HAPPY NEW YEAR

NORTH DAKOTA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION MAKES AIRPORT AID GRANTS & ELECTS OFFICERS

The North Dakota Aeronautics Commission meeting in Bismarck approved state airport aid grants for eleven general aviation airports totaling $29,700 for airport improvements and navigation beacons.

Airports receiving grants are: Hillsboro - $4,770 for airport land purchase; Beach - $2,250 for grading runway shoulders; Hettiger - $2,400 for radio navigation beacon; Northwood - $1,500 for runway pavement seal; New Town - $1,500 for airport beacon monitor; Napoleon - $1,500 for runway lights; Mohall - $3,500 for radio navigation beacon; Parshall - $4,000 for radio navigation beacon; Stanley - $2,100 for airport apron expansion; Towner - $1,200 for relocating turf runway; Watford City - $4,000 for radio navigation beacon.

In an election of officers of the Aeronautics Commission, John D. Odgaard, Grand Forks was elected Chairman replacing Alfred Pietsch of Minot; Nicholas Schuster, Fargo was named Vice Chairman and Ward Whitman, Robinson elected Secretary.

In other business, the Aeronautics Commission has paid airport grants totaling $61,300 to six airports for paying part of the cost of improvements, according to Harold G. Vavra, Director.

The following airports received payments: Kenmare - $20,000 for paving runway and taxiway; Dickinson - $16,900 for paving runway and runway lights; Reeder - $13,500 for paving runway; Hillsboro - $4,770 for airport land; New Rockford - $3,650 for paving taxiway and lights; Hettiger - $2,404 for navigational aid.

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAM (ADAP) IN FOR TOUGH GOING

The current ADAP law expires September 30, 1980 and while FAA had an original target date of introduction of the new proposals to Congress no later than the 16th of May of 1979, FAA now intends to present the proposal to Congress shortly after they convene in January.

The present legislation requires at least $610 million to be spent in 1980, but the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Carter's Anti-inflation program, are looking for reductions of 10 to 25%, depending on the spokesman. FAA and OMB officials have been meeting to work out differences. Drafting of the actual language is in process and after the package clears in house, FAA and DOT (Department of Transportation), it will go to OMB and then the White House and then be sent to Congress. Possible changes being considered, indirectly caused by the San Diego Mid-air collision, is among others, the grouping of small hub, reliever and general aviation airports into one ADAP category so as to provide increased funding for general aviation and reliever airports. It appears that Congress is becoming aware of the importance of the need for improvement and expansion of reliever airports to reduce the congestion at major airline airports.
The main focus of the program was to attract as many people and make it as accessible as possible. People from different walks of life were welcome and encouraged to attend the presentation.

The program will continue on Saturday, the 20th, with a business meeting. The,N.W. A. 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The main focus will be to attract as many people as possible. People from different walks of life were welcome and encouraged to attend this presentation.

The Northern California Association for Attention Deficit Disorder will be holding its annual conference on Saturday, November 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The main focus will be to attract as many people as possible. People from different walks of life were welcome and encouraged to attend this presentation.

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FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL

The FAA has started a new procedure of designating Flight Instructor Examiners for the renewal and reinstatement of flight instructor certificates. They currently have designated three flight instructor examiners in North Dakota.

Name                City              Telephone Number
Lyle Hilden         Bismarck, N.D.       258-5610
George Hammond     Grand Forks, N.D.    777-2777
Steve Edner         Fargo, N.D.          237-0123

If you wish to renew or reinstate your flight instructor certificate with an examiner, it can only be done by a practical test and reinstatements require a complex aircraft to be used. The previous provisions for renewal and reinstatement still exist. We hope this will provide additional service to the aviation public.  

"OPERATION RAIN CHECK"

During the last week of February, Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center personnel will be conducting a course throughout North Dakota in the principles of Air Traffic Control entitled "Operation Rain Check".

Rain Check is offered to all pilots, but is designed to accommodate general aviation pilots who have or are about to obtain their instrument ratings. It is intended to make the people, equipment, procedures and responsibilities of the Federal Aviation Administration better known to the users of the system, thereby generating confidence in the system and overcoming any reluctance to use it.

Discussions will be held on the Nation's Airspace, Radar Services, Navigational Aids, Flight Plan Processing, Military Routes and Areas, and the many facets of Air Traffic Control. This mini-course in the principles of Air Traffic Control is one step toward helping make the airways a safer place to operate for all pilots.

Each program will start at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately 10:30 p.m. "Operation Rain Check" is sponsored by the INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICAN (INA). Program hosts are Tri-College Flying Club, NDSU; "Delta" Chapter of Alpha Eta Rho, UND; North Dakota Aeronautics Commission; EAA Chapter at Minot, and North Dakota 99's.

