

AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport (MQS) Tenants
From: Gary L. Hudson, Airport Manager
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Subject: Airport Manager's Quarterly Report (2nd Quarter), 2017

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

APRIL (hot topics)

Light Bulb Replaced: On 3/20/17, a light bulb on one of the terminal building obstructions lights was replaced.

Airport Conference: 8/28/17 – 3/30/17, I attended the 2017 Northeast Chapter/American Association of Airport Executives Airports Conference in Hershey, PA.

Additional Vehicle Parking Lot: During snow removal operations, snow plow operators would inadvertently push snow and gravel into the grass when removing snow. So, now that the Winter season has ended, on 4/3/17, airport maintenance personnel raked and evenly spread the gravel back on the parking lot surface.

Air Compressor: On 4/3/17, this compressor was mounted to a specific location in the Airport Maintenance Garage.

Skid Loader: On 4/3/17, warranty repairs were completed on the New Holland Skid Loader.

Vehicle Repaired: On 4/3/17, the Ford Explorer's Electrical Air Temperature Control Unit, which controls the Heating and Air Conditioning System, was replaced.

Tree Harvesting Project: The Tree Harvesting project being conducted on the Northeast side of the airport is still ongoing.

MAY (hot topics)

Stakes Removed: On 4/6/17, the wooden stakes that are used to identify the location of the runway and taxiway lights during snow events, were pulled up and removed from the airfield.

Debris Removed: On 4/7/17 and 4/10/17, debris was removed from the remaining barn walls, which collapsed on 4/6/17, due strong winds associated with a passing thunderstorm. On 4/25/17, Shoemaker came to the airport and tore down the remaining barn walls, due to the walls now being a safety hazard.

Door Repaired: On 4/12/17, new hinges and a threshold plate were replaced on one of the terminal building North side doors.

Airfield Equipment Replaced: On 4/13/17, the windsock was replaced due to wind damage (frayed).

Airport 5010 (State) Inspection: On 4/17/17, MQS's annual 5010 Inspection was conducted by PENNDOT-BOA Aviation Specialist Randy Holderman. Mr. Holderman 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.

Airport Perimeter Fence: On 4/17/17, a vehicle gate was installed on the South side of the airport, near the windsock. On 4/19/17, a second gate was also installed on the South side, just to the East of the windsock.

Aviation Advocacy Day: On 4/19/17, I and CCAAA Chairman, Al Koenig, attended this function for the purpose of meeting with Senator Rafferty and Nolan Ritchie, who is the Executive Director of the PA Senate Transportation Committee. The purpose of our meeting was to inform the Senator about the 2015 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant that the Authority had applied for, the outcome of that application process, and any information the Senator and /or his staff can provide us, in having future success in being awarded that grant.

Terminal Building Windows: On 4/19/17, the terminal building windows were washed.

Equipment Serviced: On 4/24/17, the Batwing and Bush Hog Mowers were serviced.

Vehicle/Equipment Inspected: On 4/26/17, the GMC Dump Truck and Eager Beaver Trailer received their annual Pennsylvania State Vehicle Inspections.

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JUNE (hot topics)

Pavement Repaired: On 4/27/17, a small depression on the Aviation Way road, opposite the Aircraft Ramp drive-thru gate, was filled in with Cold Patch.

Terminal Building Parking Lot Lights: On 5/1/17, the main relay switch that controls the terminal building parking lot lights, was replaced.

Airport Presentation: On 5/4/17, I gave a Power Point presentation to the Coatesville Rotary Club at the Coatesville Country Club. I was asked by the Rotary Club to give an update to its members about MQS. My presentation consisted of me informing them on past, pending and future airport projects.

Runway Light: On 5/12/17, a light bulb was replaced on a runway light located at the approach end of Runway 29.

Airfield Sign: On 5/12/17, a light bulb was replaced on the Taxiway Alpha Directional sign located at the approach end of Runway 29.

Tables Set Up: On 5/15/17, picnic tables were set up in the grass area on the South side of the terminal building.

Air Conditioner Installed: On 5/17/17, the air-conditioner was installed in the CCAAA, Hangar # 2 office.

Power Failure: On 5/19/17, electrical power was lost at the airport and in the surrounding area, from 7:15 pm to approximately 8:45 pm. The airport emergency generators kicked in during the outage and supplied electrical power to the terminal building, sewage pump station, drive-thru gates and the electrical vault.

Generator Repaired: On 5/24/17, a fixed “Neutral” was installed on the Number 1 Airport Emergency Generator. This is the generator that supplies electrical power to some of the equipment in the Terminal Building, the Sewage Lift Station and the Aviation Way drive-thru gate, in the event of a power failure. A fixed “Neutral” will prevent the components of this equipment from getting damaged in the event of a lightning strike, power surge, etc.

Airport Beacon Repaired: On 5/24/17, a burned out Capacitor was replaced on the airport beacon. In lieu of its repair, the airport’s auxiliary beacon was put into service.

Taxiway Lights and Airfield Signs: On 5/26/15, all of the taxiway lights and airfield signs West of Taxiway Echo were unlit, due to a Transistor having to be replaced in the taxiway (West end) regulator.

Barn Project: On 5/18/17, electrical power was relocated from the Milk House to a ‘stand alone’ electrical panel. Power was relocated, due to the barn wall collapsing on the Milk House on 4/6/17. The wall collapse was due to strong winds.

Barn Fence Project: This project is still ongoing due to the barn wall collapsing on 4/6/17.