AVIATION NEWSLETTER

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Harold G. Vavra, Director

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VAVRA NAMED PRESIDENT OF STATE AVIATION OFFICIALS

Harold G. Vavra, Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission was elected President of the National Association of State Aviation Officials recently during the Association's 44th annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. He will start his duties January 1st, 1976.

National officers elected to serve with Vavra are Paul E. Burket, Oregon, 1st Vice President; Robert J. Aaronson, Maryland, 2nd Vice President; Kenneth A. Rowe, Virginia, Treasurer. John A. Nammack continues as Executive Vice President of the Association in its Washington, D.C. headquarters.

The National Association of State Aviation Officials (NAAOS) was organized in 1931 to coordinate the aviation programs and activities of the states with those of the Federal Government in the public interest. Its membership includes the aviation agencies of 48 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

NAAOS's policies and programs are developed in close association with the objectives and views of the National Governor's Conference, the National Legislative Conference and other state transportation officials to present a unified state voice on aviation matters.

The Association's primary objective at present is to work with aviation groups and with organizations representing public airports to speed congressional action in the renewal of the Federal Airport and Airway Development Act.

Mr. Vavra has been the Director of the N.D. Aeronautics Commission since 1947. He has also been very instrumental in the drafting of the Aviation Laws of North Dakota. Evidence of his ability in this field, among other good laws, is the Airport Authority Act, which has been copied by many other states, and the Weather Modification Act.

The Airport Authority Act is enabling legislation whereby cities, counties, townships, park boards can create an airport authority so as to better manage their own affairs. The Weather Modification Act is also a model act. Vavra has also been in the forefront in the securing of the funding for airports on the state level. He is very knowledgeable in rules and procedures of the Civil Aeronautics Board and has appeared before that body many times, writing his own briefs. He presently is an advisor on the Governor's transportation council and is also Secretary of the N.D. Flying Farmers.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION NAMES MEMBERS TO POSITIONS AND MAKES AIRPORT GRANTS

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission at its annual reorganization meeting in Bismarck elected Jack K. Daniels, Williston, Chairman; Alfred C. Pietsch, Minot, Vice Chairman; and John D. Odegard, Grand Forks, Secretary.

In other action, the State Aeronautics Commission allocated state airport grants to three airline and five general aviation airports, totaling $134,355.00 for assistance in paying for airport improvements, according to Harold G. Vavra, Director.

The amount granted to each airport follows:

- $50,000. to Grand Forks International Airport for airport terminal building expansion.
- $50,000. to Fargo Airport Authority for ramp, taxiway and second level loading construction to existing terminal building.
- $14,605. to Williston Airport (Stillman International Airport) for airport fire station, segmented circle and master plan study.
- $5,000. to Minot Airport Authority for paving 3,500 ft. runway, taxiway & apron.
- $10,500. to McClusky Airport Authority for engineering, construction and lighting new airport.
- $2,825. to Rolette Airport for runway pavement extension, markers and lights.
- $925. to Wyndmere airport for grading and seeding turf runway and fencing.
- $500. to Langdon Airport for installation of airport beacon light.

In addition, the State Aeronautics Commission has made state airport grant progress payments to four municipal airport authorities for assistance in paying part of the cost of major airport improvements, according to Vavra. The amounts and airports receiving grant payments are:

- $10,000. to Pembina airport authority for aid in paving a runway, taxiway, apron and road.
- $5,000. to Ellendale airport authority for aid in paving a new 3500 foot runway, taxiway and apron.
AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP) REPORT FROM CONGRESS

A summary of the report by the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. The report includes a section on airport grants, which details the process for distributing federal funds to airports. The report highlights the importance of federal support for airport development and the role of legislation in providing funding for projects that enhance safety, security, and efficiency.

The report emphasizes the need for continued investment in airport infrastructure to support air travel and economic growth. It underscores the significance of federal assistance in addressing the needs of airports, particularly in underserved and emerging communities.

The report also discusses the use of airport grants for a variety of projects, including runway improvements, terminal expansions, and other facilities. It highlights the collaborative efforts between federal agencies and local airport authorities to ensure the effective allocation of resources.

Key Takeaways:
- Federal support plays a critical role in airport development and modernization.
- Legislation is essential in providing a stable funding mechanism for airports.
- Collaboration between federal and local entities is crucial for successful project implementation.

