



NRRA News

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Let the Wednesday cookouts begin!

First off . . . Sorry for the delayed newsletter. Supply chain issues.

That's right. Starting Wednesday, June 1st, the weekly airport cook outs are back in action . . . Right on time and without any COVID drama. You may remember the cook outs were completely shelved in 2020 and started in July last year. So for 2022, this is about as back to normal as we're going to get.

East Metro Jet Center and the airport employees host the cook out in the business aviation terminal on the north end of the airport starting at noon each Wednesday. We serve lunch until 1 pm or so. Everyone is welcome to attend (even MAC employees). We won't judge. We usually have a turn out from 25 or so all the way up to 70 + people. We really hope to see you there. There is a lot going on and it's worth the trip to the world's greatest airport.

These cook outs have been going on since the summer of 2005. I'm looking forward to another great summer here at NRRA.



We had a few people over

The airport teamed up with the fantastic employees at the Friday Memorial Library in New Richmond for a Pup Patrol event this spring. You've probably heard of Nickelodeon's cartoon Paw Patrol. Right? This was them. And, as it turns out, little kids absolutely flip out when these critters make an appearance.

The library staff expected about 200 people to show up, which was going to be a little much for our under-sized library in downtown New Richmond so they asked if they could use the hangar bay in the business aviation terminal. No problem. We can handle 200 people easy. Then nearly 2000 showed up. The crew quit counting at 1800. Could've been way more. Wow. That took some teamwork. Plus, I was out sick and completely miserable that day. I can't thank the airport and East Metro Jet Center staff along with the library and city staff for coming together to pull this off. Amazing work everyone!



Fire Truck

Why? Because we need one

How? Online auction.
\$17,500 plus fees for a vehicle that is worth over \$90K. Not bad

What? A gently used E-One Titan airport rescue and fire fighting vehicle (ARFF).

This thing is a blast. You may have seen our new ARFF truck this spring or perhaps heard the report of the 92 series Detroit Diesel in the back of this thing while cruising the airport. I won this at an online auction in early February and it arrived about 3 weeks later on a truck pulling a lowboy trailer. It holds 1,500 gallons of water, has a pump capable of 1,250 gallons per minute, has a bumper turret (300 gpm), and a roof turret (750 gpm), and is equipped with foam.

The vehicle is available for use by airport personnel and New Richmond Fire and Rescue. It is stored in the airport maintenance building on the south end of the airport. The vehicle is slowly being outfitted with various pieces of rescue equipment and is available for immediate use.



Premium

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AIRPORT FIRE ARFF TRUCK TARGET PRACTICE COMPETITION – Beth vs. Steve

27,751 views • May 26, 2022

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Steve & Beth
6.4K subscribers

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Steve and I check out our local airport's new ARFF (airport rescue firefighting) fire truck and have a little target practice/spraying competition!

SHOW MORE

Local pilots and Cirrus owners Steve and Beth Nielsen have a YouTube channel (6,400 subscribers and 1.8 million views) and even featured the airport and ARFF truck in a video released last week.

Steve and Beth built wooden targets and had a fierce competition on who could knock over the targets with the roof turret just off the taxiway near hangar row 20. The video has over 29,000 views so far. You'll have to watch the video to see who won. I may have a cameo or two at some point as well.

Here is a link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE7cbm1Tbgg> (copy & paste)

