

MORRISTOWN AIRMAIL NEWSLETTER



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AIRPORT PROJECTS

- Obstruction-removal on airport property will continue for the next few months. Currently, work is being performed in the MALSR light “object-free area” and along Taxiway Alpha for the tower’s line of sight for the Runway 23 run-up area. As in the past, there will be no impact on operations during this work.

COMMITTEES & MESSAGES

ATC Update

- Total traffic for November 2011 was down 35.7% compared to November 2010. There were 8 days of delays mostly due to low ceilings (opposite direction traffic), and EWR’s Runway 11 traffic.
- Total traffic for December 2011 was down 34.2% compared to December 2010. There were 10 days of delays mainly due to EWR’s Runway 11 traffic and sector volume.

Membership

- The next MAA meeting will be held Wednesday, February 1st at 10 am in DM’s

conference room at 8 Airport Rd. Please attend and consider joining MAA if you are not already a member.

Message from the MAA Chairperson

Morristown Aviation Association started the new year with a very productive reorganization meeting on Jan 4, 2012. Dan Holbrook, Director of Aviation for Verizon, was elected by the Board of Trustees to serve as Chairman of the Board. Steve Pannozzo, Captain for C.R. Bard, was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board. At the previous December meeting, the Board was realigned with the following complete roster of additional Trustees now being: Michael Berns, Angel Cortes, Bob Dannhardt, Bob Gilson, Marc Lajeunesse, Len Levy, Oscar de Rojas, Maria Sheridan, and Dirk van der Sterre, and Marilyn Vela.

This new slate of board members comprises a wide range of backgrounds, experience, and talent. Our new leadership will infuse renewed energy, vision, and direction for the Association, and take MAA to the next level of excellence in service to the Morristown aviation community.

MAA has seen a consistent rise in meeting attendance and participation in recent months, with great interest in the many issues and activities at MMU. The strength of MAA will always be in the support and participation of its members, so please continue to be active and engaged. New members are always welcome!

Congratulations to the Board of Trustees, and to Dan and Steve, on their new positions with MAA!



MAA recognized Dan Dunn and Jan Jiosi for their service to the Association at the December, 2011 meeting. Many thanks, Dan and Jan, for your dedication and contributions to our success, and congratulations on your retirements from MAA!

Eric Bossard
Past Chairman, Morristown Aviation Association

Message from the President of MAPA

One of the functions of MAPA (Morristown Airport Pilots Association) is to interface with state officialdom. That includes meetings with officials of regulatory agencies such as the Division of Aeronautics in the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection and members of both the State Senate and Assembly.

As if that gamut is not enough, when it is necessary, MAPA has been meeting with Morris County, Morristown and Hanover Township officials since each of them has some control over the airport we fly out of and the airports around New Jersey that we fly into.

Locally, MAPA has been meeting with representatives of DM AIRPORTS, LTD., the operator of our home base discussing the airport's future and revisions to the airport master plan.

Atop all these is the FAA, which governs all aspects of how and where we fly. To satisfy the security demands of the Transportation Security Administration, MAPA subscribes to AOPA's "Airport Watch" program. You can see the sign on the entrance gate to the West Tie Down and other strategic locations.

As examples of our activities, several of us attended a recent meeting of the Airspace Redesign Group that is studying changes to the McGuire and Philadelphia Class C air spaces.

On the state level, two months ago some of us met with Jim Simpson, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to discuss state issues primarily how to lessen obstruction interference at many airports in the state. Fortunately, Commissioner Simpson is a jet rated pilot and always extends a warm welcome and an attentive ear.

He advised us again that he welcomes aviation interests and said he will personally answer any calls from pilots and plane owners on aeronautical problems.

Right now, MAPA has openings on the Board of Directors and is looking for more member participation. Contact Len Levy or myself for more information. We are also looking for more members since we represent all interests on the airport especially tenants in the West Tie Down. If you are not a member, applications for membership are available in the Flight Training Center. They can be found on the bulletin board. Come join the fun and have a voice in our future.

In the meantime, remember winter is here, Fly Safe and remember to be a good neighbor and Fly Quiet.

Mike Stoddard
President, Morristown Airport Pilots Association

AIRPORT NEWS

New Airport Alert Email Notification System Working Well

By Aaron Buob, C.M., DM-Airport Operations Coordinator

On December 1st, airport operations staff began utilizing an email notification system for all Airport Alerts. To date, there are over 350 subscribers! Alerts that have been sent out in the past month have included runway closures, fuel farm closures, a water main break, and preliminary information immediately following the tragic aircraft accident on Route 287.

To be included in this email notification system, users must subscribe by entering their email address in the "Airports Alerts" box on our website homepage, www.mmuair.com or by texting MMUAIRPORT to 22828.

