

Ground Work Underway!



The cost of new hangars has become beyond ridiculous. As badly as we need them, new hangar construction is financially unreasonable, even including the various grants available for the purpose. Hopefully, costs may decline in the future making new construction possible.

In the meantime, however, we are beginning the ground work for construction to be ready whenever costs and funding will allow.

Initially, we will be concentrating on the area adjacent the fire station. In order to make this area buildable, we will be moving dirt from the highway inward to

flatten it to a level approximating the ramp elevation of the adjacent hangar "A."

But before this area will be buildable, it will be necessary to move utilities (which run directly through this area) from their current location to run alongside the roadway. This phase of the project is to start immediately.

Once the site work is complete, this area will accommodate 4-5 box hangars.

With an eye towards future growth, the Commission welcomes inquiries from individuals interested in private hangar development.

Safety and Security Project Plans Announced



Airport security is becoming an increasing concern

for everyone, especially aircraft owners. The FAA is constantly reminding us that airports are a prime target for terrorist and criminal activity, and this threat extends significantly

into GA airports such as ours. Increasing this concern is that airports roughly our size in rural areas seem to be prime targets. To be proactive, we are taking steps to harden our perimeter where possible, and then also increase our ability to restrict unnecessary traffic inside the fence. Additionally, we will be

increasing our ability to monitor activity on the airfield.

There is no better system, however, than the keen eyes of our airport community. If you see something that just doesn't look right, report it. Also, now would be a good time to consider locking that hangar door.

T-Hangars Get Lit

New LED high-bay lighting has now been installed in most T-Hangars, with the remainder to be installed soon. Motion sensors will also be installed to prevent lights being left on continuously without purpose.

New Wings



Sara Krafft soloed in N1167F



New pilot Bob Crider (right) celebrates with Joe Lawrence, FAA pilot examiner

Civil Air Patrol News



C/2d Lt Dylan Prins with
State Representative
Stetson Painter

C/2d Lt Dylan Prins Receives Billy Mitchell Award

Local CAP Cadet Dylan Prins has recently been awarded the Billy Mitchell Award in recognition for sustained excellence in all four areas of cadet life: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. He is the son of Tobias and Dani Pugsley.

Dylan plans to graduate from Mountain Home High School in 2026 and attend the US Air Force Academy.

He recently became the Cadet Commander for the local CAP Squadron and an officer in the NJROTC program at MHHS. This award means that Dylan is eligible to attend Cadet Officer School and the Civic Leadership Academy. If he chooses to enlist in the Air Force, he may enter at the grade of E-3. The award is favored by admissions staff at AFROTC and the USAF Academy. Only 15% of CAP

cadets earn the Billy Mitchell Award.

Our local CAP squadron has 31 young men and women and is under the leadership and direction of Lieutenant Colonel Gary Smith. The CAP meets each Tuesday evening, and young men and women between 12-18 are welcome to join. Contact First Lieutenant Heidi Thompson at 612-940-3622.

Dean Peitzman Retires



Dean Peitzman

Dean has been a valuable asset to the Airport Community for the last several years, and his works have been evident in every corner. He brought some much needed mechanical skills to bear on some nagging problems with great success.

Aside from his hard work, Dean has developed into a friend to all who work with him-- a perfect gentleman with an incredible positive attitude! We will miss him every day, and we wish him the best!

New Firefighting Apparatus for MVFD

The Commission has recently provided a grant to the Midway Volunteer Fire Department to be used to purchase an Airplane Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) fire truck. The vehicle is fitted with both foam and Halon, making it a huge asset for aircraft emergencies. A 1,000 gallon water tank provides water through either of two water cannons on the front. We commend the MVFD in their forethought and planning to help keep our airport community safe.

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The Baxter County Airport Commission meets the first Thursday of each month, 6pm at the Airport terminal building.

Airport Manager Attends Arkansas Airport Operators Association Annual Conference



Airport Manager
Taylor Carmichael

Baxter County Airport Manager Taylor Carmichael recently attended the annual conference of the Arkansas Airport Operators Association in Little Rock. "It was a good step in my professional development for networking with others and developing relationships that will increase my ability to skillfully manage the airport" Carmichael said. "I brought a lot of information home that I can use today." Some of the informational topics covered were Federal Procurement Regulations, Capital Improvement Plans, and Steps for Successful FAA Funded Projects.

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— LEONARDO DAVINCI