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## President's & Vice President's Report – Wayne Thompson & Chris Stubbs

Hello All,

Hope everyone is well and continues to be well. It has been a roller coaster over the past 12 months to say the least. Our field remains open and operational throughout all this.

The beauty of our field is our membership and relative isolation. Our private and gated area allows us to keep a somewhat isolated and controlled environment. It has been a privilege to be a part of this great Club.

Before, and even somewhat during this current social climate, we have been able to get a lot accomplished at our Club. Our Monthly Meetings have had to be missed along with many having to stay home in isolation. Despite all this, we have accomplished quite a bit over the past 12 months: New Lease, Fence Replacement, Runway Seal, and upgraded mower.

We decided to prolong our current runway as much as possible by doing a new crack fill, seal coat, and striping to bide us another 2-4 years. There were several factors which went into this decision: 1) A new regrind and relayment of new asphalt was over our current available budget. For those Members attending the Monthly Meetings (at the beginning of the Year) know that it was going to be in the range of \$35,000 - \$80,000 to get this done. 2) COVID hit and thus we had to greatly consider the impact this would have on our current and future membership and funding. 3) Future donations, auctions, and dues will help to reach funding for a future relayment of a new runway. Please keep this in mind as we move forward and continue to support the Club's funding and workload as much as possible.

This work we had done on the runway is certainly not perfect but will help greatly in mitigating further damage along with filling most of the cracks and gaps. We are very fortunate that the overall levelness of our runway is good. We do not have large heaves or undulations in the flatness of our runway.

The Fence project is completed. This was a large undertaking for a great group of volunteers. These things do not get finished by themselves. Our Member, Jim German, was instrumental in instigating and getting us going on this project. Once going we had a GREAT crew of volunteers for this project. Many "thanks" go out to these Members (in alphabetic order) : **Kevin Archer, Brad Barnum, Jim German, Doug Gilbert, Travis Hermann, Frank Kaylor, Ray Nyce, Joe Rosenkrantz, Chris Stubbs, Dennis Thomas, Dot Thomas, and Bill Whichelo.**

We believe the fence we replaced was erected about 25 years ago. This needed to be done and makes the field look refreshed for us, visitors and potential new members! This work took about 3 days of work. Many thanks to all who helped to maintain and improve our great Club!

Monthly Meetings will commence as soon as possible. More info will follow as it becomes available as we are checking the status of our meeting location. Look for emails as to when they will commence.





Runway Photos:



## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Kevin Archer**

It has been an interesting year with the virus and all. As most of you know by now the runway is resealed and the cracks filled, we have a new fence and we have signed up for a new website! I first want to thank all of you who helped with the fence! Everyone that showed up had something to do and once we got going things just clicked along and we were done by 1:30 or so. It was good seeing people at the field. I enjoyed talking with members I have known for a long time and a few I just met! Once again thanks to all that were able to lend a hand!!! A special

thanks to those who were there Tuesday and tore out the old fence and put up the new posts! I think Tuesday was the harder day!!

Looking forward to getting the new website up and running. Bob Moore has volunteered to help get it going and is getting it set up. There is a place within the site to easily list any items you want to sell off to fund your next project. I think we will be able to set up the renewal's with PayPal and you can enter your info online if you wish. It's all pretty exciting!

As you have heard dues deadline have been pushed back until August this year due to the virus issues.

We have 19 members already signed up at this point with a total club donation of \$425! Thanks guys!!

I have been fortunate so far this year and have been flying enough to go through a couple of gallons of glow fuel! Having a blast and enjoying the field and all the fellow members! The socializing between flights is great along with the smack talking!

See you at the Field!!

Kevin

## **Safety Officer – Chuck Browitt**

Please maintain your distance with others at the field if you decide to come out.

Snakes and critters are out. Please watch for snakes and be VERY careful while walking, especially into tall grass. Volunteers are needed to keep the areas around the field mowed and maintained. NOTE that many are reporting that Rattle Snakes are not "rattling" like they used to and therefore you may stumble right upon them without warning. Wearing boots is a great idea.

The greater field area will not be mowed until mid-summer. This is due to keeping the grass tall until the migration period is finished for the prairie dogs. This is a critical method of trying to keep them out of our areas.

Note that the field address signs are located about the areas of the property. Know it and learn it and if and where your phone will work/get service. This is critical in case there is an injury and you need to call for you or possibly someone else. First Aid kit is currently located in the cabana.

Fire extinguishers are located both in the cabana and inside the red area on the Frequency board structure. Note where they are before they are needed.

## **Member at Large – Bill Whichelo**

Mowing chores are ongoing and we need a number of folks to take turns with the mowing maintenance around the pits, fence barrier, runway edges, and the heli area. Please consider getting training on the mower so that you can assist with these chores.

It is imperative that the lock on the front gate has the combination scrambled once the person opens the gate. We spot check this quite often and there have been a number of times which the combination is left in the lock while the gate is open. This is unacceptable as it allows the combination to be compromised. Please be sure to scramble the code as you are securing the gate open.