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Millington-Memphis Airport

Director's Message

Mike Gill,
Executive Director

MAA's primary mission, and that of Millington Airport Administration, is to provide Millington and the tri-state area with meaningful relationships and economic fuel to the areas we serve. Thanks to each of you, and your choice to partner with NQA, we have a bright future ahead. Aviation activity in Millington already supports over 200 jobs in our state, generating an estimated $3.65 Million in economic activity each year, and we look forward to doing our part to help grow the airport economy further in the coming years.

These efforts have already paid significant dividends by creating new economic opportunities for our state. Over the past year, the Millington-Memphis Airport has experienced significant growth with new commercial tenants as well as new general aviation pilots, and our hope is to entice more aeronautical industry in the near future.

Recent damages from mother nature and the follow on repairs revealed some of our shortfalls, but has also fueled our vision for the airfield. As we identify and prioritize our goals, we will strive to keep our customers and tenants informed, as we want advocates, and not objectors. Plans are in place for enhancement; however, the wheels of government are sometimes slow, and I do recognize that when people are apprised of efforts, they better understand the development.

In short, MAA is committed to the fiscal and operational activities needed to have our airport recognized as the BEST airport in the state of Tennessee, and we thank all of our local, state and federal partners, as well as all the travelers that honor us all by choosing NQA.

With the support of our state and community, and as the aeronautical industry recognizes Millington-Memphis Airport as a growing and attractive destination, we know our future is brighter than ever.

Blue Skies and Tailwinds

Welcome New Tenants

The City of Millington and the Millington Airport Authority is experiencing new and exciting growth. New restaurants and stores are being opened and new homes are being built in Millington. Millington Municipal Schools are experiencing growth and making facility improvements. All of this makes the City of Millington very attractive to potential airport businesses and tenants, and we are excited to welcome our new tenants.

AerSale opened this summer and began hiring earlier this year. They anticipate to continue to hire through the end of this year and finalize all of the hangar renovations. We anticipate AerSale having a grand opening / open house in the near future.

Flyin' Easy is nearing completion of their hangar next to the Fire Station, and we look forward to welcoming their Gulfstream V to the airfield.

We are currently working on an agreement for a new tenant for the hangar and office space at 8092 Memphis Avenue (N798 building / formerly JetIt / Tulsair).

And last, but certainly not least, we welcome our new t-hangar tenants. We have had a long wait list for years, and once a hangar opens up, the next one on the list is always super happy to get that phone call.

We appreciate you all and look forward to hosting a tenant cookout in the near future.

Tenant Gate Relocation Update

During our 2023 audit of the facilities and airport property, we noted the road (Singleton) to the tenant gate was in poor condition. In our research, we learned the road is owned by the Industrial Development Board, the Navy and the City of Millington. The newly paved portion belongs to the Navy and City of Millington. The remaining portion leading to the trucking school is written in to a sales agreement with the trucking school that the school will maintain the road. Unfortunately, the Millington Airport Authority doesn't have the legal ability to force the trucking school to comply.

In setting our goals to improve tenant conditions, we got creative and decided to move the gate near the Navy Flying Club. Setting out to accomplish the goal was not problem-free. Assessing the relocation of the gate revealed issues that had to be mitigated, including, the electrical supply needing to be moved, locating an electrician to bore and install the service at a reasonable price, and determining if the current gate could be reused or if new needed to be purchased.

In the past few months we have determined we will be reutilizing the current gate at a major cost savings and have completed the purchasing policy procedures to select the electrician.

The electrical service must to be brought to code and moved. This requires an address assignment of which we are currently working through with MLGW. Following the address assignment, MLGW has to engineer the service, and then our electrician will be able to perform his work.

Consideration is being given to resolve safety issues with moving the gate near the Navy Flying Club and we are engaging our partners to resolve the issues. In the coming days we will be issuing driving rules to begin mitigating these safety concerns and addressing FOD.