Safe Winter Operations

By Jessica Vurginac, DM-Airport Operations Coordinator

This winter has been anything but white here at Morristown Municipal Airport. Although there has not been any snow this winter, so far, it is important to remember that snow increases the amount of activity at and around the airport. Maintaining situational awareness is imperative during all inclement weather conditions, but especially during snow conditions and the snow removal process. The mix between airplanes, snow plows, vehicles, and contaminated pavement conditions increase the possibility for runway and taxiway incursions to happen. Please be as alert as possible and maintain constant communication with the control tower or airport operations (when the tower is not in operation). Snow or no snow, please remain alert and aware of all activities when operating at MMU.



A familiar scene at MMU last January with record-breaking snowfall

NOTAM Manager Activated at MMU

By Lee Kimble, C.M., DM-Airport Operations Coordinator

MMU has been approved to start using one of the FAA’s newest tools in issuing Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs). NOTAM manager allows MMU management to directly enter NOTAMs into the National Airspace System via the internet, drastically cutting the time it takes to issue NOTAMs. Previously to NOTAM manager, all NOTAMs had to be issued through the Lockheed Martin Flight Service Station which was a time consuming and sometimes clumsy process.

Each NOTAM issuer at MMU has completed a two hour training session to learn the new program. One of the biggest changes our tenants will notice is that we will no longer be issuing UFN NOTAMs. UFN is short for Until Further Notice, and is typically used when the end time for the NOTAM is unknown. NOTAM manager does not allow UFN NOTAMs, therefore you will see an end

time for each NOTAM issued. For NOTAMs issued when the end time is unknown, the end time is estimated.

MMU Looks to Enhance Noise Complaint Management

By Rosemary Rizzo, C.M., DM-Noise Abatement Officer

Morristown Municipal Airport has agreed to use PlaneNoise™, a provider of affordable and comprehensive airport noise complaint management solutions, PlaneNoise™ Complaint Box on a trial basis to enhance its noise complaint handling process.

“The PlaneNoise™ Complaint Box product will assist Morristown Municipal Airport in implementing its aggressive noise abatement program by providing increased intelligence on where complaints are being generated, how often and by whom,” said PlaneNoise™ Founder and President Robert Grotell. “PlaneNoise™ will provide airport management with critical data needed for planning, improved airport user and stakeholder interactions and further enhancing of the airport’s overall community compatibility.”

PlaneNoise™ Complaint Box is an innovative, web-based aircraft noise complaint management application that automates and simplifies the tasks of noise complaint collection, investigation, response, database management and reporting.

Complaint Box’s unique automation tools and anytime data access will allow operations staff to handle noise complaints in a much more efficient manner and better utilize resources. MMU is always looking for ways to improve operational systems and to continue being a responsible neighbor to its local communities.

PlaneNoise™ is a service of Grotell Consulting, Inc., an aviation noise consultancy established in 2007 serving public and private clients with a focus on noise complaint management solutions, aircraft noise policy as well as government relations and community affairs.

To find out more about PlaneNoise™, please visit <http://www.planenoise.com>.

ARFF Chief’s Chat

By Doug Reighard, MARS/ARFF- Fire Chief

I would like to begin by wishing everyone in the MMU family a very happy and safe new year! In 2011 the ARFF department responded to a record low of only 77 emergencies on the facility and off

the airport to assist other agencies. We continued to educate ourselves in house and away at school logging almost 3000 hours of training. ARFF personnel provided classes in aircraft rescue training to our mutual aid. Additionally we provided station tours, fire extinguisher training and CPR classes to 384 airport employees and users in 2011.

Unfortunately the year ended on a very sad note with the tragic accident on Route 287. You may not be aware that ARFF was requested and immediately responded to assist our Mutual aid with this accident. Although nothing could be done to change the outcome, ARFF along with the airport OPS staff worked together to gather information and assisted in the initial investigation. We were able to answer many questions about the aircraft and its passengers quickly and efficiently. I would like to thank those involved for a job well done.

You may not be aware that although the ARFF department is here to handle aircraft incidents our job as emergency responders is so much more. Firefighters all over the world who traditionally only went to fires no longer just sit in front of the firehouse playing checkers. We are now tasked with responding to all sorts of incidents. Here at MMU we prepare to respond to aircraft incidents, injury, illness, hazardous material spills or releases, vehicle accidents, downed power lines, water emergencies, potential terrorist events, issues with wildlife and all types of rescues.

In December ARFF with the cooperation of the airport management and the FAA conducted training in High Angle Rescue. Members of the ARFF Department along with Morristown Fire Bureau and Cedar Knolls Fire Department conducted training on the airports radio towers adjacent to the FTC. This training involved utilizing a rescue dummy several times who was simulated to be a worker that had become injured. The rescue dummy was hung off the radio tower in a work harness attached to a safety line. The three agencies worked together to safely remove the injured victim and help him to the ground. This type of rescue is not done every day by these agencies and was a great learning experience by those who participated.

As we move into 2012 we have other activities planned with our mutual aid and look forward to working alongside our brother and sister firefighters and EMS responders. We truly have a great group of professionals both career and volunteer in the surrounding communities who

are always there when we need them here at our facility!

I'd like to remind you that ARFF is available 24/7 for emergencies and questions. We also offer tours of the station and equipment as well as training with Fire Extinguishers and CPR. For more information call the station at (973) 455-1953.