Date          Location          Facility
February 26, 1979  Fargo, N.D.  Stevens Hall Auditorium, NDSU
February 27, 1979  Grand Forks, N.D.  Student Union Lecture Bowl, UND
February 28, 1979  Minot, N.D.  (TBA)
March 1, 1979      Bismarck, N.D.  Dakota Room Student Union, BJC

If you are an instrument rated pilot, thinking about getting an instrument rating, or just interested in becoming more knowledgeable of the "system", make plans to attend "Operation Rain Check" (for a Rain Check on life).

FAA GOLDEN SENTINEL AND SAFETY SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Michael G. Beiriger, Fargo GADO Accident Prevention Program manager has completed the scheduling of flying safety seminars in North Dakota's major cities during this winter season. The schedule follows:

Date           Time    Location          Facility
January 23, 1979  7:30 p.m.  Hettinger, N.D.  Airport Terminal
January 24, 1979  7:30 p.m.  Dickinson, N.D.  Crown Room, 1st National Bank
January 25, 1979  7:30 p.m.  Williston, N.D.  Hospitality Room, MDU (Montana-Dakota Utilities)
February 12, 1979  7:00 p.m.  Fargo, N.D.  Stevens Hall Auditorium, NDSU
February 13, 1979  7:00 p.m.  Grand Forks, N.D.  Student Union Ballroom, UND
February 26 - March 1 "Operation Rain Check"  (See related article above)
April 2, 1979     7:00 p.m.  Jamestown, N.D.  Ramada Inn
April 3, 1979     7:00 p.m.  Bismarck, N.D.  Student Union, BJC
April 4, 1979     7:00 p.m.  Minot, N.D.  (TBA)
April 5, 1979     7:00 p.m.  Devils Lake, N.D.  Mayor Hotel

Topics covered during these seminars will include 100 Hour/Annual aircraft inspection; Weather and In-Flight Visibility; EFAS; Aeromedical Aspect of Flying; Stall/Spin Accident Factors; Illusions and Vertigo, and other pertinent accident prevention information.

Mark the appropriate dates on your social calendar and plan to attend these area safety seminars so you can be "in the know" about flying safety.

P.S. Refreshments will be served by our hosts.
Canada does exercise Tax on imported Agriculture

IMPROVING YOUR ABILITY

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Frank Argenziano, President of the N.D. Professional Aviation Mechanics Association announced that his association would be sponsoring the 1979 N.D. Aviation Mechanic Safety Award program.

Objectives of the General Aviation Annual Mechanic Safety Award Program is to raise the aviation mechanic making the most outstanding contribution to air safety through maintenance practices, Argenziano said. A valuable award will be presented to the winner in Bismarck at the Fifth Annual N.D. Professional Aviation Maintenance Seminar to be held March 6,7, 8, 1979 he said. Entry forms and instructions have been distributed through the State and can be found at various Fixed Base Operations.

Entries should be submitted to the North Dakota Aviation Award Program c/o Frank Argenziano, 1411 South 20th St., Grand Forks, N.D. 58201 no later than January 15, 1979.

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RETIRED AIR FORCE MAN JOINS FM-GADO #4

Robert Bebout, 45 pronounced Be-bow, has recently joined the Fargo GADO staff as an operations trainee having been from the U.S. Air Force in the Lawton Oklahoma area. He has moved his family to the Fargo area and is looking forward to meeting the aviation community here in the North.

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MINOT AFB FLYING SAFETY OFFICER VOICES CONCERN ON SEE AND AVOID CONCEPT (MIDAIR COLLISIONS)

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Captain Alvin C. Hoekstra, a Flying Safety Officer of the 5th Bombardment Wing, Minot AFB, recently addressed a letter to the N.D. Newsletter looking for avenues to reach more civilian pilots. He also sent along a Midair Collision Prevention Bulletin, wherein great concern is voiced over the number of near misses reported between military and light civilian traffic, which in 1978 as in 1977, continued to rise at an increasing rate. He stated that SAC averaged about 1 near mid-air collision per week and that the trend is inevitably going to continue and with it the possibility of a mid-air collision. He suggested that the civilian pilot use the Stage Radar Services whenever available or to avoid Military Operation Area (MOA) as much as possible and if unable to do so, be alert, know the MOA's and low, high speed jet routes in your area of operation and use the see and avoid concept. (Note - special chart on back of this page).

Perhaps most of you pilots reading this Newsletter are familiar with the low level routes in North Dakota and exercise great caution as you should, but something new will be added soon. Note that a crossover point has been established between low level 1R402 and 1R403 about 40 statute miles west of Bismarck connecting the two training routes. This cross over or connection has a special reason in that next March, the 12th to the 16th, operation "Busy Razorback IX" will be conducted by the Fifteenth Air Force, which is their annual bombing, navigation and missile competition exercise. 27 individual B-52 aircraft from eight Air Force Bases per day will be using the routes and the connection at 15 minute intervals, starting at approximately 1400Z and continuing until 2345Z during daylight hours. Again, "see and avoid" and lets not become statistics, as in the San Diego Midair.

