

AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County Area Airport Authority (CCAAA) Members

From: Gary L. Hudson, Airport Manager

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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

Modina VORTAC: On May 27th, I sent a letter to the FAA, explaining why they should reconsider the proposed decommissioning of the Modina VORTAC. I also contacted MQS tenants, via email, and informed them to also send a letter to the FAA, if they were concerned about this issue.

Chester County Economic Development Council Meeting (CCEDC): On May 27th, myself, Al Koenig, Fred Goebert and Dave Jones, met with Gary Smith and Mary Francis, of the CCEDC, to discuss a possible state of Pennsylvania Multi-Modal grant for MQS's proposed 1) Land Development and construction of an Air Traffic Control tower.

Vegetation Removed: On June 3rd, vegetation (weeds) growing up through cracks on the runway were removed by airport maintenance personnel.

MQS Based Aircraft: On June 10th, I updated MQS's based aircraft information on the FAA National Based Aircraft Inventory Program website.

T-Hangar Taxi Lane: On June 13th, repairs were completed to 4 areas (pavement depressions) along the main T-Hangar taxi lane.

Study Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting: On June 15th, I attended the first of 8 scheduled SAC meetings pertaining to the Route 30 Multimodal Transportation Study. The study is a follow-up to the Western Chester County Economic Development Study (Future Focus Study) completed in 2011, and is supported with grant funding from Chester County, and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The study will focus on the Business Route 30 Corridor, six interchanges along the US 30 Bypass between PA Route 322 and PA Route 10, and regional trail connections.

Taxiway Alpha Repair: On June 16th, two sections of asphalt tares were milled out at the East end of Taxiway Apha.

Runway 11 Runway End Identifier Light (REIL): On June 22nd, the runway 11 REIL bulb on the North side of the runway, was replaced, due to the previous bulb not flashing in sequence with the South side REIL bulb.

Airport Power Outage: On June 23rd, sometime between the hours of 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, a severe thunderstorm passed over Coatesville, and caused a power outage at the airport. At 9:24 pm, power was restored to all of the airfield lighting, the terminal building and the corporate hangars. At approximately 12:00 pm on June 26th, power was restored to the T-Hangars.

OLD BUSINESS

Storm Drain Project: This project is ongoing, and has once again started up (June 29th) for the Summer Season.

