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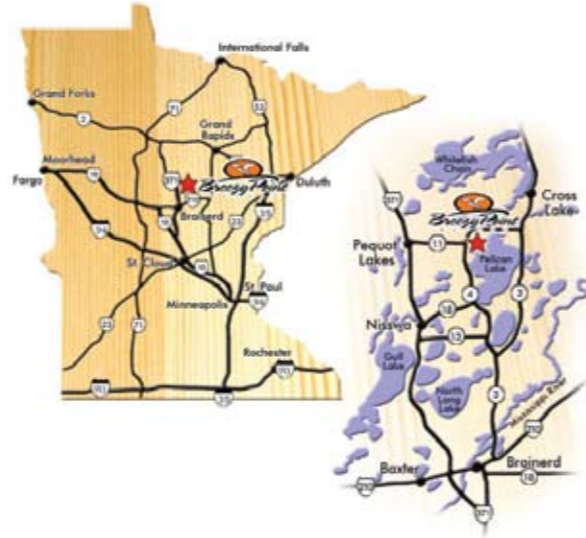
Get ideas and innovative solutions from small group discussions, participatory sessions, and case studies.

Topics include:

- Airport funding
- Talking to policymakers
- Advocating for your airport
- Funding processes
- New environmental rules
- Land use
- Pavement maintenance
- Snow and ice control

Forum attendees will also receive a comprehensive resource notebook that includes reference materials for all sessions.

Directions and Map



If you prefer to fly: Breezy Point is located 140 miles north of the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and is a 30-minute flight from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The Mesaba-Northwest Airlink serves the Brainerd Regional Airport with several daily flights.

If you prefer to drive: Breezy Point Resort is 20 miles north of Brainerd. Take Hwy. 371 north to Pequot Lakes, then go right (east) on County Rd. 11 for approximately 5 miles. Pass through the Breezy Point front gate to the resort office.

From I-94: Take the Monticello exit (Hwy. 25) or Clearwater exit (Hwy. 24) east to Hwy. 10, then Hwy. 371 into Brainerd/Baxter.

From Duluth: Take I-35 or Hwy. 61 to Hwy. 210 west to Brainerd.

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Fall Forum

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Thursday, October 12, 2006

Breezy Point Conference Center
9252 Breezy Point Drive
Breezy Point, Minnesota 56472

Forum sponsors:



Preliminary Agenda

Wednesday, October 11

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Registration/Refreshments/Networking

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Welcome *General session*

Jim Grothaus, AirTAP/Center for Transportation Studies
Ray Rought, Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics
Bill Towle, St. Cloud Regional Airport and MCOA president

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Minnesota Airport Funding Status *General session*

Hear an update on funding for Minnesota airports at both the state and national level.

Panelists:

Peter Buchen, Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics
Bob Huber, Federal Aviation Administration

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Learn to be an Effective Airport Advocate *General session*

Learn the role of state legislative committees and committee chairs, how the legislature is structured, effective strategies for communicating with local boards and commissions, and how to package requests effectively.

Speakers:

Amy Vennewitz, Metropolitan Council
Margaret Donahoe, Transportation Alliance

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Buffet Lunch with State Legislators

Sen. Ann Rest and Rep. Mike Beard have been invited to give their perspective on legislative issues important to Minnesota airports.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Managing Snow and Ice Control Operations

Concurrent Session

Learn best practices for keeping pavement surfaces clean of snow and ice, using chemicals and blades effectively, assessing pavement condition, communicating with pilots, issuing NOTAMS, adhering to regulations, and more.

Panelists:

Steve Sievek, Brainerd Regional Airport
Kurt Claussen, Rochester International Airport
John Olson, Hutchinson Airport

Airport Initiation *Concurrent Session*

New to airports? Share your challenges and concerns with other airport managers and staff. This session is for both new and experienced airport managers, who will talk about critical issues for GA airports and facilities.

Panelists:

Melissa Galvan, Willmar Municipal Airport
Shawn Germolous, Airport Admin
Al Pelzer, Fairmont Municipal Airport

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Maintenance Issues "Open Mic" *Concurrent session*

Share ideas and best practices, network with other maintenance staff, and ask others what they're doing to solve common maintenance problems.

Facilitators:

Jim Grothaus, AirTAP/CTS
Ann Johnson, Professional Engineering Services, Ltd.

Promoting the Benefit of Your Airport *Concurrent session*

Discuss the regional impact of your airport, sell the value of your airport to other municipalities within your region, implement innovative funding ideas, and balance revenue and expenses.

Panelists:

Bill Towle, St. Cloud Regional Airport
Ron Otterstad, Bemidji/Beltrami County
Gary Gardiner, Pine River Regional Airport
Brian Ryks, Duluth International Airport
Jeff Hamiel, Metropolitan Airports Commission (invited)

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Conversations with Jeff Hamiel *General session*

Join a discussion with the MAC executive director on hot topics and emerging airport and aviation trends.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Informal networking reception

Thursday, October 12

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast



8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Pavement Distress and Maintenance: Part 1

Concurrent session

Learn how to identify typical distresses, make appropriate repairs, and use new materials and techniques.

Speakers:

Mike Marti, SRF Consulting
Tracy Schmidt, Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics
Ann Johnson, Professional Engineering Services, Ltd.

What Does the New Land Use Handbook Have to Offer?

Concurrent session

Work with a zoning case study and use the *Land Use Handbook* to rewrite an amended ordinance.

Speakers:

Kathy Vesely, Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics
Debra Sorenson, Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics
Gina Mitchell, Bolton and Menk

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Pavement Distress and Maintenance: Part 2

Concurrent session

Conduct an on-site evaluation of concrete and bituminous pavements, with guidance for identifying distresses in the field.

Managing Airport Storm Water Runoff *Concurrent session*

Hear a presentation on NPDES permit requirements and other rules for GA airports. Learn how to develop a storm water pollution prevention plan, when to hire a consultant, how environmental rules affect agricultural spraying, and how to develop a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures plan for fuel systems.

Speaker:

Julie Randala, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Todd Hubmer, WSB & Associates
Roy Fuhrman, Metropolitan Airports Commission

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Effective Project Closeout Completion Workshop

General session

Discuss AIP case studies showing how to request and obtain funding and learn how to complete a project closeout.

Speaker:

Nancy Nistler, Minneapolis Airports District Office, FAA

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Wrap up and evaluations

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For more information on the conference, contact Mindy Carlson (see above).

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