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WHY NEBRASKA AIRPORTS ARE SOME OF THE SAFEST IN THE COUNTRY

I'm sure you all know that there are many ways that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulates all airports to ensure they're safe for users. Airports that serve commercial air carriers are required to maintain an operating certificate that is regulated by FAR Part 139. FAR Part 77 specifies the height of buildings, trees, and other objects that determines whether they are an obstruction or a hazard to air navigation. And the FAA requires that all public use airports be inspected on a regular basis so that their condition can be listed in the Airport Master Record. But beyond all this, Nebraska goes an extra step that most other states don't in looking out for the safety of our pilots.

The number one purpose of the Nebraska State Aeronautics Act, originally passed in 1945, "is to further the public interest and aeronautical progress by (1) providing for the protection and promotion of safety in aeronautics. . ." This is the law that created the Department of Aeronautics and was later changed to bring Aeronautics under the newly created Department of Transportation. As a method to codify this requirement, Aeronautics has created Title 17 of the Nebraska Administrative Code which sets the regulations under which we operate. Chapter 1 of Title 17 is called "Rules and Regulations Concerning Public Use Airport/Heliport Licensing."

Chapter 1 requires that all public-use airports in Nebraska must obtain a license from Aeronautics every three years or less. In order to obtain this license airports must meet the published Minimum Standards for Public Use Airports. These standards are similar to FAA requirements but vary to some degree and are also a bit more stringent. The minimum standards can be found in Nebraska Administrative Code Title 17 Chapter 1.003.02 or at this link: https://www.nebraska.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Transportation_Dept_of/Title-17/Chapter-01.pdf

Most states don't have independent licensing requirements such as Nebraska, so this should give you a level of comfort. But these Nebraska regulations also give airports additional work to do to keep their licenses. The most common issues that we've seen in maintaining Nebraska airport licenses is in keeping obstructions and hazards away from airports. Trees are the most common. Remember that trees grow, so even if you've trimmed trees you'll probably need to trim them again in a few years. The very best solution is to remove trees. Allowing crops to grow too close to a runway or leaving hay bales too near runways are also common issues.

The team at Aeronautics who conduct these inspections are smart and very willing to help. Safety is our number one priority and we're proud of the work we do to keep Nebraska's airports safe! Please reach out to us if we can help at (402) 471-2371.



Ann B. Richart, AAE

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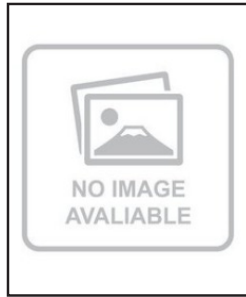
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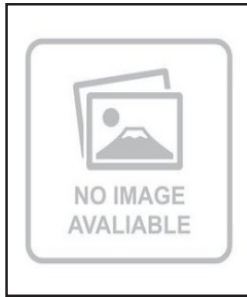
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NEW FREMONT AIRPORT TERMINAL CELEBRATED AT RIBBON CUTTING

By Tammy Real-McKeighan, Fremont Tribune

About 60 people attended the October 19th ribbon cutting for the new Fremont Municipal Airport terminal facility, which includes a conference room, front area, and pilots' lounge. The facility will have three offices available to be rented out.

Ann Richart, Aeronautics Director at the Nebraska Department of Transportation, commended Fremont for recognizing the value of its airport. She pointed to the economic impact airports have on Nebraska communities.

"An airport isn't a transportation facility, it's an economic development tool," Richart said. "You've proven that you understand that, and you get what it takes – and the commitment—to bring this economic vitality to your community."

"It's a beautiful building," said Fremont Aviation President Jim Kjeldgaard, who has worked at the airport for more than 50 years. "It's a great addition to the Fremont airport."

In remarks after the ribbon cutting, Fremont Mayor Joey Spellerberg spoke about the airport's growth potential. "With Fremont and our location to Omaha, we are receiving a lot of traffic that would normally fly into Omaha," he said.

Economic Vitality

Spellerberg also pointed to a study by the Nebraska Aviation Counts! Team, which indicates that Fremont's airport generates \$10.5 million in goods and services from airport-related activities and supports more than 90 jobs related to these activities. The payroll from these jobs totals more than \$2.6 million.

"It is a part of the critical infrastructure for any community — just as important as a highway system, as rail lines," Spellerberg said. "Your airport represents the economic growth and vitality for Fremont into the future."

Former Fremont Mayor Scott Getzschman also spoke of the airport's economic impact.

