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NDB Runway 34 Procedure

The Greeley-Weld County Airport has been collecting surveys and letters for the past few weeks concerning the use and need to maintain the Runway 34 NDB instrument approach procedure. The FAA recently informed the airport that it would be permanently discontinued in September, 2006, as part of a nationwide cost savings initiative.

Given that the FAA did not undertake an adequate notification, review, and comment period prior to making this decision, it has postponed the discontinuation of this procedure until such activities have been undertaken. Clearly two thirds of the comments which have been received back support maintaining the NDB procedure. The majority of the reasons for its continuation concern flight training, and the fact there is no other published NDB procedure at any other airport within a reasonable flying distance in northern Colorado for flight training purposes.

Based upon the continuation criteria which the FAA has provided to the airport, it seems likely that the FAA will abandon its attempt to discontinue the NDB procedure. This will not be known for certain however for several more months, until after the FAA has had the opportunity to review those comments submitted by the airport and its tenants. There is also the inevitable probability that in future years NDB facilities will simply cease to exist, due to newer facilities and procedures which are less costly to maintain.

Blue Sky Flyers Honors Member

Red Fehr has been awarded "Outstanding Member of the Year" by Blue Sky Flyers Flying Club. He joined Aerowest Flying Club in 1972 and was instrumental in establishing the transition to Blue Sky Flyers in 1996. He served as Maintenance Officer for 10 years and has spent many hours volunteering for the club.

Red earned his pilot's license in 1950 in Beech, North Dakota, in a tandem Taylorcraft. While in the military from 1941 – 1947, he was a B-17 and B-25 mechanic. He has logged over 900 hours and his goal is 1,000 hours before he quits flying.

At age 84 and retired from the telephone company for 20 years, Red has been very active in various community organizations and activities, though aviation remains his passion.

How about that tower?

Most are aware of the efforts of the airport to establish an air traffic control tower to improve safety at the Greeley-Weld County Airport. Few however may be aware of what the latest status of that effort is, and what it is going to take to achieve.

Early in 2005, the Airport Authority submitted an application to the FAA for inclusion into the FAA's contract tower program. Late in 2005, the FAA determined that the airport was eligible for participation in the program, with 100 percent of the funding necessary to operate the tower coming from the FAA itself. This is only half the story however. Eligibility in the program only provides the funding necessary to cover the annual operating expenses of the tower. The money to actually build the tower must come from other sources however. The Airport Authority has been working with our elected officials in Washington, DC to assist in programming the funds through other FAA sources. While there were hopes that this would happen for the 2007 federal fiscal year which started on October 1st, it was simply not in the cards. Subsequently, the Airport Authority is re-grouping with our elected officials to make another attempt at it this coming year, with hopes of seeing funds in 2008 to construct the tower. If successful, this would potentially allow the tower to be built in 2008, and become operational early in 2009.

Airport Security Update

In 2004, the Airport Authority updated its Airport Security Plan (ASP) with the assistance of an Airport Security Advisory Committee (ASAC), comprised mostly of tenant representatives. While the plan has been working with few problems for the past two years, a new ASAC has been formed with the assistance of the Greeley-Weld County Airport Tenants & Users Association. The new ASAC will serve to review the current plan, and work with airport staff in fine tuning the current plan if determined to be necessary.

Although the ASAC had not yet met as of this writing, an issue concerning the manner in which tenants may report a malfunctioning gate has already surfaced. As a reminder, any tenant who observes or becomes aware of a malfunctioning security gate is encouraged to report it immediately to the airport staff. While this is relatively easy during normal business hours, the question of how it is accomplished after hours or on weekends has been posed. Each gate has a small sign posted adjacent to it on the fence itself which provides a phone number to call to report a malfunctioning gate. This is actually the main phone number for the Airport Authority (336-3000). After 5 P.M. on weekdays, and all day on weekends, the Authority's phones are answered by an automated system. The outgoing message provides instructions on how to report a malfunctioning gate.

Questions about the ASAC can be directed to Linda Belleau at 336-3020, or the Airport Authority administrative offices during normal business hours at 336-3000.

New at the airport...

