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I received an unexpected and welcomed phone call from the head of maintenance at the County building. He advised that he recently decommissioned two of the County's tower sites as the high-band frequencies on the towers were no longer used. He advised that both sites had Generac whole house generators that are no longer needed. He advised the first generator was purchased by the East Tawas Fire Department. He was proposing that the second generator be set up at either the animal shelter or the airport. I advised him it would be nice to have it at the airport, but that the animal shelter should have precedence. He later visited both sites and advised that the airport would be a better fit as the animal shelter would require too much effort and cost to install due to the infrastructure there. He said he could set up the generator on the eastside of the building and hook up the propane line. He said an electrician would be needed to connect it to the building. He suspected it could be done for less than \$700.00. So we are moving forward toward that end.

The three ceiling can lights in the terminal building have been updated with LED can lights. The lights provide a much cleaner look while offering more light at a reduced cost of electric use.

MDOT Aero recently sent a check to the County for half of the cost for the beacon tower painting. Unfortunately, it came too late for the project to be completed this year. The contractor advised he would put the project on the top of his list when the weather warms up next spring. Once completed, MDOT Aero will send out the second half of payment, which will cover 100% of the cost of just over \$26,000.00.

While Julie and I were hiking Zion and Bryce National Parks in late September, Darryl installed new motion sensors in the men's and women's bathrooms in the terminal. Even though I put up signs as reminders to turn off the lights while exiting the restrooms, it wasn't uncommon for me to come in during the morning hours only to discover they had been on since the previous day. The fans are over 35 years old and I was concerned about them over heating and causing a fire if left on too long. The motion sensors are set for five minutes, so if you're in the stall too long expect things to go dark. Swinging the stall door will easily activate them again, however.

After a lot of consideration this past year, I have made the decision to resign from the IFC Club President's role effective the end of this year. It has been an honor to serve the club for the past six years, and I appreciate the support I have been afforded by the membership over the years. A new leader will be voted in at the annual banquet on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026.

"Flying is hypnotic and all pilots are victims to the spell." -Ernest K. Gann

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