation to the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners to release allocated funds to the airport for facility revitalization at Duncan Aviation. This project is a public/private partnership with airport funds rehabilitating the airside ramp areas that qualify under our federal funding.

The airport has long term plans for facility/

infrastructure upgrades that have been approved by the FAA over the next 20 years. While most of the funds for these projects are eligible under the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP), there are some areas that do not qualify and take longer for the airport to secure its own capital for the development of the airport (keeping in mind we have a 5% share from our working capital to leverage those federal funds each

year). We will soon have the approved plan on our website for anyone to view, and I would encourage all to do that.

In the upcoming warmer months (if we can finally get there!), we plan to hold another tenant meeting to discuss our plans and the entire administrative staff look forward to that opportunity. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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Aeronautics Board Meeting Schedule:

- Thursday, April 11, 2013
@ 10:30 am
- Thursday, May 9, 2013
@ 10:30 am

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News From ATC... "Think Spring... Think Safety"

Ray Thyfault

With the arrival of warmer weather, thoughts of taking to the air once again begin to surface. Some dust may have settled, both literally and figuratively, since the last time you slid into the left seat and took to the sky! Please take some time to adequately review and prepare for that first flight of spring! If you have any questions or concerns regarding operating at a "controlled airport" we encourage you to give us a call. Remember, we are here to serve you ... our customer! Members of our workforce hope



Above: Ray Thyfault

to be visiting the T-Hangars occasionally throughout spring and summer establishing new friendships and rekindling old ones as well! Don't hesitate to flag us down and "chat us up"!

On a personal note, I recently received news of the passing of a few local

aviators. It was a pleasure to work for, become friends with and serve these fine gentlemen. Their passing has encouraged me to reflect on my career choice. I have been serving as an ATC specialist at AZO for over 25 years and it has been my good fortune to have developed many friendships within the local aviation community.

When asked why I do what I do for a living I always reply from the heart, "it's the people, the aviation community is a small one and within that community are some of the finest, friendliest, most

decent people one could have the privilege of knowing." It is a privilege to serve, a privilege that I do not take lightly. I thank you for the opportunity.

To my recently departed friends ... you have forever slipped the surly bonds of earth and will certainly be missed.



On A Lighter Note....



PILOT RULES

The PILOT always makes *The Rules*.

The Rules are subject to change at any time without prior notification

No CO-PILOT can possibly know all *The Rules*.

If the PILOT suspects the CO-PILOT knows all *The Rules* he must immediately change some or all of *The Rules*.

The PILOT is never wrong.

If the PILOT is wrong, it is due to a misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the CO-PILOT did or said wrong.

The CO-PILOT must apologize immediately for causing said misunderstanding.

The PILOT may change his mind at any time.

The CO-PILOT must never change his mind without the express written consent of the PILOT.

The PILOT has every right to be angry or upset at any time.

The CO-PILOT must remain calm at all times unless the PILOT wants him to be angry and/or upset.

The CO-PILOT is expected to mind read at all times.

The PILOT is ready when he is ready.

The CO-PILOT must be ready at all times.

Any attempt to document *The Rules* could result in bodily harm.

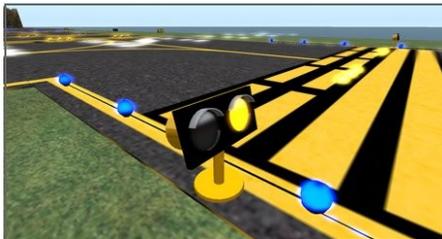
The CO-PILOT who doesn't abide by *The Rules* is grounded.

Airfield Project Updates

Beacon. The end of February brought the completion of the new airfield beacon project. The project, which also included upgrades to the airfield's lighting control systems, was handled by J Ranck Electric out of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Ranck completed the work in 94 days. Standing approximately 80 feet above the ground, the new beacon is positioned just south of the Air Zoo Annex (pictured to the right).

Elevated Guard Lights. Pending federal approval/funding, the airport is planning to install Elevated Guard Lights (EGL), or 'wig wags', at critical runway hold short positions on the field. EGLs consists of a pair of flashing yellow lights installed on each side of the taxiway at runway holding positions, providing additional awareness for runway holding positions

(pictured lower left).



The FAA's Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) has recommended the installation of the EGLs in Kalamazoo after identifying key intersections or 'hot spots'.

Pending federal approval, the EGL project could be underway by the end of this summer.