The Greeley-Weld County Airport recently welcomed **Zenobia Helicopters, LLC** and Zenobia Infrared (a division of Zenobia Helicopters) to its list of commercial aviation tenants. Zenobia Helicopters is a women and minority owned and operated business. Zenobia specializes in aerial and non-aerial thermal imaging (thermography) for individuals, corporations, homes, the energy industry, search and rescue, law enforcement, and equine imaging. In addition to thermal imaging, Zenobia provides helicopter services for aerial photography, sightseeing, community and corporate events (rides), and helicopter introductory flights.

Zenobia Helicopters flies the Enstrom 280C Shark helicopter. This aircraft has an extremely strong tail rotor authority, is very stable, and performs well at altitude.

Zenobia Helicopters, LLC can be reached by calling (970) 454-0300, or visit them on the web at www.zenobiahelicopters.com.

Also new... to the Greeley-Weld County Airport is **Endeavor Aviation**. Endeavor Aviation is a startup FAR Part 135 Air Taxi/ on demand air charter company. Endeavor Aviation will begin offering these services

upon receipt of its Part 135 certification, which is anticipated by January. Endeavor Aviation will fly a factory new Pilatus PC-12 corporate turbo-prop aircraft, which has already been delivered to them at the Greeley-Weld County Airport. Endeavor Aviation hopes to add additional aircraft to its fleet as its business grows.

To reach Endeavor Aviation, call 1-877-FLY-7251, or visit them on the web at www.endeavoraviation.net.

Finally... Poudre Aviation, which provides rental aircraft, flight instruction, and airframe and powerplant services, is scheduled to move onto the Greeley-Weld County Airport by the end of October. Poudre Aviation brings with it five single engine aircraft which will be available for rent... a service which has been lacking at the Greeley-Weld County Airport. Poudre Aviation will be co-located in the same hangar facility with Aircraft Cylinders and Engines, Inc.

You've probably already noticed...

With this issue of The GXY FLYER, we are now using a portable document format (.pdf) to transmit this newsletter to you. Previously, The GXY FLYER was being produced in Microsoft Publisher and being sent to you as the body of an email. The new .pdf format makes The GXY FLYER easier to open, read and print. It will also make it easier to access past issues on our web site, which will soon be available.

Saving\$ For All

Most will recall that recently the Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority aggressively challenged the City of Greeley's attempts at collecting storm water utility fees on airport property. Had this occurred, it would have had a financial impact on every single tenant of the airport. The impact to some of the commercial businesses would have been quite substantial in some cases. The inter-governmental agreement between the Airport Authority and the City of Greeley requires that the Airport Authority and its tenants ensure compliance with the State issued Storm Water Discharge Permit, and it's approved Storm Water Management Plan. This applies to all tenants, from commercial businesses to T-hangar tenants. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the requirement for the airport and its tenants to begin paying these fees to the City.

There are many fairly simple things that each person can do to help maintain compliance with the airport's storm water permit through Best Management Practices (BMP's). These include:

1. Ensuring that waste oils, solvents and other products are disposed of properly, and not dumped onto the ground.
2. When cleaning aircraft, not washing oil or grease onto the ground, but rather wiping it off the aircraft with a rag.
3. Using only bio-degradable detergents when washing an aircraft outdoors.
4. When possible, wash aircraft and parts inside a hangar with a floor drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer system.
5. Never, ever, wash or dump any waste oil, grease, solvents, or other similar products into a storm water drain on the airport. This is the most serious of storm water permit violations, and when discovered, will likely result in fines, and a breach of the agreement with the City of Greeley.
6. Lastly, always report any spill of any quantity of these type products to the airport immediately.

By helping each other to meet the storm water requirements the airport is subject to, we will each contribute to the financial savings for all.

Hangar Anyone?

The Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority is working with a developer who is considering a project which would bring a series of box hangars, 60'x60' each, and/or new T-hangars to the airport. The developer's final decision on whether to proceed with this project hinges in large part on their advanced knowledge of how many potential buyers or lessee's of these hangars may be available from the existing base of tenants at the airport. Those who may be interested in purchasing or leasing such a hangar are encouraged to contact Chad Graves at (303) 946-6020.



The Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority has for sale the following surplus equipment:

Toro Groundsmaster Mower – Engine new in 1998. 776 hours.

Personal Desktop Computers – 2 available – Gateway Model E-4200. Pentium II processor, 128 MB RAM, Windows 98 operating system, 40GB hard drive.

Interested parties should contact the Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority at (970) 336-3000 during normal business hours.

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