

MEADOW LAKE AIRPORT (kFLY)

(* with AWOS certification, the airport identifier changed to kFLY in January 2011)

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Newsletter - Summer 2011

Enclosures: (1) Rule 11-01 – Overdue Annual Assessments
(2) 2011 Bylaw Revisions (Chg 6)

President's Remarks

We had a productive spring setting up this summer's projects. Please review the list below and note any areas that you might be interested in assisting us and feel free to contact the coordinator of that project for additional information. All of our directors and project coordinators are volunteers and we can always use help.

FAA Grant Assurance Compliance Issues. We did have sufficient votes at the January meeting to approve the MLAA match to the CDoT Grant for the "Compliance Plan" and we have a contract with Jviation to develop this document. The Board met with Jviation in April for a "kick-off" session and the Advisory Committee met with Jviation, CDoT/Aero and the FAA/ADO (Airport District Office) in May to establish expectations. The project is well underway and should be completed this fall. Preliminary observations have already been developed and will be presented to the Advisory Group later this month. A special meeting will be held with the MLAA membership this fall to review the results. In the meantime, there has also been progress in the national "Through-the-Fence" controversy and a new FAA HQs policy regarding **Residential Thru-The-Fence (RTFF)** was published in the Federal Register on March 18th. A "snap-shot" of our current status is required this month and an "Airport Access Plan" will be required prior to any grant application next year.

Based Aircraft Inventory. We continue to update the aircraft population of Meadow Lake Airport and currently have 378 aircraft listed in the data base and an additional 23 aircraft on a "DNR" (Do Not Report) list. Incidentally, we were contacted on four occasions last year by emergency services and/or search & rescue organizations and this list was a valuable asset in helping us coordinate urgently needed information. A "based aircraft census" is conducted yearly with your dues assessment and we request that all members and users of Meadow Lake airport list and annually confirm any and all aircraft based from their Meadow Lake property. I have to certify this list annually and will be contacting most members over the coming month to verify "N" numbers that our records indicate are based from your property.. If you have not already provided "N" numbers for your aircraft and/or tenants, please contact any Board member with that information. We also need "joint" use info, i.e.: that the aircraft is also sometimes based at another airport.

ASSOCIATION UPDATE

FINANCES

Overdue Assessments: The primary revenue source for MLAA to operate and maintain the airport remains to be annual dues that are assessed against all properties listed on Exhibit "A" of the Bylaws. Enforcement of this obligation has been somewhat sporadic in the past, so the Board has passed Rule 11-01 (enclosure 1) to establish a standard for expectations. We have filed liens on two properties that have failed to pay prior year's dues, and have prepared "Notices of Suspension" for the seven members still delinquent in forwarding their 2011 assessments. These notices will be posted in mid-July, after this newsletter (with encl 1) is published.

Grants. By now most of you know that the AWOS is online and has been commissioned! As we previously reported, AWOSs have a four letter identifier and Meadow Lake's identifier has been changed to **kFLY**. Our active **FAA AIP (Airport Improvement Program) GA Entitlement Grants** include:

- AIP-17/18 (FY'09) - \$150K: \$6,611 land reimburse, \$149,983 for AWOS received (grant complete)
- AIP-19 (FY'10) - \$150K: \$110,831 final land reimburse (revised application under development), AWOS overages (included above), audit of the 2001-2011 land procurement program (pending)
- FY'11 - \$150K ... unassigned and is being held in reserve

Our active **Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grants** include:

- 2008 - \$100,000: for development of the Strategic Business Plan (grant complete)
- 2009 - \$163,273: matching funds for FAA grants, pavement maintenance and re-striping, land reimburse.
- 2010 - \$115,870: additional matching funds and paving (Runway 15 run-up area) (in progress)
- 2011 - \$100,000: for development of the "Compliance Plan", pavement maintenance (in progress)

BYLAWS

May's Annual Membership Meeting resulted in the passing of three significant bylaw revisions for the Association and the changes are attached at enclosure (2) for insertion into your copy of the MLAA Bylaws.

