

AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County Area Airport Authority (CCAAA) Members

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Subject: Airport Hot Topics

For your review, below is a listing of issues affecting the Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport (MQS).

NEW BUSINESS

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.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

