

AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport (MQS) Tenants
From: Gary L. Hudson, Airport Manager
Date: April 8th, 2016
Subject: Airport Manager's Quarterly Report (1st Quarter), 2016

JANUARY (hot topics report)

Terminal Building Ceiling: On 12/7/15, the ceiling tracks that hold the ceiling tiles in place, were replaced.

Roadway Stakes: On 12/7/15, in preparation for the winter season, snow stakes were installed at the edges of Aviation Way, Lindbergh Boulevard and Earhart Drive.

Windsock: On 12/8/15, the airfield windsock was replaced.

Maintenance Building Garage Door: On 12/8/15, a stop switch was replaced on the garage door.

AWOS/GPS Antenna: On 12/8/15, the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS)/ Global Positioning System (GPS) antenna was installed in the ceiling inside the CCAAA Conference Room.

Case Tractor: On 12/9/15, the left tire was removed, patched and re-installed.

Power Point Presentation: On 12/17/15, I gave a Power Point presentation about MQS's Airport Snow Plan to attendees at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Quarterly Regional Aviation Committee meeting.

Benches Refurbished: On 12/18/15, the terminal building benches located on the south side of the building, were refurbished and re-installed.

AWOS: On 12/18/15, emergency power supply to the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), was hooked up.

South Side Tree Project: All of the trees along the fence line on the South side of the airport have been cut down.

FEBRUARY (hot topics report)

Airport Vehicle: On 12/29/15, the Dodge truck received a "tune-up."

Airport Drive-Thru Gate: On 12/30/15, a new gate controller was installed on the Aviation Way drive-thru gate.

Pipe Replaced: On 12/30/15, the heater exhaust vent pipe in the maintenance garage was replaced.

Camera Replaced: On 12/30/15, the security camera located at the corporate drive-thru gate, was replaced.

Diesel Fuel Tank: On 1/14/16, an electrical overhead wire, which runs from the airport maintenance garage, to a street light pole, and down to the diesel pump, was installed. This allows the diesel pump to get electrical power from an overhead wire, instead of the maintenance crew having to use an extension cord, which would run from the maintenance garage, across the road, and to the pump.

Snow Event #1: On 1/22/16, MQS experienced its first snow event of the winter. It started snowing around 6:00 pm Friday, and ended at approximately 11:00 pm Saturday, with a total accumulation of 26 inches. Airport snow removal operations started at 4:00 am Sunday and the first aircraft operation, which was a departure, took place at 12:14 pm, Sunday afternoon.

Electricity and Natural Gas Supplier: In an effort to try and reduce CCAAA's utility bills, I contacted Integrity Energy, which is a utilities broker located in Cleveland, OH, to see if their services could find another utility company that could offer the CCAAA a reduced rate. In doing so, Integrity Energy was able to find a company out of Houston, TX, called Direct Energy Business. Hence, on 1/29/16, I signed a 35 month contract with that company.

Runway 29 ILS: On 1/6/16, the Runway 29 Instrument Landing System (ILS) was put back in service. It was taken out of service on 12/17/15, so that the FAA Airway Facilities Division could upgrade the system.

MARCH (hot topics report)

Pennsylvania Pavement Management System Plan: On 1/5/16, two representatives from Applied Pavement Technology (APTech) came to MQS, to get an update on any pavement projects that have been completed since 2007. Upon getting that updated information, APTech will provide those updates to PennDot, so that they (PennDot) can prioritize funding for any future pavement construction, rehabilitation and maintenance projects, at airports throughout the Commonwealth.

Airfield Lighting System Repaired: On 2/17/16, the Runway End Identifier Light (REIL) at the approach end of Runway 11, on the north side, was repaired. Hence, the REIL system was put back in service.

Airfield Light Repaired: On 2/17/16, a runway light on the south side of the airport was repaired.

Airfield Ground Maintenance: On 2/22/16, ruts were removed from the Taxiway Alpha Safety Area.

Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit: On 2/23/16, the CCAAA received this new permit, which has an effective period from March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017.

Pennsylvania Game Commission Special Permit: On 2/24/16, the CCAAA received this new permit, which has an effective period from November 16, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

National Based Aircraft Inventory Program: On 2/25/16, I updated MQS's information pertaining to this program, in preparation for MQS's 5010 inspection.

Airport 5010 (State) Inspection: On February 26th, MQS's annual 5010 Inspection was conducted by PENNDOT-BOA Aviation Specialist Chuck Brewer. Mr. Brewer found the airport to be well maintained and in conformance with Pennsylvania Aviation Regulations. A follow-up letter will be sent to the CCAAA by the BOA, explaining the results of that inspection.

Airfield Lights Inoperative: The taxiway lights (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta) at the west end of the airport are still inoperative. The maintenance crew is still working on solving this issue.