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The provisional license issued to the airport for obstructions at both ends of the runway should soon be lifted. All of the trees I have marked were taken down, so hopefully an inspection will confirm this. I would expect a revisit by the MDOT inspector within the next week or two.

A big thank you goes out to the U.S. Forest Service who sent crews out to the approach end of runway 26. They own and manage property east of Scott Road and south of the railroad tracks. They took down a number of trees that were intruding into the approach path as well as trees that would eventually become an issue.

The private property I feared to the northeast of runway 26 turned out to be a non- issue as their property was largely unaffected. When shown the property lines and doing some drone work over the area, it was determined that most of the affected trees were closer to Scott Road than expected and indeed on airport property. These were Jack pines on slightly elevated terrain. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Darryl Powell and Hunter Miller for bringing their chainsaws to help take down a number of trees in this area. If any of you burn wood in an outdoor burner or know someone who does, I have four foot jack pine logs free for the taking.

Darryl Powell, who was recently approved as a part-time airport employee, has been a huge help getting the equipment and field ready for the winter. It turns out he is great and troubleshooting and repairing electrical issues. He also has experience as an excavator. He recently used the bidirectional tractor in leveling the ground on the approach end to runway 8 where trees had been removed with the tractor. The snow blower and snow pusher are now on the tractor and ready for snow.



The ramp and fuel pump lights are currently out of service. The lights wouldn't trigger with motion, but would instead come on at irregular times during the darkness. There are six 300 or 350 watt halogen lights on top of the two poles that draw a ridiculous amount of energy. Transitioning to LED lighting wouldn't be cost effective as we have very little or no nighttime operations on the field.

The airport received a preliminary report on recent inspection of the airport pavement. The runway and ramp were in great shape as well as the pavement near the new hangars. We have some areas around the older hangars that are in need of rehabilitation or replacement. I will apply for a state grant when it's made available after the first of the year. I have already been in contact with MDOT on the issue.

Congratulations to Coleen Gaydash on achieving her complex endorsement with Pete Mapes in his Mooney. There is no doubt that doing any training beyond your PPL will make you a more proficient and safer pilot.

We have our annual IFC banquet coming up the first Saturday in January. Marv and Fred will look at reserving the venue. It seemed as though all those in attendance at the last banquet were pleased with the service and price at The Lodge Restaurant in Tawas City, so they'll likely start there for availability.

“Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding it.”

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