

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

* **Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS):** On June 5th, the Chester County Area Airport Authority was informed by more than one airport tenant, that it's AWOS was periodically reading inaccurate "Ceiling" and "Visibility" information. As a way to try and correct this issue, on June 6th, the AWOS's Ceilometer (measures cloud coverage) was shipped back to the manufacturer for re-calibration and replaced with one temporarily on loan, by Stanwych Avionics. Pilot reports are now recorded and cross referenced by AWOS readings, in order to determine the system's accuracy.

On June 19th, an FAA annual inspection was done on the AWOS. With the exception of the ceilometer cover being cracked, all items were found satisfactory. The ceilometer was taken out of service. On June 25th, the cover was replaced and the ceilometer was returned to service.

* **Signs on Rockdale Drive Repaired/Replaced:** On June 6th, a "Stop" sign was re-posted after being knocked over by a truck. On June 8th, a "Stop Sign Ahead" sign was replaced, due to the original one being stolen.

* **Frequency Congestion Issues at MQS Letter:** On June 7th, this letter was disseminated (via email) to MQS tenants and on June 12th, it was posted on the Chester County Area Airport Authority (CCAAA) website.

* **Helicopter Pilot's Guide:** On June 12th, MQS's revised Helicopter Pilot's Guide was posted on CCAAA's website

* **Aviation Advocacy Day:** On June 13th, I stopped by the offices of State Representatives Dan Truitt, Tim Hennessey, John Lawrence, Chris Ross, Stephen Barrar and Duane Milne at the 10th Annual Pennsylvania Aviation and Aerospace Advocacy Day, in Harrisburg, PA to personally thank them for

supporting House Bill 1100. I also stopped by the offices of Senators Andrew Dinniman, Dominic Pileggi and John Rafferty Jr. to ask them to support Senate Bill 1552 (formally house bill 1100).

- * **Window Repaired:** On June 20th, “Authority” personnel reconstructed and replaced the “Authority” office window frame at Hangar # 2. The existing frame had to be replaced due to the wood rotting out.
- * **Rotating Beacon Repaired:** On June 26th, a ballast, light bulb and photocell were replaced on the rotating beacon.

OLD BUSINESS

- * Nothing to report.

