



Airport Manager Report

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Aviation Fuel sales remain down, with challenging weather conditions and an increased price at the pump, pilots are feeling the pressure. This past Sunday, the weather was very nice and we had good traffic at the airport. The courtesy car went into town 3 times, supporting local businesses. We continue to have some of the lower prices of fuel in the state, but even this sometimes isn't much of a consolation when it costs more than \$200 to fill your tanks.

We were excited to hold the Egg Drop this past Saturday. The weather was a little chilly, but the winds remained manageable and the snow showers stopped before kids started arriving. This was the second year that I had moved the parking to the south side of the airport off of Washington Rd, and was very pleased with the results. The Easter Bunny was flown in and the kids helped escort the Bunny to help with the games that Joy ran flawlessly. All 3 of the Egg Drops were right on target, and we even had a 6 ship Blackhawk flyover as if we had planned it. 😊 The DJ had an additional speaker system that he placed at the drop line, directing kids when it was safe to retrieve the eggs after we flew the bombing run. Two kids won a free plane ride and two also won free bikes.



MDOT Aeronautics has passed one of their duties down to the local airports. On any project that requires services of an engineering firm, an independent fee examination (IFE) must be done by the sponsor. Projects under \$100,000 can be done as a peer review, where the state provides like projects from around the state for comparison. Over \$100,000, a 3rd party contractor will create an analysis for a fee. Our next project is the Rehab of the Apron and Taxi Lanes 2 & 3. The engineering contract has been sent and I have satisfactorily completed the IFE, per MDOT Aero. We are now allowed to sign the Engineering contract for this next project. This agreement is what is slated to be on the agenda at the next meeting. The Design contract will be done this year and construction in 2023.

Regards,

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