For further information, please refer to the full report available on the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs website.
The program committee of the 1976 Winter Datacom Seminar to be held in Disnack, March 2-3, 1976.
NORTH DAKOTA WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES:

The State Weather Modification Staff conducted meetings with County Authorities throughout the State. County Weather Modification Authorities agreed to cooperate in having the Weather Modification Board advertise for Bids for the 1976 program. The County Authorities have received proposed cloud modification operational plans for this program.

On the basis of this plan, a Request for Bid (RFB) will be issued for bids. Those individuals or agencies desiring to receive a copy, should contact the Weather Modification Board.

That there are only 17 Counties with Authorities in North Dakota, this imposes limitations applicable to the 1976 program. These limitations may be alleviated with more Counties establishing Authorities.

There are other Counties which have indicated an interest in establishing Authorities. The State Weather Modification Staff will assist these Counties with materials, guidelines and presentations, as requested.

The State Staff consists of Martin Schrock, as Director; Roy G. Zittelman, Assistant Director; John Medina, Head of Operations; and Carol Hopper, Secretary. The office is located at the Municipal Airport, Bismarck with mailing address of P.O. Box 1833 and telephone 224-2788.

The Weather Modification Board was established by Governor Link appointing seven board members; a member from each of the seven Districts established by North Dakota Code Chapter 2-07, SL 75. Also the NDCC 2-07, SL 75 directs three State Staff members to be members of the Weather Modification Board. These individuals are from District I, Harold "Tony" Weninger, New Town; District II, Walter Uly, Minot; District III, Richard "Dick" Wentz, New Rockford; District IV, Luther Bernston, Adams; District V, Walter T. Stine, Valley City; District VI, James "Jim" Eastgate, Bismarck; District VII, Wayne Brooks, Bowman; Aeronautics Director, Harold Ayra, Bismarck; Water Commission Engineer, Verne Fahy, Bismarck and Director State Health Department, Gene Christenson, Bismarck.

NORTH DAKOTA AVIATION ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION, JANUARY 22, 23 & 24TH WEST HOLIDAY INN, FARGO, N.D.

Mixing very little frivolity with a large amount of business, the N.D. Aviation Association (NDAA) will kick off their annual convention Thursday, January 22nd at 3:00 p.m. with a business meeting. A poolside cocktail party that evening will wind up the first day. Friday we'll see a full day of business meetings, starting with a bloody Mary breakfast, more meetings, then a noon luncheon with speaker, then a social & refreshment hour and a Goldberg's champagne buffet. The convention will adjourn Saturday after committee reports & election of officers. A complete agenda of the convention follows:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND:
1:00 - 3:00 - Registration (West Holiday Inn, Fargo, N.D.)
3:00 p.m. - First Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. - Poolside Cocktail Party

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD:
7:30 a.m. - Bloody Mary Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Safety Report - Presented by Denver FAA Regional Office
9:45 a.m. - Proposed Aerial Application Rules, N.D. Aeronautics Commission
11:00 a.m. - Aerial Application Pro's & Con's
12:30 - 2:00 - Luncheon Meeting (Speaker)
2:00 - 3:00 - N.D. Sales Tax (Walter Stack, N.D. Tax Department)
3:00 - 4:00 - National Aerial Applicators Association Report
3:45 p.m. - N.D. Department of Agriculture (Myron Just, Commissioner)
4:30 p.m. - Presentation by Industrial Membership
6:30 p.m. - Social & Refreshment Hour
7:00 p.m. - Annual Banquet (Past Presidents Awards & Recognition, also FAA
Mechanic and Flight Instructor of Year Award)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH:
9:00 a.m. - Closing Business Session
Committee Reports - Election of officers

TRANSPOUNDER TESTING JANUARY 1, 1976

We would like to remind all aircraft operators that effective January 1, 1976, no person may use a transponder unless that transponder has been tested within the preceding 24 calendar months. Spot checks indicate many operators are not aware of this requirement.

