

AIRPORT MEMO

To: Chester County Area Airport Authority (CCAAA) Members

From: Gary L. Hudson, Airport Manager

Date: May 28th, 2013

Subject: Airport Hot Topics

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

NEW BUSINESS

- * **FCC Radio License Modified:** On May 8th, the CCAAA received its modified FCC radio license. The modified license is the license for the transmitter that sends weather information to MQS's Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). The modification was required because the 25 kHz efficiency that the transmitter was operating at, was ceased on January 1, 2013 and replaced using at least 12.5 kHz efficiency technology, or what is commonly known as "Narrowband."
- * **East Drive-thru Gate:** On May 10th, in order to allow the gate too fully close, an adjustment was made to the gate controller cogs on the T-Hangar drive-thru gate.
- * **Aviation Way Drive-thru Gate:** On May 10th, this gate was taken out of service due to computer software issues. In the meantime, per my request, the Valley Township Police Department will conduct extra patrols in the terminal building parking lot during the evening.
- * **Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** On May 14th, I attended a meeting hosted by the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the meeting was to get an update, regarding the potential future construction of the Airport Road Interchange construction project.
- * **Airport WIFI System:** On May 14th, the antenna/transmitter that communicates with MQS's WIFI system (commonly known as the "Node"), was replaced in T-Hangar B.

OLD BUSINESS

- * **Test AWOS:** The "Test" AWOS that was installed on the east side of Hangar #2, to compare the AWOS "Ceiling" and "Visibility" readings at Chester County/G.O. Carlson Airport (MQS) and Brandywine Airport (OQN), was disconnected on May

13, 2013, due to their being no complaints about the AWOS reading inaccurate information, when compared to OQN's AWOS .

* **Airport Power Failure:** On May 24th, electrical power was lost for approximately five minutes at the airport. Once power was restored, Chester County Area Airport Authority personnel had to reset the airport's AWOS and Sewer Lift Station.