Morristown Fire Bureau and Cedar Knolls Fire Department conducting training on the airport's radio towers adjacent to the FTC

CoMMUnity

Aviation Exploring at Morristown Municipal Airport

By Ryan Sheelen, DM-Airport Operations Coordinator

Are you an aviation enthusiast? Do you have kids that are interested in Aviation? You can both get involved in Morristown Municipal Airport's Aviation Exploring Post!

In November, the Post took their first trip to New York City to visit the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. The Post spent the day admiring an exceptional display of both military and civilian aircraft. After seeing aircraft such as the A-12 Blackbird (the precursor to the SR-71 Blackbird) and the F-14 Tomcat, we concluded the trip with a private tour of the Concorde Supersonic

Jet. Our Explorer’s group was able to sit in the cabin and cockpit of the fastest passenger airliner in the industry! The trip proved to be a great aviation learning experience and a fun day for all that attended.

In December, we visited Nova Aviation located in Hangar 1 at Morristown Municipal Airport. The Explorers learned about the various flight training methods used at Nova Aviation and got to experience a Red Bird Full Motion Simulator first-hand, thanks to owner and CFI Angel Cortes. Each explorer had a short flight lesson in the simulator and was able to land the C172 at MMU.

For young adults interested in a career in aviation, joining the MMU Aviation Explorers is a great starting place. Please feel free to contact us at 973-538-3366 ext. 116 or email at Ryans@mmuair.com for more information regarding the Morristown Municipal Airport Aviation Explorers Post. You can also visit us on Facebook @ <http://www.facebook.com/pages/MMU-Aviation-Explorers/209546112394143>.



Left to right: Julian Amkraut, Ryan Sheelen (Post Advisor), Jessica Vurginac (Post Advisor), Kevin Tesoro, and Kevin Tsai.

Pilot N Paws Needs Your Help

By Debi Boies, Co-Founder, Pilots N Paws

Pilots N Paws is a 501c(3) charitable organization who, through the help of general aviation volunteer pilots, transport rescue animals by air. The mission of Pilots N Paws is to provide a user-friendly website communication venue between those that rescue, shelter, and foster animals and pilots and plane owners/renters willing to assist with the transportation of these animals. Portions of your flights are tax deductible. Morristown Municipal Airport is assisting us in this effort by providing a very pet friendly atmosphere and

welcoming our pilots who are making these lifesaving flights.

Four million former pets are euthanized in the United States every year. They’re killed because they don’t have homes. Pilots N Paws is a national charity helping to change that. These rescues happen because spay/neuter programs in some parts of our country are working – making room for the homeless from other areas. Pilots N Paws facilitates rescue transport - airlifting domestic pets – to new lives. It’s the goal of Pilots N Paws to make transport available for all rescued animals that have homes waiting for them – no matter where those homes are. You can help make it happen. If you rescue or shelter, consider joining our team, and if you’re a pilot please sign on to make one of the most rewarding flights of your life.



Pilots N Paws transporting rescue animals

OUR AIRPORT FAMILY

Congratulations Lee & Aaron!

By Peter Gilchrist, A.A.E., DM-Manager, Operations & Security

Congratulations to Lee Kimble and Aaron Buob on their recent accomplishment of obtaining the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Certified Member designation.

The Certified Member (C.M.) designation is a useful credential for individuals seeking employment within the airport management profession, for professionals interacting with airport executives, and for airport personnel who wish to learn multiple disciplines within the airport management profession. To become a Certified Member, an individual must successfully complete a 180-question multiple-choice examination with a 70% or better grade.

Aaron Buob is an Airport Operations Coordinator II and has been with the airport since 2009. In addition to his duties in airport operations, Aaron performs all fuel billing, schedules and conducts airport tours, maintains the airport website and social media, and compiles/edits the Airmail newsletter.

Lee Kimble is also an Airport Operations Coordinator II and has been with the airport since 2005. Outside of his operations duties, Lee acts as the West Tie Down Administrator and also administers the airport's security badging program.

Congratulations Lee & Aaron!

Congratulations Airport Operations Staff

By Peter Gilchrist, A.A.E., DM-Manager, Operations & Security

Morristown Municipal Airport's Operations Team has once again received the Excellence in Airport Training award from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). MMU is just one of 37 of the nation's airports to earn this prestigious award. To qualify the Operations staff completed over 100 hours of training in areas such as aviation fuel safety, wildlife hazard mitigation, customer service, and airfield inspection. The award is a reflection of the ongoing dedication to the safety and security of MMU. This is the fifth straight year that MMU has won the Excellence in Airport Training Award. The Operations Staff are: Peter Gilchrist, Lee Kimble, Rosy Rizzo, Aaron Buob, Ryan Sheelen, and Jessica Vurginac.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the newsletter or items of airport interest including notable events (promotions, awards, service anniversaries, marriages, births, deaths, milestone anniversaries, etc.) please contact Aaron Buob at: Aaronb@mmuair.com



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