Updated 2017 Michigan Aviation System Plan

This year’s Fall MAAE Conference, held in Escanaba, Michigan, had a session that covered the updated 2017 Michigan Aviation System Plan (MASP). The most important takeaway from the MASP are the economic reports listed in the back of the report.

These reports include the Airport Report Card (MASP ARC) and the Community Benefit Assessment (CBA) Reports.

“The Michigan Aviation System Plan (MASP) 2017 represents a unique and valuable asset management tool for MDOT staff involved in state airport system planning and airport capital development. It documents the planning process that identifies the aviation role of public-use airports in Michigan through the year 2035. MASP 2017 is the culmination of a coordinated review and modification of MASP 2008, a plan that has provided MDOT with a valuable programming tool for the development of the system of public-use airports in Michigan.” – MDOT-AERO website

The information shown on the MASP ARC gives an airport a snap-shot of its existing and future infrastructure goals. The future goals listed in the MASP ARC give an idea of where it may want to spend airport funding on improvements. It should be noted that when using federal funding for infrastructure improvement the project must be justified before it’s eligible.

The MASP ARC and the associated facility goals reflect what MDOT Office of Aeronautics (AERO) believes is the appropriate level of development to support each system goal, and is not a justification for individual airports to require funding to meet their MASP ARC designations and associated facility goals.

The CBA is a result of survey data that airports submitted to AERO during the development of the MASP. It should be noted that the CBA can be updated at any time by contacting AERO. The CBA should be updated if an airport sees increased airport activity as a result of a new business utilizing the airport, increase in based aircraft, increased operations, etc.

It is highly recommended that airport managers share these reports with their airport boards, tenants, county/city boards, etc. The staff at AERO is also available to present the data to your airport team and decision makers if desired.

To read the full report and download your airports MASP ARC or CBA please visit:
Staff in the News
Michael Borta-Zane

Mike and his dog – Zane the Labradoodle, a certified therapy dog – provide therapy dog services to schools and retirement centers. Here Zane is ready to enter Scott School in DeWitt (400 3rd and 4th graders). During Zane’s two-hour sessions at the school on Friday mornings, he meets with individual kids as well as whole classrooms. He has become a readily known fixture at the school and is loved by the kids and teachers alike.

The kids really enjoy getting him to “be my friend” (that’s Zane’s shake paw command) and many will give that command all at the same time while anywhere from 8 to 10 are gathered around him. Zane just eats it up and really enjoys meeting with the kids. Zane says recess is his favorite subject (as do many of the kids – guess that’s why they like him).

Zane also visits Cumberland Elementary School in Lansing and the Burcham Hills Retirement Center in E. Lansing. He maintains a busy therapy dog schedule, and really enjoys it.

MOTOR CITY SHOWDOWN
Talk about excitement and fun, the very first Motor City Showdown, was held at Coleman A. Young Int’l. Airport on September 23, 2017, was an unequivocal BLAST! The day featured long awaited legal drag racing in the City of Detroit and was attended by over 5000 speed and muscle car aficionados.

Organized by Leadfoot Events, LLC (Brian Olatunji), the Showdown brought dragsters from all over the Midwest for a day of fast paced, high horsepower, flat out racing. Winners of the race with $5,000 going to each of the two categories, were Small Tire Champion, Mark Southwell driving a fox-body ‘88 Mustang and Big Tire Champion, Diamond Hugo driving a ‘67 Camero.

Naturally, as with all gearhead events there included a car show with muscle car greats in all their shining, gleaming, glory providing a blast to the past and spine tingling memories. I don’t know about you but I can almost feel the heat, smell the burning rubber, and hear the roar...

To achieve MDOT-AERO/FAA approval of the event, a Nonaeronautical Use Request (NUR) had to be submitted for the agencies’ review. In stepped QoE Consulting to gather the necessary information, prepare the NUR documentation, and upload the event into the FAA OE/AAA website for airspace review.

A great nonaviation event at a popular, busy, corporate jet airport. What a day! What an event!

View the event on-line at www.motorcityshowdown.com

Airport Open House & Movie in a Hangar
Sanderson Field in Sault Ste. Marie invited the public in on Sept. 29 to enjoy an up-close look and tour of emergency vehicles of many variations and watch the movie “Wings”. Nearly 300 adults and children took advantage of the family friendly event. Funds raised will go toward teaching more young pilots to fly through the Soo Pilot’s Association Scholarship.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Plymouth Mettetal Airport (1D2) EAA Chapter 113 Chili Fly-In, Date: Nov. 11, 2017 Time:11 AM—2 PM
Bring a pot of Chili or desert to share or try one of ours. Hot Dogs and condiments will be provided for a donation. Held in the EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Center Rain, Snow, or Shine! Contact Joe Kirk at 248-872-3220 for more information.

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