Further information may be obtained by referring to FAR 91.177 or call the Fargo
GADO office at 232-8949. (Wes Edwards, Avionics Unit Chief)

1976 AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION FORMS TO BE MAILED NEXT WEEK

The 1976 aircraft registration forms will be mailed to all aircraft owners next week. In 1975 year, the Aeronautics Commission had a total number of 1,405 aircraft registered. Licenses become due January 1st.
5. Make a point of having someone knowledgeable out on the airport the first time the crews go to work. Reason - if you don't, you will have tiedown ropes sheared off, your tiedown perhaps wrecked and tied down aircraft possibly damaged. Remember this could be a new crew and maybe if is is old Joe, he may have forgotten where everything is.

Conclusion: Perhaps what the foregoing all boils down to is professionalism "In a job well done and with pride."

** NORTHERN GAME AND FISH TO ALLOW AERIAL HUNTING ON PREDATOR BASIS ONLY **

The following rules and regulations are hereby adopted and promulgated pursuant to and as authorized by Chapter 20.1-02 of the N.D. Century Code as amended:

1. Except as herein provided no person shall use an aircraft to hunt or harass any wildlife, or to knowingly participate in hunting or harassing any wildlife with an aircraft.

2. A permit to use an aircraft in the hunting of predatory animals may be issued to any person who complies with these regulations, upon determination by the Game and Fish Commissioner that such a permit is necessary for the protection of livestock, domesticated animals, or human life, and that aircraft hunting is the preferred method of predatory animal control under the circumstances involved.

3. The permit shall only be valid for taking a specified number and species from a specified permit area, for a specified period of time, and with specified gunners.

4. Application for a permit shall be made on forms prescribed and provided by the Game and Fish Department, and shall include a petition containing the signatures of all the landowners or operators within the proposed permit area, giving a legal description of the land involved, and stating the reasons for the necessity of issuance of a permit. Such signatures shall also constitute permission for the permittee to hunt upon the land in question.

5. The applicant shall obtain a low flying waiver from the N.D. Aeronautics Commission, and the Federal Aviation Administration prior to making application for an aircraft hunting permit. The permit shall only be valid when used in conjunction and in compliance with a valid low flying waiver.

6. The permittee shall, within one week of the end of the term of the permit, file a complete report of the species, sex, estimated age, and approximate location of kill for each animal taken. Failure to so report shall make the permittee ineligible to receive another permit for one year.

7. No aircraft hunting permits will be issued during the months of October, November, December or January.

8. These rules and regulations supersede all previous rules and regulations concerning the use of aircraft in hunting.

9. These rules and regulations shall become effective on July 1, 1975.

** NOTE: The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission will issue low flying waivers for aerial hunting with a condition attached thereto, that the waiver is valid only if the applicant is a holder of a State Game and Fish Department hunting permit. Problems may exist in the fact that FAA does not issue low flying waivers and apparently the Game and Fish may have to waive that portion. **

** CANADIAN FARM MARKETS COWL COVERS **

If you as an aircraft owner have noticed the fine engine cowl covers our good neighbors from the North use and would like to purchase one, Arctic Covers of 1492 Wall Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3E-S5 will supply. Phone 204-775-7639.

Prices include duty and shipping charges UPS or Parcel Post, any other form of delivery will be sent collect. Prices start from $89.50 per cover and run to $128.50 for the larger engines. A sample of prices are as follows:

Piper Apache, Clipper, Colt, Commanche twin & cruiser, PA-8-150, Baron A-55, Travel Air, Aero commander 500F, All A'ronca's, Luscombe, Mitsubishi 5 and Taylorcrafts go for $65.50.

Cherokee 140, 1408, 150, 160, 180, Baron C55, Baron D55, 50 go for $76.75.

Cessna 170, 170B, 172, 177, 180, 182, 185 Cardinal RG, Cessner Arrow, Commanche 250, 260, Duke, Musketeer, Queen Air, Alon Airoupe, Champion Citabria, Mooney MK20-21, Stinson go for $94.25 Cessna 310, Cherokee 6 & 87.75 - Cessna 206, U206, 337, Piper Navajo, Bonanza, Otter Twin go for $99.25 - Piper Aztec A, B, C, D & E go for $92.00 Beech B8, B18, Beaver, Turbo Beaver go for $114.00; Norseman costs $125.50.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Check your local fixed base operators as they may be handling Arctic Covers, such as Pletsch Flying Service of Minot.

** AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE (OPEN RECORD POLICY) **

In keeping with the right to know, anyone wishing a copy of the minutes of any Commission meeting, request same by writing the Aeronautics Commission, Box U, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. **