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Everything seems to be coming together for the fly-in. To date, I have 30 volunteers, plus I recently received word from the high school that we'll have a couple student/volunteers from the National Honor Society. I still need to get out to the Coast Guard Station at the Point to see if they are able to have one of their boats on static display with a couple of their personnel.

Sometimes I struggle a little getting content for this newsletter each month. So, I'll include a few of the airport projects. Darryl and I recently removed the obsolete satellite dish that hasn't been used in many years. It got a little old ducking under it while mowing the lawn. The bi-directional tractor did the heavy lifting. The metal is headed for the scrap yard, and everything else made it into the dumpster.

The crack sealing for the ramp and serviceable taxiways has been approved by the Commissioners. It wasn't too difficult of a decision for them to make as the \$4,800 plus project is being paid for by Federal one-time Fiscal Recovery Funds. We're supposed to receive 48 hours notice from the contractor as to when they will arrive. It will interrupt airport operations for a few hours, so I'll keep the membership updated.

There were some large mounds of dirt behind the new hangar and the snow equipment building. When I saw Darryl's excavating capabilities with the bi-directional tractor following the removal of trees at the approach end of runway 8, I asked him to knock down the mounds. He did a great job and it really looks great. There is just a little bit left that needs to be relocated.



One of the next projects is replacing the door at the storage area located at the south end of the first hangar. It's been an unsightly part of the airport for years. Schirmer Construction has donated a steel exterior door. The glass panel will be replaced with T111 sheeting and painted.

I recently started a fundraiser selling drone shots of the Point and the State Dock in the form of canvas gallery wraps to raise a little money for the airport. The gallery wraps sell for \$50 of which \$20 goes to the airport. To date the fundraiser has taken in \$650.00. The funds will be used to cover the cost of supplies for oil changes on the equipment, lawn gas for the mowers as well as supplies for the terminal building. It recently paid for new door magnets for the crew car.

The airport had a crew car donated in July of 2021. It was a hard sell to the commissioners and the insurance company, but in the end it was approved, at least I thought it was. The commissioners were looking at a vehicle recently purchased for the Veterans Affairs office. Volunteers will be driving veterans to medical appointments with the car. While reviewing liability and insurance for the car, the airport crew car came up in conversation. It was determined that the car had never been formerly approved by the commissioners through a resolution. So the car was immediately taken out of service until a meeting can take place in mid-June.

The airport recently had three planes on the field using the pavilion area for camping over a weekend. The planes came in from Alma and Clare County. All three pilots are flight instructors, who know each other and flew in with their wives or girlfriends. The four airport bikes got some use and the airport received \$100 in donations as a result.

***"If you rush in aviation, you're rushing to an accident."***

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