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At the August monthly IFC meeting we discussed the attraction for next year's fly-in. We have the option of a B-25 bomber or a Vietnam era Huey helicopter. We had a good discussion regarding both. Some good points were brought up about the B25 that I hadn't considered. The engines and short exhaust stacks from both engines are right next to the fuselage making the ride a noisy one. Another good point was the lack of windows for passengers to view out of the plane. They would essentially have to look forward through the windscreen. The price at \$525 was yet another drawback. In the end, we all agreed on having the Huey helicopter on the field. The only downfall with the Huey is the support crew of 20 members would have to drive up Saturday and stay the night. We will need to find 10 motel rooms with double occupancy.

Lee Cobb who has assisted at our fly-ins for the past several years marshalling planes has agreed to offer up his AirBnB, which will accommodate three or four crew members. David Frederick and John Garner have also agreed to sponsor one room at a local motel. Cathy Pittsley, who has volunteered the past few years has also agreed to take up to four members at her home.



One of the issues I have had at the airport is the cost of two AT&T phone lines; one in the terminal and the other for the fuel farm credit card modem. The cost of these two lines has grown to \$387.34 a month. I've discussed the issue with the IT specialist at the County building and they have figured out a solution that would reduce the cost to \$80 a month for both lines. They tried out the new system on Monday, August 18th and everything works. The AT&T contract has been cancelled. The payphone in the entryway was on a dedicated phone line, so it had to be removed. We are still complying with FAA rules by having a handset in the lobby available for the rare occasion someone does not have their own cell phone to make a call.

Another issue on the field is the former office space at the north end of the first hangar row. When I took over the airport, the roof had already been compromised for many years allowing rain water to enter the building, bringing down the ceiling tiles and caving in the floor. It has continued to deteriorate over the years to the point where the exterior wall is wet and rotting to the point where the shingles on the outer wall are falling off the building. I'm currently seeking approval from the County Commissioners to take down the structure this fall.

The funding for our beacon tower painting has finally been released by the State. The contractor advised that with the end of the fiscal year closing in on a lot of government contracts, he's not sure it can be completed this year. They will try to schedule it for September, if not; they will have it at the top of their list for the spring.

Oscoda Aviation Celebration Day had a total of 33 Young Eagles take to the sky, which will hopefully inspire some future aviators.

"If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible." Bob Hoover

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