

Air Operations Monthly Report

Before we begin, I want to take a moment out and say how much I have enjoyed working with each member of this community. We have so many incredible people here at Aero Acres and each one has an amazing diverse background. Many of you have contacted me to volunteer and offer your help and I greatly appreciate that. It is a true honor to be able to work with each of you!

CULVERT / 09 PAPI

Two weeks ago we held an Air Ops meeting and invited everyone to attend. We discussed several topics and decided to start on two items that we felt needed immediate attention: The collapsing culvert & PAPI for runway 09 and the beacon.

A week before I held the Air Ops meeting, I was able to attend the Grounds Meeting. Jeff Weston and his grounds committee have worked very hard in researching and learning what is needed to help improve the quality of our taxi-ways. The topic of the culvert and PAPI was brought up during that meeting.

Between the Grounds Committee and Air Ops, we are proud to report that the collapsed culvert has been quickly replaced and the "right" PAPI for 09 was placed back on top of the new culvert.

Dick Aziere, Steve Adams, and myself worked on replacing the electrical boxes and electrical pipes under the cement slab. I greatly appreciate Dick bringing over so much of his equipment and tools so we could complete the job and have it prepared for Eddie Flack's electrical work.

I also would like to personally thank Eddie Flak for helping us get ready to cross the finish line as he has volunteered to help rewire the PAPI and hopefully have it back up and working by the weekend. - If all goes well, we would have completed this job in just two weeks!

I would also like to ask if Jeff Goins can help reset and calibrate the PAPI again to it's 3.8 degrees over this weekend. We plan to closely monitor and re-align the PAPI every two weeks as we are certain it will settle over the next several months. This is a critical process to keep it safe and reliable.

BEACON

As I mentioned, we also discussed the beacon during the air ops meeting. The question was the following: "Do we replace the beacon now with a new one at an estimated cost of 3600 - 4000 dollars? Or do we repair and overhaul what we have and wait for a potential LED beacon to become available down the road?"

After much discussion, we decided to wait on purchasing a new one and to fix our existing beacon. This could not be done without the generous help of Eddie Flak. He has volunteered his company's bucket truck when it becomes available in the area and will bring down and overhaul the beacon with our team. Thank you Eddie!

AIRPORT LIGHTING & BULBS

Lisa Heidinger has been in contact with me regarding the purchasing of replacement bulbs and parts for our airport lighting. We will do an inventory list together on what we need so we can have a small surplus in stock. Lisa has also volunteered to continue to keep an eye on any lights that are burned out and will replace them.

FD88 AWOS BACK ON THE INTERNET

We discussed having the internet hotspot set up in the shed so people will be able to receive the FD88 AWOS information available on-line. Eddie Flack is offering to host the hotspot providing aero acres covers the internet service.

It was also brought up that Florida Broad Band might give us a hotspot to the shed for free. I am going to look into this over the next week.

One way or another, we plan to have this completed by no later than the middle of April.

NOTAM & UPDATED INFORMATION FOR AIRNAV / SKYVECTOR / FOREFLIGHT

I worked closely with a contact at Skyvector regarding updating our airport information at Aero Acres. They have provided me a contact link so I could officially send our information to the FAA. They informed me that if we updated our information on Skyvector only, every 30 days it would be wiped out with the monthly FAA information.

I have submitted our updated information that was provided to me by Bob DiGiovanni to the FAA and it should reflect permanently on Skyvector and Airnav within 90 days.

I am looking to see what information we can provide to Foreflight as well. I should have more information on this soon.

One final note regarding Skyvector. They have asked if I can send them some aeriels of Aero Acres and submit that to them so it will be available for pilots who are unfamiliar with our area. I will shoot some nice still images next time I go up in the Bonanza.

AIRPORT SIGNS

Finally, Mike Ebough has brought up the possibility of having some signs created at the RUN-UP areas. The signs would inform pilots as to where to do a RUN-UP, 4 clicks for AWOS weather, 5 Clicks for lighting - and perhaps a couple of different frequencies and a telephone number for Palm Beach Approach so we can get our IFR clearances.

I thought this was an interesting idea and something to look into. We would make the signs look nice and decorative and I personally believe they would be a nice addition at aero acres.

That is it for now - As always, be safe out there! Please contact me if you need me.

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