Total votes of the MLAA: 56,778 ... Total eligible votes at time of the vote: 51,484

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| 1) that properly completed proxies will be considered as "voting interest present" for membership meetings | votes "for"
39,131 (76.01%) |
| 2) that minimum dues assessment will be raised from \$75/yr to \$120/yr (with 75 votes) and is considered the "Airport Access Fee" for "Through-the-Fence" purposes | 40,015 (77.72%) |
| 3) that properly completed proxies will be considered as "voting interest present" for voting on bylaw amendments | 34,845 (67.68%) |

ACC

The Architectural Control Committee currently has openings for volunteers. Members interested in assisting the MLAA Vice-President with review of land use and building planning matters are requested to contact Mark Shook. Upcoming projects may include updating a standardized signage program for the airport and developing a re-enumeration plan for the hangar area.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Land Acquisition ... MLAA Project #XX-01

[with multiple FAA AIP and CDOT grants]

- *coordinator*: Dave Elliott, *consultant*: Airport Development Group.
- *cost* (to date): \$5,436,563 [FAA: \$5,008,188 CDOT: \$311,710 MLAA (land match): \$368,332]
- Project began in 2001 with the "Hangar-Restaurant" purchase and evolved into a program to purchase available land surrounding the runway complex to provide a "buffer" with neighboring development. Total MLAA-owned property now exceeds 753 acres. We have received guidance from the Denver ADO for our final reimbursement, and payback of the Colorado SIB loan should be completed by the end of the year (original terms require payback by 2014) **project completion in progress**

Strategic Business Plan ... MLAA Project #08-03

[CDAG Grant 08-00V-02a]

- *coordinator*: Dave Elliott, *consultant/contractor*: Airport Development Group
- *cost* (as contracted): \$125,000 [80% CDOT: \$100,000 ... 20% MLAA: \$25,000]
- The final draft is being printed and distributed **project complete**

AWOS ... MLAA Project #08-06

[FAA AIP-17 / CDAG 09-00V-01c match]

- *coordinator*: Mark Shook, *consultant*: Airport Development Group, *sub-contractor*: Vaisala.
- *cost* (estimated): \$149,983 [95% FAA AIP: \$142,500 2.5% CDOT: \$3,750 2.5% MLAA: \$3,750]
- AWOS has been installed and is operating (118.45, 683-5371) and was certified in November ... internet and data transmission is online **project complete**

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Thru-the-Fence Agreement ... MLAA Project #09-02

- *coordinator:* Dave Elliott
- A “Thru-the-Fence” Agreement has been drafted that we believe will preserve your access to and use of your airport and satisfy the FAA concerns that MLAA maintain control as an operating authority over access and operations of the airport ... revision & submission pending completion of the Compliance Plan and the Residential Thru-The-Fence (RTTF - see below) **project on hold**

Taxiway Alpha Signage ... MLAA Project #09-09

- *coordinator:* Ron Lee
- *cost:* \$4,725 (signs were donated by EW Systems)
- To install signs along “Alpha” for the access taxiways (“C”, “D”, “E”, “F”) ... signs were purchased by Jamie Johnston (along with the “business signs”). Additional signage, indicating the “Airport Operations Area” have been procured and installed **project complete**

MLA Compliance Plan ... MLAA Project #10-03

[CDAG 11-00V-01a]

- *coordinator:* Dave Elliott, *consultant/contractor:* Jviation .
- *cost* (budgeted): \$100,000 [70% CDoT: \$70,000 ... 30% MLAA: \$30,000]
- This project was approved by the membership at the January Special Meeting and work has begun. An Advisory Committee (Lee Wolford, Dave Bennett & Bill Clothier) has been formed to work with Dave Elliott and Jviation. “Kickoff” meetings were held with our Board in April 19th and with CDoT and FAA/ADO on May 20th. Jviation (Alan Weichmann) has begun the “snap shot” review of the current airport layout and operation. **project in progress**

Turf Runway/Operation Area ... MLAA Project #10-08

- *coordinator:* Dave Elliott / John Scott
- *cost:* (tbd)
- Due to the HFSC relocation and the increase in winch operations, HFSC has identified and mowed a new “turf landing strip”, approximately where a west-side taxiway for the “new” runway would be. An FAA 7480 is under review by the ADO and Jviation has been contacted to coordinate update to the MLA Airport Layout Plan. Several additional parties have expressed interest in using this area. A new access to the airport and this “op-area” has been constructed off Falcon Highway and a perimeter access road has been developed along the west boundary (adjacent to Falcon Heights). Since this area will be noted on the ALP and listed in the facilities directory, an environmental assessment is required and has been initiated. **project in progress**

