



NEWSLETTER

Wisconsin Aviation Conference Recap

By WAC Planning Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2016 Wisconsin Aviation Conference! We had an extremely successful conference this year with over 234 registered, 38 exhibitors, and 41 sponsors. "Speed Dating" was a highlight of this year's Conference in Oshkosh thanks to the FAA's Chicago District Office (ADO). A total of 25 airports took advantage of the opportunity to meet and discuss issues and opportunities with their program manager face-to-face. Special thanks to Susan Mowery-Schalk and Jim Keefer for their leadership and support in providing the resources necessary to make "speed dating" one of the most successful events of the entire Conference.

Each year the conference planning committee looks for opportunities to improve. Please help us determine what we did well and areas we can improve by completing our conference survey at the link below.

<https://fs9.formsite.com/WIAMA/Evaluation/index.html>

The conference planning committee is pleased to offer continuing education units (CEU) for those desiring them in conjunction with their attendance at this year's Conference in Oshkosh. Those desiring CEU's should indicate the sessions they

attended at the link below and we will generate the appropriate certificates for your records.

<https://fs9.formsite.com/WIAMA/CEU/index.html>

Ideas For Airports Dealing With Nearby Model Drone/UAS Operations

By Russell A. Klingman, Esquire

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) represent a disruptive technology. UAS innovations will allow people to do things that were impossible in the past. The FAA estimates that UAS sales in the U.S. in 2016 will be almost 2.5 million; with sales exceeding 7 million per year by 2020.

The laws for UAS are not clear or consistent concerning (1) how airports should be notified about nearby UAS operations, (2) how they should handle such notices, and (3) how they should reach agreements with local model UAS operators about appropriate procedures. This article will discuss various problems associated with this vague area of the law.

To read the full article, [CLICK HERE](#).

In Case You Missed It

Shared by Charity Zich, Airport Director, Chippewa Valley Regional Airport

Dutch National Police are making what's old new again with a fleet of birds trained to take down drones. The Dutch have teamed up with a raptor training company to make the program a reality. A video demonstration of the sharp-eyed birds in action makes it clear they are up for the task, however it wasn't clear how dangerous it could be for the raptors to come into contact with the spinning propellers. Dutch police said in a few months they'll know when the program will begin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAYVvj6vf3Y>

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Zignego Company Award

By Kurt Stanich, Airport Director, Waukesha County Airport

Zignego Company, Inc and the Runway Reconstruction Team received the 2015 Wisconsin Outstanding Airport Project Award! The expedited nature of this project

was truly a rare and amazing feat being designed in 10 weeks and constructed in only 15 weeks! As luck would have it, worse than expected subsurface soil conditions were discovered under the runway intersection at the most critical phase of the project. Zignego provided excellent leadership and coordination of the subcontractors who were simultaneously working in very constrained areas by providing an extensive workforce, equipment and resources to complete the project on time and in budget.

The subcontractors who also performed well and made this outstanding project possible are:

- Musson Brothers: Excavating
- Highway Light & Landscape: Airfield Electrical
- Highway Landscapers: Erosion Control & Landscaping
- CTC: Traffic Control
- Payne & Dolan: Asphalt Paving
- ICS: Joint Sealers
- Michels: Concrete Crushing & Aggregates
- Crowley Construction: Airfield Painting & Marking
- Penhall: Pavement Grooving
- Soils & Engineering Services: Sub-Consultant to Mead & Hunt



In the 80-year history of Crites Field, this is the most significant infrastructure improvement both in scope and in economic benefit. Zignego's expertise and dedication combined with their ability to assemble a reliable group of subcontractors directly contributed to the success of this aggressively timed project. Our gratitude and congratulations to the 2015 Outstanding Airport Construction Award Winners!

- Dan Sweeney - Project Superintendent: Zignego Construction

- Greg Stern - Project Manager: Mead & Hunt
 - Marcus Kuhn - Resident Engineer: Mead & Hunt
 - Andy Trimble - Project Manager: WI Bureau of Aeronautics
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About the Airport

By Charity Zich, Airport Director, Chippewa Valley Regional Airport

The Chippewa Valley Regional Airport (CVRA) is located in Eau Claire, WI. A seven member Regional Airport Commission manages the Airport under an airport operating agreement between Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties.

CVRA provides a wide range of services meeting the air transportation demands of the growing Chippewa Valley and Western Wisconsin including United Airlines service to Chicago O'Hare; a full service Fixed Base Operator - Hawthorne Aviation; Mayo One - Eau Claire, the regions emergency medical transport helicopter; three car rental operators - Avis/Budget, Enterprise/National and Hertz; and NOW OPEN - Hangar 54 Grill - a full service restaurant and bar.



Constructed during the early 1940's and dedicated in 1945 after World War II, the airport consists of some 1,100 acres in size with over 350 acres of land available for aeronautical development. The airport boasts an 8,101' x 150' primary runway and a 5,000' x 100' secondary runway with a supporting taxiway system. Existing runway and taxiway pavement strength have allowed for operations of quiet, new generation commercial aircraft such as the Boeing 717, 737, 757, and 767, and Airbus A-300, 310, 319 and 320. As part of our nation's defense, military aircraft such as the C-130 four engine propeller transport and the C-141 four-turbine engine transport have operated from this airport. The airport is home to some 80 based aircraft ranking in size from a single seat home-built "experimental" aircraft up to a cabin class thirty-five seat business jet. The regions medical fixed and rotary wing aircraft are also based at the airport carrying patients, blood or human organs and tissue for transplant.

CVRA periodically hosts large-scale air shows featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels or U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. The most recent 2015 Chippewa Valley Airshow was awarded the Blue Angels "Airshow of the Year" award. Profits from the air shows have been donated to local charity organizations.



Several projects are planned for 2016 including reconstruction of a portion of Taxiway C, relocation of the Runway 04 threshold, construction of new T-hangars and associated taxilane and replacement of air traffic control equipment.

Mark Your Calendars!

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