

# 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

- \* **Obstruction Lights Replaced:** On May 14<sup>th</sup>, two bulbs were replaced on the Terminal Building obstruction lights.
- \* **Windsock Light Replaced:** On May 15<sup>th</sup>, one bulb and its protective cover, were replaced on the windsock.
- \* **Gate Repaired:** On May 15<sup>th</sup>, a GL Board was replaced on the East drive-thru gate's Gate Controller. Mice feces corroded to GL Board as a result of mice nesting inside the Gate Controller.
- \* **Hotel Event:** On May 17<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to attend the Grand Opening of the new Marriott Hotel, located on Rt. 82 in Coatesville. The hotel has 4 floors, 117 rooms, 8 Suites, a pool, Fitness Center, and Meeting Rooms.
- \* **Coatesville Riverwalk:** On May 25<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to attend the Grand opening of the Coatesville Riverwalk/Brandywine Creek Trail. The 10-foot-wide paved trail, extends about 1,200 feet from the intersection of Rt. 82 and Lincoln Highway to Glencrest Road. There is also a recirculating fountain at the trail entrance.

## OLD BUSINESS

- \* **Helicopter Incident:** Regarding the T-Hangar Repainting project that is scheduled to take place sometime in June, the following is a reminder to any T-Hangar tenants that may be temporarily relocating their aircraft to the aircraft apron adjacent to Taxiway Alpha, until painting is completed on their designated T-Hangar building:

On January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:28 am, propeller wash generated from a Sikorsky S-92 helicopter hover taxiing on Taxiway Alpha, caused damage to several aircraft tied down on the aircraft apron. This incident could have been avoided if the pilot followed MQS

procedure, which requires wheeled helicopters to ground taxi on that taxiway. As an added precaution to try and prevent helicopter propeller wash from causing elevator or vertical stabilizer damage to aircraft parked on the ramp adjacent to Taxiway Alpha, on December 23, 2009, a letter was sent to those aircraft owners, advising them to install Gust Locks on their aircraft.

\* **House Bill 1100:** On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the PA House of Representatives passed House Bill 1100, which is the bill that calls for the elimination sales and use tax on fixed wing aircraft sales, parts, maintenance and repairs. This bill was up for the third and final consideration. The bill will now go before the PA Senate, which will take up legislation in early June.