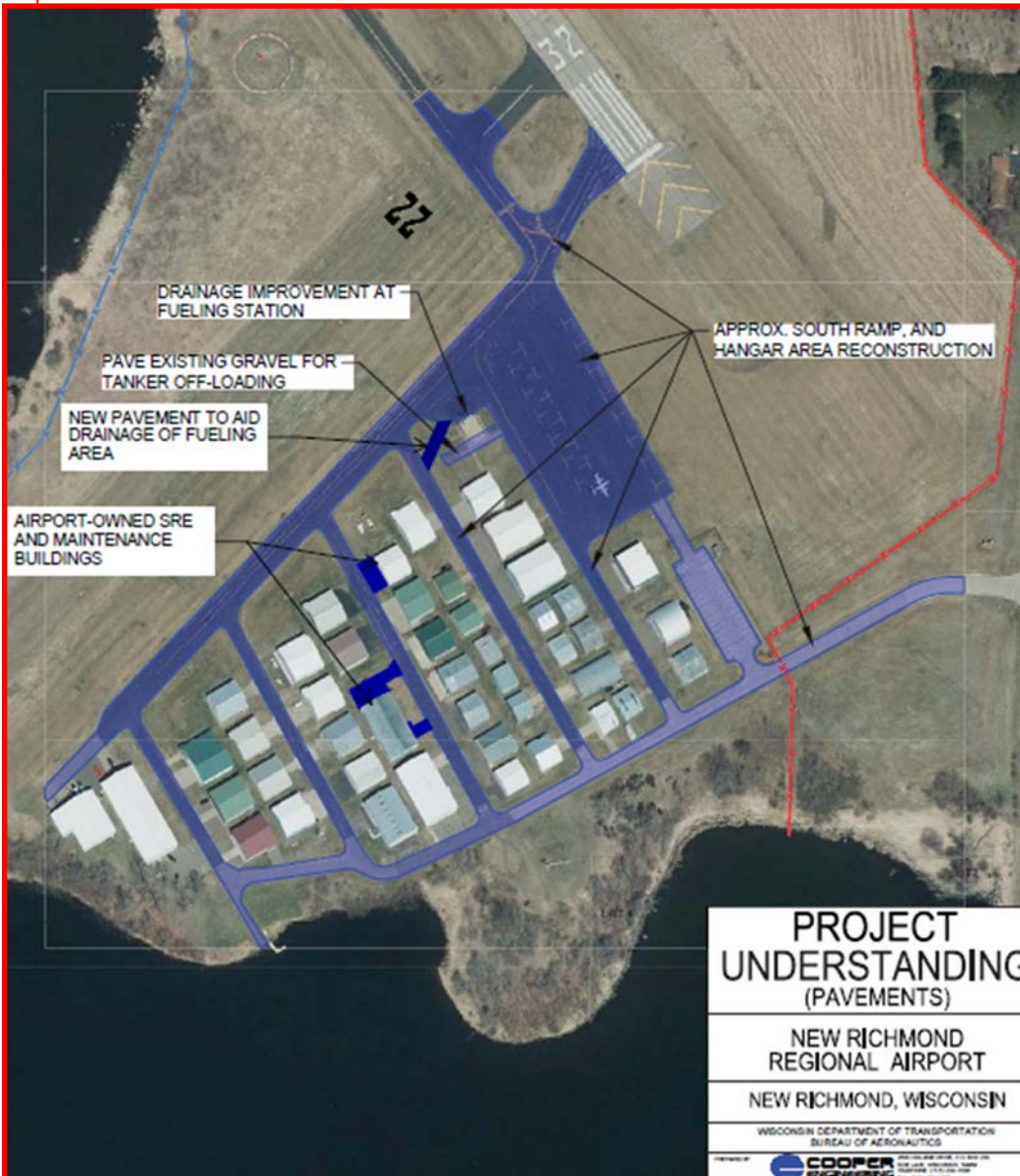
The FAA doesn't require our airport to have ARFF protection on site since we lack air carrier operations. So this is a very, very nice to have option available to us. This will save a life someday. I am sure of it.

South Hangar Area

Well, at least it doesn't owe us anything. The pavement in the south hangar area is due for an upgrade. Typically, asphalt pavement will last 20 to 25 years in this climate. Most of the pavement in the south hangar area will turn 30 this fall.