MLA Re-enumeration ... MLAA Project #11-02

- *coordinator:* (tbd)
- *cost:* (tbd)
- Over the years, numerous parties (including fire, police, emergency response, mail & package delivery) have commented on the lack of coordinated enumeration of property address on Meadow Lake Airport. Current numbering is “generally” even numbers to the west side of Cessna Drive and odd numbers to the east, but there are many exceptions and since most properties are numbered from Cessna, whether or not they abut Cessna, confusion remains. A project has been contemplated for some time to develop and propose to El Paso County a “standard” for identifying property addresses on the airport. **project continues to be deferred pending time & resources**

MLA Airfield Operations Guide ... MLAA Project #11-03

- *coordinator:* Dave Elliott
- *cost:* none

- In concert with the Compliance Plan, a Meadow Lake Airport Airfield Operations Manual (AOM) is being developed to detail how the Association manages Operations and Maintenance of the Meadow Lake Airport. **draft under development**

MLAA Office ... MLAA Project #11-04

- *coordinator*: Dave Elliott
- *cost*: none
- The “front office” of the MLAA O&M Building (Operations & Maintenance - old Hangar/Restaurant) is being developed as the “office” for the MLAA (for central storage of Association records, as well as our AWOS equipment). **in progress**

MLAA Crew Room ... MLAA Project #11-05

- *coordinator*: Richard Martin
- *cost*: none
- The front room of the MLAA O&M Building (reception room of the old Hangar/Restaurant) is being developed as a crew lounge and flight planning center for transient pilots. EAA 72 has cleaned up the area and AEFCA will be installing a wall mounted flight planning chart system **in progress**

Transient Restroom Facilities ... MLAA Project #11-06

- *coordinator*: Richard Martin
- *cost*: none
- As soon as the rooms off the downstairs hallway of the MLAA O&M Building can be made secure, the restrooms will be made available for MLA users and transients as public facilities **in progress**

MLAA Bldg WiFi ... MLAA Project #11-07

- *coordinator*: Mark Shook / Scott Dedeker
- *cost*: none (equipment donated by Scott Dedeker)
- A wifi system has been installed & is available for public use in the MLAA O&M Bldg **complete**

Runway/Taxiway Maintenance (2011) ... MLAA Project #11-08

[CDAG 11-00V-01b]

- *coordinator*: Ron Lee
- *cost*: none
- a. Crackfilling: *consultant/contractor*: Seal Coat Specialties, Inc. ... crackfilling operations for the runways and Taxiway “Alpha” was completed in April/May. Final cost \$ 15,210 **project complete**
- b. Sealcoating: *consultant/contractor*: Seal Coat Solutions, Inc. ... Sealcoating of Taxiway “Charlie” has been scheduled for July 13th **pending**

Crosswind Runway Signage/Markings ... MLAA Project #11-09

- *coordinator*: Dave Elliott / Lee Wolford
- *cost*: (tbd ... minimal)
- Cessna Drive signage: (Wolford) ... construct and install vehicular and aircraft signage along Cessna Drive to designate the Crosswind Runway. **in progress**
- Crosswind runway side markers: (Elliott) ... install reflective runway side markers (obtained several years ago from another airport), replace yellow tires around the reflectors. **pending**

Falcon Highway Entrance ... MLAA Project #11-10

- *coordinator*: Greg Johnson
- *cost*: \$ 2,918

- An entrance to airport property from Falcon Hwy was constructed for emergency response and access to the new turf op-area, and a perimeter road has been mowed along the west side boundary ... *in progress*

“Bravo Loop” ... MLAA Project #11-11

[CDAG 10-00V-01b, 12-FLY-___]

