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Here's to 2024. Our list of those interested in attending the annual meeting on January 6th continues to grow. The deadline to sign up is December 30th. We hope to see you there. I'm not a fan of public speaking, so if you have anything you'd like to share to those in attendance, just get with me.

St. James Electric stopped out in mid-December to repair the ramp lights. They replaced a defective motion sensor on the pole over the fuel farm, so it is now working properly. I know Marv was getting ready for some night time flight training with Hunter Miller. A new motion sensor has been ordered for the pole in front of the terminal, which isn't that critical as the area immediately in front of the terminal has enough lighting to safely get you off the ramp and into the terminal building.

The control panel to the 26 PAPI was removed in August when the runway lights were repaired. In mid-December a call was placed to J. Rainke to check on the status. They are looking into it as it was sent off to the manufacturer. Hopefully, we can get operating soon.

Even though all of the trees I marked for removal were taken down by November 15th, MDOT Aero extended our provisional license until February 29, 2024. I had hoped to avoid an extension just to have it done, but it won't be lifted until an inspector comes and physically inspects both approaches.

Darryl and I measured cracks on the apron and on the taxiways that aren't already alligatored. The measurements were forwarded to our airport project engineer, and I'm hoping to have that completed this summer. The State will cover half of the cost and the County will cover half.



To avoid understaffing for next year's fly-in, I'm going to solicit help from the National Honor Students in Tawas who are always looking for ways meet their community service hours committment. I would like them to help park cars and help in the dining area.

The Governor has set aside \$2 million dollars for airports like ours that don't receive federal funding. Early in 2024 there will be grant applications available to tap into these funds. The funds can be used for pavement rehabilitation and fuel farm upgrades, which happens to be on the top list for our needs on the field.

My wife and I are changing out our leather Lazyboy sofa and loveseat after years of gentle use. I'm considering donating it to the airport and replacing some or all of the green leather furniture the club bought from the Tawas Bay Beach Resort a few years ago. If you know anyone in need of this furniture get with me. It's not in the best shape, but it might be perfect for a hunting camp or second home.

Last year the airport purchased \$125 worth of brush killer chemical to take care of the weeds growing through the cracks in the pavement. It worked on the weeds, but it didn't stop the grass from continuing to grow through. This year I'll try using a newly acquired propane torch for the weed control.

“Any pilot can describe the mechanics of flying. What it can do for the spirit of man is beyond description”. – Barry Goldwater

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