Back in '92, just a few years before I came onboard, the pavement specs were a little different. There was apparently a shortage of asphalt back then and the thought of the day was to make the pavement thin - there's only two inches of it - and really strong by mixing in concrete. The result is the broken mess you see in the picture at the right. This is what happens when a 25 ton snow blower or 20 ton plow truck take the corner on a taxiway a little too tight. It's time to cry uncle and do it better.

The Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics selected Cooper Engineering to design the project this summer with construction starting next year. All of the apron pavement, fuel apron, parallel taxiway to runway 4-22, and taxiways between the hangars will be reconstructed. Drainage issues in rows 3 and 4 will be addressed and the heavily used airport entrance road will be redone. The understrength pavement in front of the two airport maintenance hangars will be redone and the seaplane ramp will see some work as well.



The connecting taxiway near the approach end to runway 32 and part of the parallel taxiway to runway 14-32 will need some love since that pavement won't make it much longer either.

The Bureau of Aeronautics is acting as our agent on the project and coordinates all of the bidding and contracts.

Another project that is on deck is the completion of the security and wildlife fencing around the airport. This project requires some environmental work as well as the completion of the in-process wildlife hazard assessment which will hopefully end late this summer.

The airport layout plan, basically a blueprint of sorts, will also be updated and the airport will start the process of developing an airport master plan document.

After a 12 year airport construction hiatus, it will be good to get back in the game.

Hangar Space - To Build

Hangar lots are available in rows 15, and 17 on the north end of the airport. Contact me at mike@nrairport.com if you're interested in a spot. Typically, a lessee is required to begin construction within 6 months of signing a lease. The hangar should be substantially complete within 12 months. The lease rate is still an affordable \$.10 per square foot per year. Plus, local lenders are offering loans for new hangars and additions to existing hangars.

A 100' x 100' space is also available in the corporate hangar area just south of hangar 11-17 . . . For now.