- *coordinator*: Dave Elliott / Richard Martin
- *cost*: (___ tbd ___) [80% CDoT: \$ _____ ... 20% MLAA: \$ _____]
- The Board is working with Jviation to construct a plan to develop the Westside “Bravo” taxiway to improve public access and utility of the MLA O&M building. CDoT/Aero has agreed to allow us to use leftover funds from our 2010 grant to begin the project and carry over the rest into 2012. The total project has five components: (a) construct a “B-2” intersection off the main runway (opposite A-2); (b) widen and overlay “Bravo” from the north end (B-1) to the Johnston taxiway at the south; (c) improve and overlay the ramp in front of the SRE (Snow Removal Equipment) Storage building, (d) construct a run-up area at the north end (opposite B-1), and (e) construct a transient parking area. *in progress*

Residential Thru-The-Fence (RTTF) Certification ... MLAA Project #11-12

- *coordinator*: Dave Elliott
- *cost*: none
- We have received a letter from the FAA Denver Airports District Office relaying the new FAA interim policy regarding residential thru-the-fence access to airports receiving Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants. A certification of residential lots having access to the airport is required and before we apply for any grants beginning in FY 2013, we must submit an airport access plan. This program is part of the Compliance Plan currently under development by Jviation. *in progress*

CDoT/FAA 5010 inspection report ... MLAA Project #11-13

- *coordinator*: Richard Martin / Ron Lee
- *cost*: none
- CDoT conducted the bi-annual inspection in June: a few small notes require minor correction *pending*

EAA CHAPTER 72

(submitted by Sandra Martin)

Did you know that EAA Chapter 72 was formed in 1961? Or that the chapter founders built the first runway and the first airplanes that flew at Meadow Lake Airport? If you answered “no” to those questions, that’s ok. What is important is that you know of EAA Chapter 72 today. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at the MLAA Hangar at 6:30 PM. We usually have some event on the Saturday following the third Tuesday. It might be a Young Eagle rally where our pilots give FREE airplane rides to young people ages 8-17, a pancake breakfast, a cookout, or any combination.

So far this year, **our pilots have flown over 200 Young Eagles!** We have additional rallies planned for the remainder of the year. We just completed our annual project tour where we visit projects in progress around the airport. This year we saw a Champ restoration, a Zenith 701, an RV-10, and a Fleet restoration.

We have some exciting **programs coming up**. July 19th, Bud Silvers will be giving a program with slides about the restoration of the Fleet and in September or October, depending on his schedule, we’ll be bringing back Dr. Quay Snyder, co-Founder and Aeromedical Advisor for Aviation Medicine Advisory Service. He’ll present information related to your health and protecting your FAA medical certificate.

Please take time to visit our website at <http://eaa72.org>, sign up for the electronic newsletter, and above all **join EAA Chapter 72**. Call me at 719-351-1640 or email sandymartin@earthlink.net if you have questions.

AVIATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF COLORADO (AEFCO)

(submitted by Richard Martin)

We are in the middle of our 7th summer camp as we go to print. This past year has been our most successful with 4 brand new pilots, 3 students have over 30 flight hours toward their private with 7 total that have soloed this year, 9 students that have passed the knowledge test. Two students have applied to the US Air Force Academy and 2 applied to the US Coast Guard Academy. Our program director Vann Norred has established a super relationship with the ROTC or career planning in every high school within 50 miles and most of our new students are really focused on a military flight career. We run a winter based prep course for the knowledge test from September to April plus the summer camp in late June.

We encourage you to stop by and see the kids in action or visit our website at <http://aecco.org>. Thanks for your support and donations that make this possible. We will Log over 50 Certified Flight hours this summer camp, plus over 50 hours of Young Eagle Flights thanks to the EAA Chapter.

Contact Richard Martin at (719) 683-6587 or email wemartin@sprintmail.com for additional information.

HIGH FLIGHT SOARING CLUB

(submitted by John Scott)

The spring soaring season for High Flights was pretty well blown out this year. The high afternoon winds kept us grounded most weekends. However, it is looking like the weather may be returning to more normal patterns, so we are looking forward to good summer and fall soaring.