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AERONAUTICS COMMISSION STRONGLY SUPPORTS STATE AIRPORT AID BILL IN LEGISLATURE

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The N.D. Aeronautics Commission strongly supports Senate Bill No. 2085 which has been pre-introduced in the 1979 Session of the N.D. State Legislature. The bill will provide $2 million in state-aid to airports over the next two years.

Senate Bill #2085 will directly benefit 8 major regional airline airports and increase state-aid airport funds by 58% for general aviation airport projects, over the next two years, according to Harold G. Vavra, Director.

The Aeronautics Commission has found that the existing method of financing airports and needed expansion at the State's regional airline airports is totally inadequate and that additional state-aid funding is needed for general aviation airports throughout North Dakota.

The bill provides that the regional airline airports which board more than 20,000 passengers annually, including Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot would divide up between them $850,000 per year for airport improvements. The small airline airports at Devil's Lake, Jamestown and Williston would each receive $50,000 per year for improvements. The bill provides that Dickinson would also receive $50,000 per year when it receives Commuter airline service, approved by the State Aeronautics Commission.

General aviation airports would receive a 58% increase in state-aid grants for airport improvements under Senate Bill #2085, by releasing fuel tax monies, which are now allocated to airline airports for general aviation airport improvements, Vavra said.
OUR NEW AERONAUTICS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN - JOHN D. ODEGARD

John D. Odegard, 37, is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Aviation in the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of North Dakota. He resides at 1002 Reeves Drive in Grand Forks.

Odegard attended elementary and high school in his birthplace of Minot, N.D., and continued his education at Minot State College and the University of Colorado. He received a B.S. in Business Administration in 1966 and an M.S. in Accounting in 1967 from the University of North Dakota. He has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1969. Odegard holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate, both single and multi engine, with over 6,000 flight hours. He is a Certified Flight and Ground Instructor in airplanes, instrument, multi-engine and gliders and also is a FAA Commercial pilot airplane, glider and Seaplane examiner.

While pursuing his master's degree, he was a graduate teaching assistant in accounting and was appointed to the University of North Dakota faculty as an instructor in 1967. In 1968, he was promoted to assistant professor and was appointed Chairman of the Department of Aviation in 1969. He achieved the rank of associate professor in 1972 and was promoted to full professor in 1977.

Odegard was instrumental in initiating the University's degree programs in aviation and, subsequently, the development of the Department of Aviation itself. The four-year curriculums are designed to develop managers for all segments of the aviation industry. The Department's ATC curriculum gives the University of North Dakota distinction in the field, the first four-year institution in the nation to train future air traffic control personnel. He also developed an institutional program to train weather modification pilots who were funded by the National Science Foundation. The department is presently deeply involved in weather modification research for the Bureau of Reclamation. Odegard is Principal Investigator of the department's research projects.

His activities have included three years as president of the UND faculty club, past president of the University Aviation Association, and two years as president of the UND Flying Club. He is a member of Alpha Eta Rho, Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, Civil Air Patrol, North Dakota Aviation Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, American Society for Aerospace Education, North Dakota Society of CPA's, American Association of Airport Executives, and the National Association of Flight Instructors.

Odegard was named the 1973 recipient of the United Airlines William A. Wheatley Award for outstanding contributions to the field of aerospace education given by the University Aviation Association. In 1978, he received the B.C. Gamble Distinguished Service Award from the University Alumni Association for outstanding teaching and loyal service. In 1973 Governor Arthur A. Link appointed Odegard a five-year commissioner of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission where he was elected Chairman in 1978. He also serves on the Governor's Air Transportation Advisory Committee.

He is married and has two children, Brian, 10, and Stephanie, 8. His wife, Diane, is a graduate of Milwaukee Downer Women's College (Lawrence University), Appleton, Wisconsin. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary society and teaches in the Grand Forks school system.

FOUR NORTH DAKOTANS BUILD BLACK HILLS FLYWAY NEAR HOT SPRINGS, S.D.

The four North Dakotans referred to above are the well known 3 Hoffsner Brothers of the Devils Lake area, and a brother-in-law, who have purchased a 1,100 acre ranch 6 miles south of Hot Springs, S.D. and have developed it as a place to build a vacation home and land next to it with your own taxiway to your house. Perhaps the most widely known of the three is Buckshot, 54, of Esmond, who is a farmer and minority leader in the N.D. Senate. Jack who is 45, is from Maddock, N.D., where he specializes in durum and sunflower growing. The third brother, Adrian, 36, is a teacher from Devils Lake, while the fourth member is a brother-in-law, Richard Hiepler, 38, of Kariarhu, who is a railroad employee.

The landing area is a NW-SE 13-31 alignment of 4300' X 100' with 65 5 acre lots having direct access to the runway and the balance of 55 lots have access by longer taxiways.

As mentioned, lots will be 5 acres in size and have utilities with the exception of water. Presently, owners will have to drill wells or water can be hauled from a well on the property. 500 acres of the 1,100 acres will be left in its natural state, according to word received. Further details can be had by contacting any of the aforementioned gentlemen.