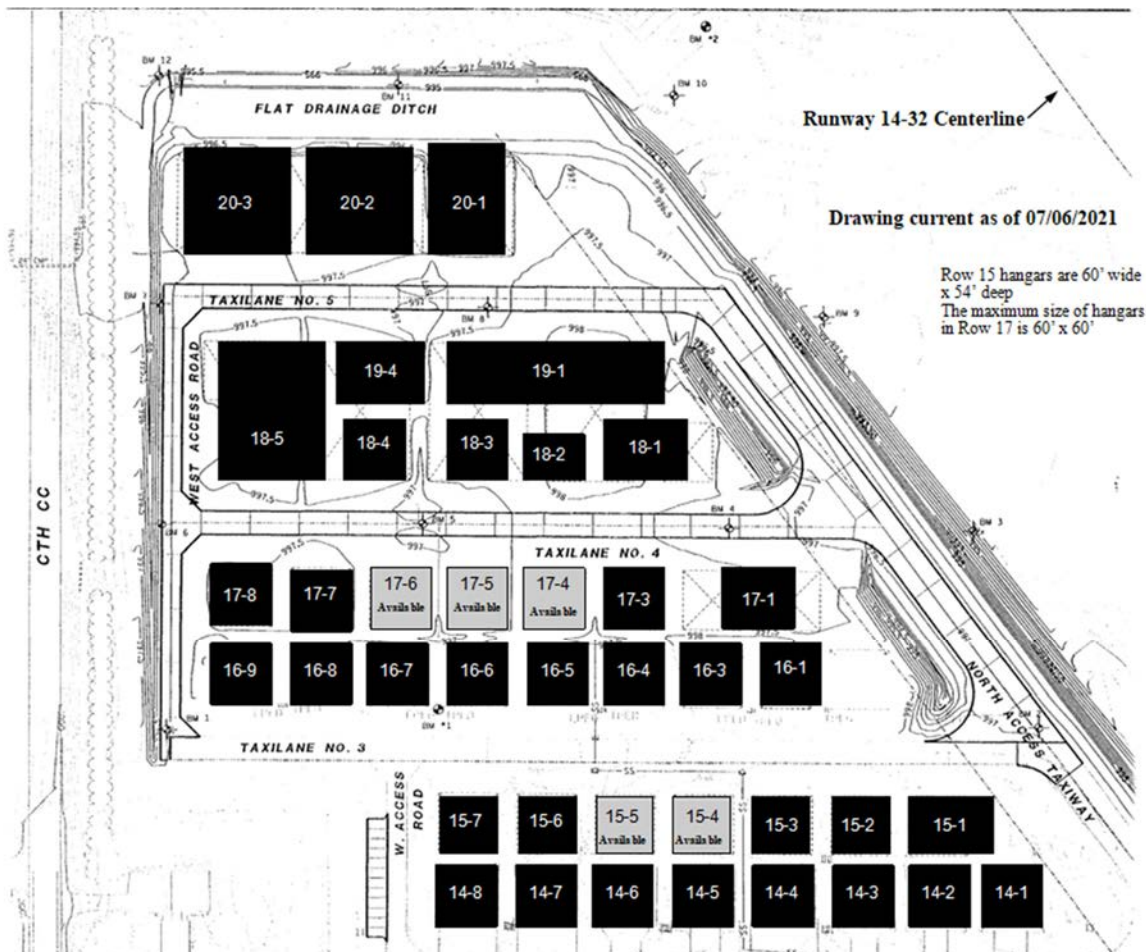
Hangar Space - To Buy

Nothing at the moment

Hangar Space - To Rent

Hangar owners - we desperately need rental space. Please contact me with your available space and I will help find you a renter. mike@nrairport.com

Watch for NRHANGARSPACE.COM to go live in June. I'm working on it at the moment. It will list any hangars for sale and rent plus updates on lots for lease.



A few last things -

- An airport commission meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 1st at 6 pm** in the business aviation terminal. The agenda includes a public hearing on airport improvements, a request for a parking lot near Perceptive Avionics in hangar 16-1, a rent adjustment for hangar lots starting next year, and a few other administrative items.
- I mentioned the airport would be getting \$400k worth of new snow removal equipment last fall. Nope. Didn't happen. Delivery was expected in November, then December, then February, and now TBD. Supply chain issues are causing the delay. Hopefully



we'll have it before next snow season, which could be as early as mid-August if we work the problem backwards based on our horrible spring weather. And enough with the wind already.

- Supply chain issues and seriously high paint prices also prevented us from repainting airport runway and taxiway markings last fall. We're going to give it a try again this summer. It's been 3 years since we repainted. It shows. The segmented circle around the south windsock will also get repainted. It's looking like an old barn.

- East Metro Jet Center now has three crew cars available for the transient aircraft pilots. They're all

Ford Crown Vics. That's right. The Police Interceptor version. Vroom. Vroom. Spread the word.

- Fuel prices are a touch on the volatile side at the moment. Wholesale jet fuel jumped nearly \$.60 per gallon between May 1st and May 15th, and then fell right back down another \$.60 last week. Huh? Avgas is climbing slow but steady, reaching a record average national price of \$6.63 per gallon. Every week it seem to jump \$.20. Hang in there. We're getting close to the top.
- East Metro Jet Center ordered a brand new 2022 avgas truck with 1000 gallon tank. It's powered by a Dodge Ram chassis. The truck is under construction now at a plant in Ohio. Delivery is expected in late July. Probably after the Oshkosh rush. The truck will replace a 1987 Ford F600 that has served us well but will certainly live on for many more years at another deserving airport FBO. Anybody looking for a used avgas truck??



Local Fuel Prices

100LL

**\$5.34 at the pumps or
add \$.30 for truck service**
(National average \$6.63)

Jet A

\$6.21 for truck service
(locally based aircraft pricing available)
(National average \$6.71)

MoGas

Temporarily Unavailable
**We are awaiting repair parts for the
MoGas truck. Give us a week.**

**That's all for now
Hope to see you at the airport!**

Thank you

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