"Truly, the airport is the economic driver for the City of Fremont and it's one of the main tools we have in our tool bag for continued growth," Getzschman said. "For many, it's the first impression Fremont makes to businesses visiting Fremont."

The new terminal was constructed next to a new parking apron, which cost more than \$2 million. Spellerberg noted that the apron project was 90% funded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Future Plans

Speaking of future plans, Spellerberg noted, "Now that we have the terminal, as well as the apron completed, we need the new Fixed Base Operator (FBO) facility."

Kjeldgaard, the fixed base operator, and his maintenance team would use the FBO hangar for maintenance. It also would be used to house larger aircraft that fly into the airport. Spellerberg said the airport advisory board is working on raising money privately for this FBO hangar, with an estimated cost of \$1.6 million in 2020. In the meantime, Spellerberg is enthusiastic about the new terminal.

"The new terminal building is quite an addition to the community and all of our community should be very proud of the work that was done for over a decade by so many people—by the prior mayor and city council and the airport advisory board," Spellerberg said.

The city-owned airport on the west end of Fremont provides various services, from fuel and aircraft maintenance to flight instruction to sight-seeing tours and transportation for survey-takers. It offers aircraft rental.

More than 50 aircraft — from a two-seater airplane to a 10-seat jet — are based at the airport, which has about 30 city-owned hangars along with privately owned ones.

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1st Saturday of the month,
8:00-10:00 a.m

Crete Airport (KCEK)
EAA Chapter 569 Fly-in breakfast
(free-will donation) on the
3rd Saturday of every month,
8:00-10:00 a.m

AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AND AIRPORT PROJECT OF THE YEAR:

Anyone wishing to nominate a Nebraska airport for “Airport of the Year” please go to www.aero.nebraska.gov and select the link: “Nominate an Airport for Airport of the Year.”

All entries must be received at the NDOT – Division of Aeronautics by January 10, 2023.

Anyone wishing to nominate an “Airport Project of the Year” please contact David Morris at the Division of Aeronautics, phone 402-471-2371. Nominations for this award are also due by January 10, 2023.



2023 NATA Scholarship Information

The 2023 NATA scholarships are available to any Nebraska high school senior or individual continuing their education.

Application forms must be received by December 31, 2022. The form can be found online at www.nebraskaaviationtradesassociation.com.

Please read the general instructions before completing your scholarship packet. The essay topic is: “What role does ag aviation play in producing a local commodity?” The essay must be a minimum of 400 words and must be typed and double spaced.

Application must include the signature of a Voting member of the Nebraska Aviation Trades Association.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Moore, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association at 531-289-8323 or email: taylor@youraam.com

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- Lifetime Membership \$1,500 \$_____
- 2023 Voting Membership - \$160 \$_____
- 2023 Non-Voting Associate Membership - \$85 \$_____
- 2023 Allied Membership (Supplier/non-voting) - \$70 per person \$_____

40% of your dues not tax deductible due to lobbyist expenses

Total Enclosed: \$_____

The following information will be used in the membership directory

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City_____ State_____ Zip_____

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Deadline to be included in the 2023 Membership Directory is March 31, 2023

2023 NATA ANNUAL CONVENTION ATTENDEE REGISTRATION FORM

February 20-22, 2023 - Younes Conference Center North - Kearney, NE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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MEMBER NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____ SPOUSE NAME(if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Name(s) of other(s) who will attend and name for badge:

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2023 Non-Voting Associate Membership (Non-Pilot/Employee)	\$85	_____	\$ _____
2023 Allied Membership (Supplier/Non-Voting)	\$70/per person	_____	\$ _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

COST

Before Jan. 15th

COST

After Jan. 15th

QUANTITY

TOTAL

Full Registration - Member (includes PAASS)	\$180/person	\$220/person	_____	\$ _____
Full Registration - Non-Member (includes PAASS)	\$355/person	\$395/person	_____	\$ _____
Convention Only/Support Personnel (No PAASS)	\$85/person	\$110/person	_____	\$ _____
Convention Meal Package (Two Luncheons)	\$75/person	\$75/person	_____	\$ _____
NATA Spouse	\$60/person	\$70/person	_____	\$ _____

*Convention Registration does not include meals.

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_____ Exhibit Booth <i>(Includes one allied membership dues)</i>	\$400 Before Jan. 15th / \$425 After Jan. 15th	_____	\$ _____
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ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR ITEMS			
_____ Additional Allied Memberships	\$70/per person	_____	\$ _____
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Exhibit location preferred: 1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice: _____

(Please indicate, by number, the location of your choice.)

Please list any exhibitor(s) you do not wish to be located by: _____

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Signature _____

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