

AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County Area Airport Authority (CCAAA) Members

From: Gary L. Hudson, Airport Manager

Date: July 29th, 2014

Subject: Airport Hot Topics

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

NEW BUSINESS

Terminal Building Restrooms: On July 7th, the waterline connected to the sink in the Womens Restroom, was cleared of debris. On July 8th, the molding around the sinks in the Mens and Womens Rathrooms were re-caulked. On July 9th, the floor and lower ceiling tiles were cleaned with a scrub brush.

Airport Emergency Generator: On July 7th, the CCAAA staff started getting information on replacing the airport emergency generator, with a new generator that would have the capability of providing electrical power to the runway and taxiway lights in the event of a power failure.

General Aviation Issues Conference: July 13th - 15th, I attended the General Aviation Issues and Airport Security Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. The sessions that I attended discussed 1) State of the General Aviation Industry, 2) 20:1 Approaches, 3) Airport Sustainability, 4) General Aviation Security, and 5) New Resources for General Aviation Airports.

Ford Explorer Repaired: On July 14th, a front bumper and fog lamp were replaced on the Ford Explorer.

Hold Short Sign: On July 18th, a light bulb was replaced on the Runway 11 Hold Short Sign on Taxiway Alpha.

Directional Sign Repaired: On July 26th, a light bulb was replaced on the Taxiway Alpha Directional Sign on Runway 11 – 29.

Airport Maintenance Personnel: One of CCAAA's "Part Time" employees was replaced. The new employee started work on July 21st.

Construction Trailer: On July 22nd, the air conditioning unit in the South Apron construction trailer was repaired.

Obstruction Lights Repaired: On July 25th, two light bulbs were replaced on the terminal building obstruction lights.

License Renewed: On July 29th, I completed and submitted the required license renewal application to the FCC, pertaining to MQS's radio transmitter that broadcasts the airport's weather information on the AWOS frequency.

Parking Lot Light Repaired: On July 29th, a ballast was replaced on one of the lights in the "Long Term" parking lot.

Aircraft Landing Gear Issue: On July 29th at approximately 12:02 pm, I received a phone call from the Chester County Aviation Receptionist, informing me that a pilot en-route to MQS, was experiencing a possible problem with his aircraft's landing gear.

Upon the pilot realizing that the aircraft's landing gear circuit breaker needed to be reset, he smelled something burning, when he cycled the landing gear lever to the down position. Consequently, although the aircraft's landing gear indicator lights were showing all three wheels being down, the pilot needed verification. I (Airport Manager Gary Hudson) communicated with the pilot on the UNICOM frequency, and instructed him to do a low flyby down Runway 11-29, so that I could verify if the aircraft landing gear was down.

Once the pilot did a flyby, I did verify that the landing gear was down, but could not determine if all three wheels were in a locked position. Hence, I communicated my concern to the pilot and instructed him, per his concurrence, to continue to circle the airport, until I could notify emergency personnel of the situation, and have them arrive and get into position, prior to the pilot attempting to land at MQS. The pilot concurred, and landed without incident at 12:40 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Storm Drains Repair: This project is still in progress.

