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Bruce Bolen, who heads the Road Commission, contacted me to see if they could again use the airport parking lot as a staging area as they were about to complete road repairs on Wintergreen Road and Aulerich Road. They had a double bottom gravel train haul in several loads of pea stone from Alpena. Dropping the stone at the airport saved them from trucking it in dump trucks from M55 and Sand Lake Road and saved them time and money. They sent representative to the airport to evaluate our crack sealing needs on the apron and taxiways. They also are going to drop at least 20 yards of fill dirt to fill in some low areas around the apron and aircraft tie down area in return.

In the last couple of years our serving line at the fly-in has been a little overwhelming with the line extending across the taxiway. Bill Deckett donated a grill, but the cost to convert it from gas to propane wasn't cost effective. I looked into a Blackstone griddle and discovered they were having a \$100.00 Father's Day discount, so I decided we needed to do something and ordered one. Luckily, the 135 lb package included free shipping. The club voted at the June meeting to reimburse me for the purchase. I'm still a little concerned about our big grill as it gives us a few anxious moments each year in getting it started before the event. It would be great to have one from the Elks or some other organization on standby just in case we have an issue.

When I returned from vacation in April, I did a routine check of the runway lights and discovered they were inoperative. I contacted an electrical contractor out of Mt. Pleasant who specializes in runway lighting. They couldn't make it out until the end of June, so I put in a call to St. James Electric. They did some troubleshooting and determined everything in the electric vault is operating normally, and believed the issue was out in the field somewhere, which is beyond their expertise. The company in Mt. Pleasant now says that can address the issue until mid August. I called County Line Electric who will try to get on the field sooner. Stay tuned.

The painting of the segmented circle is complete. I ended up painting it twice because I wasn't happy with the safety yellow that I purchased at the hardware. I voiced my displeasure of the color only after the runway was painted by the contractor, and their yellow taxiway paint was what I had in mind when I started the project. The contractor said he hadn't used his allotment of paint and left me five gallons of yellow paint free of charge. I repainted the segmented circle with it and also painted lines on the pavement leading into the club hangars.

"There's more to life than being a passenger." Amelia Earhart

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