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Winter Update

Winter has settled back in and that means clearing snow and ice. The maintenance of the runway, taxiways and aprons is performed by the Genesee County Highway Department. Please monitor UNICOM for status and location of snow removal equipment. Flight Service protocol has changed slightly regarding runway condition reports, so adhere to all posted NOTAMS for runway snow removal operations and status of the runway

Terminal Update

The new terminal was finally completed and occupied last summer. This leaves the task of demolishing and removing the old terminal and main hangar. This work has already begun in the form of asbestos abatement. Please abide by security fencing and posted notices. The installation of new electrical cabling will begin in Mid-January. This will facilitate the connection of new gates, the existing fuel farm and lighting to the new building. Once this work is completed, the old buildings will be demolished. When spring arrives the entire site will be razed and work will begin on new aprons and taxiways that will allow for better and easier access to the new terminal and fuel farm. Plans are underway to re-use the old main hangar and hopefully we will see its reconstruction along Corporate Hangar Row sometime this summer.

Father's Day Events at Genesee County Airport

The Batavia Rotary Club will host its annual Fly-In Pancake Breakfast at the County Airport on Father's Day, June 18th from 7 AM to 12 PM. This will be the first year that the event will be held in the new hangar. Last year's event was a big success and over 2,500 people came out to see the new facilities and say goodbye to the old hangar. The event is a Genesee County tradition and brings in pilots from all over Western New York. Tickets to either event can be bought on site the day of the event or in advance from Carol Boshart or any Batavia Rotary Member.

WNY Aviation Adventure Camp



The 2017 Western New York Aviation Adventure Camp will be held this summer at the Genesee County Airport. This unique opportunity provides a hands-on

Aviation experience for 9th and 10th grade students to explore the Aviation

Industry as a potential career-field. Registration for the camp opens up April 15, 2017. For more

information check out their webpage at <http://www.wnyaviation.com/>

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Apron Construction

Aside from the Terminal Demolition project there are other projects which are moving forward. Later this winter the County will undertake a project to remove the trees on the north side of the runway. These trees are an obstruction to the clear space at the airport. Once the trees are removed, the fencing will be pushed north to the property line. This will eliminate the white PVC fencing around the ILS and also eliminate any interference with the ILS signal. This project is expected to be complete in the spring and should have little to no impact on airfield operations.

The project that will have an impact on airfield operations is the reconstruction of runway 10-28. The center portion of the runway is almost 40 years old and seriously needs repair. This project is currently under design and is scheduled to be bid this summer. Depending on the timing of the federal grant, the project may actually be pushed into the 2018 construction season. The project will be phased so that the entire runway is only shut down for a limited period of time. This is a high impact project on airfield operations and there will be several coordination meetings prior to the project to minimize impact to tenants and clients. More to come on this project as the design progresses.

Self Maintenance in Hangars

There are always questions regarding maintenance performed in T-Hangars at the airport. Genesee County has Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards for Operation that govern aeronautical services provided at the airport.

By Genesee County regulation, and via restrictions in our Facility Lease Agreement, self maintenance of aircraft, either by the owner or via an employee or other contracted service, is limited to Preventative Maintenance as defined in the Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 43, Appendix A(c).

Any maintenance or repair outside of this definition (i.e. airframe alterations, engine overhauls) violates the Facility Lease language and creates a significant fire hazard and violation of the Building Code. The T-Hangars are not equipped with fire suppression systems and are not intended for welding, painting or the storage and handling of solvents and other hazardous materials.

Any mechanic providing services beyond the Preventative Maintenance level is required to comply with the Rules and Regulations that require proof of rating certificate, proof of liability insurance, and require the provider to apply for a business permit and waiver with the Airport Manager. Furthermore, the Minimum Standards for Operation require any such service to comply with specific requirements (i.e. renting office space, providing tie-downs).

Additionally, there should be no repairs or maintenance being performed on non-aviation related vehicles and equipment such as automobiles, motorcycles, snowmobiles and golf carts. This activity also poses a fire hazard and should be performed at off-airport premises.

These Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards were adopted to protect the welfare and safety of all airport tenants and to provide a fair and even playing field for all business interests at the airport.

Any question regarding these policies can be directed to Tim Hens at (585) 344-8508.