High Flights continues to work with the MLAA Board to get FAA approval for the Turf Runway on the south west portion of the airport. High Flights developed and submitted to the MLAA Board the "Meadow Lake Airport Glider Operations Procedures". MLAA BoD has adopted this document to provide guidance to anyone on how gliders are to operate at Meadow Lake and how those operations are coordinated with overall airport operations. The procedures have been reviewed by the FAA and deemed sufficient to allow operations at Meadow Lake from our parallel runways with less than standard separation. [A copy of the Procedures is available on the Meadow Lake airport website.](#)

High Flights added a Youth Membership category this year to allow us to encourage youth involvement in aviation and make it easier for them to get flight instruction. A Youth member pays half dues and has no initiation fee. If they fly each month, then their monthly dues are only \$19. They can remain Youth Members until the age of 23. Our first Youth member and the one person who did fly in the wind was Benjamin Bookman. Benjamin passed his check ride to receive his Private Pilots License with the winds gusting to 25 kts. Congratulations to Benjamin. Sam Tschappler has recently joined High Flights to pursue his Private Pilots License. Benjamin and Sam are a students with the Aviation Education Foundation of Colorado as well. High Flights has 3 additional youth members bringing our total to 5.

High Flights will be traveling to Raton, NM for a soaring camp over the 4th of July weekend. This will give members a change of scenery and an opportunity for some mountain soaring.

More information is available on the website: <http://highflights.com> or contact John Scott.

HYDROWINCH - SOARING EAGLES FOUNDATION

(submitted by Randy Rothe)

Hydrowinch is up and running! After several years of design and testing, Hydrowinch is fully operational. At the beginning of May, two partners from Holland, Marco Brombacher and Vincent Geesing, joined Randy Rothe and Eric Deylius who are testing the winch at Meadow Lake airport near Colorado Springs. After a week of extensively testing and tweaking hardware and software in various wind conditions, the winch is performing flawlessly. Hydrowinch was also instrumental, along with High Flights Soaring Club, in providing the

manpower to mow and level the new turf runway at Meadow Lake. They invite you to come out and check out the world's most advanced glider winch.

With Hydrowinch, two seat gliders can be launched to altitudes of 2000 ft AGL in 35-40 seconds with a high degree of safety for about \$15 per launch, using about a liter (one quart) of diesel fuel.

More information is available on the website: <http://www.hydrowinch.com> or contact Randy Rothe.

The Soaring Eagle Foundation was formed in the Spring of 2011 with the mission of providing wounded warriors the opportunity to learn to soar. The founding members are two USAF veterans (Jenny Rothe, a former enlisted woman, and Randy Rothe, a retired AF pilot and current United Airlines B757 Captain) and Stewart McQuillan (a paraplegic former Royal Air Force member who is currently a glider pilot and holds the distinction of being the world's first paraplegic helicopter pilot). We intend to base operations on the new turf runway at Meadow Lake, building our infrastructure this year with the goal of starting training of disabled veterans during the summer of 2012.

COLORADO ROTORCRAFT ASSOCIATION (PRA Chapter 38)

(contact: Mark Shook)

Meeting schedule and calendar is published on Chapter 38's web site at: <http://www.PRA38.org>.

MEADOW LAKE CALENDAR

June 15-24	Aerospace Education Foundation of Colorado ... Summer Camp
July 12	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
July 13	Taxiway "Charlie" sealcoating
July 18-22	USAF T-53A (SR20) performance testing at Meadow Lake
July 25-31	Air Venture 2011 ...
August 9	Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Sept (tba)	EAA/PRA Fly-in ... Young Eagles ... stay tuned for details
Oct/Nov (tba)	General Membership Meeting for Compliance Plan presentation

MEADOW LAKE COMMUNICATIONS

How to Get Information: **Airport Website:** www.MeadowLakeAirport.com (shortcut = kFLY.us)

- The website is updated several times a week. While the association plans only 3-4 mailed newsletters per year, we publish board meeting reports, voting results, events, news and information on the airport website.
- If you are a member of the MLAA, or a based pilot, it is vital that you send us your e-mail contact info. We send out information on Airport taxiway and runway closures and TFRs notices by e-mail.
- Sign up for important news alerts at: info@meadowlakeairport.com

MLAA Scheduled Board Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at 3:00 pm
13560 Piper Lane, Meadow Lake Airport. (MLA Operations & Maintenance Bldg) **All members welcome**

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