Security Reminders Jay Waalkes

Badge Renewals

In order to help everyone get their badges renewed in a timely fashion we have begun mailing letters to all badge holders whose badges are nearing expiration. Reminder letters go out the month before the badge expires and after the badge expires. My apologies to all those last month who got the second letter by mis-

take. The system seems to be helping as we've been getting all badges renewed before the end of the month of expiration.

When you are getting near your expiration date check the AZO website at www.flyazo.com and look under badging. You will find all the information and forms you need.

Schedule a visit with Bill Scamehorn ahead of time to insure he is here to assist you when you come in for your renewal. His contact information is on the website. You can call him at 269-447-4424 or email (preferred) at WFSCAM@KALCOUNTY.COM.

Authorized Signatories

Everyone applying for an airport badge needs to have an Authorized Signatory sign the application to indicate there is a legitimate need for the badge. People belonging to organizations or businesses located on the field typically have a signatory in the organization. Bob Stoops is the signatory for anyone leasing a hangar from him. Airport Administration is the signatory for anyone leasing a hangar from Kalamazoo County. Anyone leasing a hangar from the county that wants other family or friends to have access to the airport should send a letter or an email requesting that the person be allowed to sign the "Exhibit A" attached to their lease. We'll also need to know what hangar you are leasing. If you are not sure who your signatory is, let us know and we'll help figure it out!

Recurrent Signatory Training

As you signatories probably are aware, the required Annual Recurrent Training is coming up in May. I'm working on a small handbook to use which should make it easy. I'm also taking another look at organizations and may be adding a couple more signatories.

Anyone with any questions can reach me at 366-3002 or jwwaal@kalcouny.com

Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) Personnel
~ always ready to serve you!

ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting) services at the airport are provided by Pro-Tec Fire Services LTD, based out of Green Bay WI. Crews are on site 24/7, ready to serve, and are housed in the building just north of the new terminal building. You will notice the rigs out and about often as the ARFF personnel regularly inspect the airport grounds, as well as testing their equipment. Meet the crew below....

Richard Garrison / Fire Chief. 37 year veteran of the fire service, retired from the Kalamazoo, MI Department of Public Safety. 12 years of ARFF Service Certified in Aircraft Fire Fighting. Current; Fire Chief for Prairieville Township, MI Volunteer Fire Department.



Above: Chief Richard Garrison

Daniel French / Captain Shift Supervisor. 22 year Veteran in the fire ARFF Services. 27 year Veteran with Comstock Township, MI Volunteer Fire Department (retired).

Brenton Reeves / Captain Training Operations Training Director. 12 year veteran of the ARFF Services. 10 years of service as a volunteer fire fighter with the Pavilion Township, MI Department.

Philip Padgett / Fire Fighter – Driver Shift Fire Fighter. A 9 year Veteran of the ARFF Services, 8 years with the Grand Rapids Township Fire Department as a Fire Fighter. 21 years as a Volunteer Firefighter. Current member of the Comstock Township, MI Volunteer Fire Department.

Chris Colley / Fire Fighter – Driver Shift Fire Fighter. An 8 year Veteran of the ARFF Services, 17 years as a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Village of Constantine, MI Volunteer Fire Department.

Nancy Gibson / Fire Fighter – Driver Shift Fire Fighter. A 7 year Veteran of the ARFF Services, 8 years as a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the City of Hastings, MI, and the Township of Prairieville, MI Volunteer Fire Departments.

John Yuhas / Captain – Part-time Part-time Shift Supervisor. A 25 year Veteran with the City of Portage, MI Department of Public Safety, 19 years as a Captain. 28 years of service in the Michigan Air National Guard, 14 as an Air National Guard Fire fighter and 14 years as an Emergency Manager. (retired reserve Chief Master Sergeant). A 10 Year Veteran with the ARFF Services as a Part-time Captain.

Joshua vanOverbeek / Fire Fighter – Driver, Part-time Shift Fire Fighter–Driver, Part-time. 1 year of ARFF, 3 years as a Part-time Fire Fighter with the City of Portage, MI.

Remember When?

This Oshkosh T1500 fire truck/tanker was purchased in 1980 by the airport to help meet FAA response requirements for aircraft incidents.



This version of 'Rescue 2' was in service until its replacement in 2001, and was sold in auction a couple of years ago.

Last known whereabouts for this workhouse...serving in Thailand!



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