Airport Managers Report

April, 2020

**Neighbor Relations**

Over the last month, there have been eight noise/low flying aircraft complaints, four of which were from the same individual.

* March 13 Freight Runners noise on departure
* March 14 Low flying aircraft north west of airport near highway K
* March 17 Freight Runners noise on departure
* March 17 70.5 decibel overflight of home
* March 17 "Joy rides over house"
* March 21 Flight tracker showing aircraft low in pattern
* March 22 "Jackass flying over house, make sure they know about the noise abatement"
* March 27 Jet departed to the east, runway 10, complaint that the aircraft did not turn north over the highway

Several reports came directly to the airport or staff bypassing the normal reporting process.  All individuals who requested were contacted.  Freight runners, and at least one pilot was contacted about their flight patterns and altitudes.

The altimeter error was explained again, see March 21 report.  One track from that complaint showed an aircraft at 500', which is 428' below the airport elevation.  Pressure must have been at least .43 inches of HG higher than the standard of 29.92, or there was an error in altitude output.

**Airport Safety**

* No accidents or incidents on field.
* MAC has shifted from classroom to online ground school.
* Pilot Safety Seminars are temporarily discontinued.

**Airport Maintenance**

* The Sperry New Holland tractor is still being repaired.  The cost of repair has risen to a bit over $20,000 as new items in need of repair are discovered.  We do not have a delivery date.  Everything is taking longer due to social distancing and stay at home orders.
* Runway Identifier Lights are still out of service waiting parts.
* The hangar inspections have been completed.  The last of the owners were contacted via mail.  Email addresses have been updated in at least one case.  All hangars are in compliance.
* The solar panel project continues to make progress.  Currently directional boring is ongoing.  The construction crew is working well with Airport management.
* Matt Hofeldt (Capital Flight) organized a volunteer group to pick up trash and clear brush along the airport fence. On March 30th, eight volunteers signed City liability releases as provided by Middleton, and did an outstanding job of clearing brush from a section of fence.  Trash was collected from along airport road as well.  I cannot say enough in praise for this project and hope it continues throughout the spring and summer.
* Morey Airplane Company remains open for maintenance, fuel sales, aircraft rental, and airport management.  Airports are essential infrastructure and as such need to remain open as per FAA and State guidance.  The Company's most vulnerable employees are voluntarily staying at home, and will do so through April.