"Aviation is proof that given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible."
– Eddie Rickenbacker.

Employee of the Month

Brian Suber
Airport Operations Specialist

Brian Suber is the guy that works when no one is watching. We appreciate his hard work and dedication.

At the July board meeting Director Gill referenced a quote that fits Suber well.

"The harder you work when nobody's watching, the less you bleed when its time to perform."

Tower Renovations

The NQA tower is rich with history and the Millington Airport Authority is truly excited to see the long-awaited renovation completed. On the current schedule, the tower is expected to be completed in early October. We look forward to a ribbon cutting and grand opening.

We appreciate the great job Hi-Lite did on our new taxiway markings.

Tenant Requests & Suggestions

As our staff continues to work through making improvements to the facilities and airfield, we would appreciate our tenants utilizing the following methods to make maintenance requests, report airport issues or to make inquiries about the status of an issue/project.

Maintenance Requests:

1. Submit the Maintenance Request to Office Manager Candace Ward via email at c.ward@millingtontn.gov or by calling the office at 901-873-5796. Detailed messages may be left on voicemail.
2. If it is after office hours or the weekend, please call or text Office Manager Candace Ward at 901-573-1423. She will forward the inquiry to the appropriate person.
3. If it is an immediate emergency, please report the issue to the Fire Station, as well as calling 901-573-1423. For medical emergencies, dial 911.

To Report Airport Issues or Make Inquiries about an ongoing issue:

1. Submit your inquiry to Office Manager Candace Ward via email at c.ward@millingtontn.gov or by calling the office at 901-873-5796. She will forward your inquiry to the appropriate person. Please allow at least 48 hours for a reply to your inquiry.
2. If you do not feel your inquiry is being addressed, please call the Administrative Office at 901-873-5796 to request a meeting with Director Gill. Please note Director Gill will request a written statement for our records, so emailing it in advance is suggested. Director Gill will provide a timeline for a response, depending on the complexity of the issue.
3. If Director Gill is unable address your inquiry, please submit a written request to the Administrative Office to bring the inquiry to the attention of the Chairman and the MAA Board.

Board Meetings

The Millington Airport Authority (MAA) is overseen by an eleven-member Board that directs the operation of the airport. Nine of the members are appointed by the Mayor of Millington; one is appointed by the Shelby County Mayor and one by the Tipton County Executive. The Authority employs an Executive Director for day-to-day management, grant procurement and compliance with FAA and other regulations governing the airport facilities and property.

The MAA Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Millington -Memphis Airport Terminal, located at 8182 Hornet Ave., Millington, TN 38053.

An agenda for each monthly meeting is posted on the airport terminal building bulletin board at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, is posted at the meeting, and copies are available upon request.

Please Note: If the public would like to make comment, please fill out the request form prior to the meeting. Any public comments must pertain to an item on that day's agenda.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Coming Soon! 2024 PA-32 Fall Fly-In

The 2024 PA-32 Fly-In will take place on October 11, 12, & 13 in Millington, TN, at the Millington-Memphis Airport (KNQA). This event is a fantastic opportunity for aviation enthusiasts, pilots, and PA-32 owners to come together and share their passion for flying. Throughout the weekend, attendees can expect a variety of activities, including aircraft displays, educational seminars, and social gatherings.

Participants will have the chance to attend informative sessions led by industry experts, covering topics such as aircraft maintenance, flight safety, and the latest technological advancements in aviation. Additionally, there will be opportunities for networking with fellow pilots, sharing flying experiences, and building lasting connections within the aviation community.

The fly-in will also feature a showcase of PA-32 aircraft, allowing attendees to see these remarkable planes up close and personal. Whether you're an experienced pilot or simply an aviation enthusiast, the PA-32 Fly-In promises to be an unforgettable event filled with learning, camaraderie, and the joy of flying.

For more information or to register for the event, go to **https://www.PA32owners.org**.

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