An Airport’s Evolution: the Mankato Regional Airport

AirTAP Fall Forum 2012
Welcome
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Mankato Regional Airport
Mankato Regional Airport

- 1969 - Moved from MSU Area
- 1991 – CFR Constructed
- 1997 – New Terminal Constructed
- 2000 - Renamed Mankato Regional Airport (Sohler Field)
- 2007 Runway 15/33 Extended to 6600’
Mankato Regional Airport

• Two runways:
  • RWY 4/22: 4,000’ x 75’
  • RWY 15/33: 6,600’ x 100’
• Instrument Landing System (ILS)
• FBO – North Star Aviation
• MSU Aviation Program (Part 141)
• Mayo Clinic Life Flight
• Almost 100 based aircraft
Mankato Regional Airport

- 2,400,000 ft\(^2\) of pavement
- 300 acres of mowing & trimming
- 759 lights
- 150,000 ft\(^2\) of hangar space (2013)
- 1 FTE
$12 million airport expansion project

• Completed in 2007
• Runway 15/33 lengthened to 6,600 feet
• Airport can now accommodate an aircraft as large as a 757
• Airport expanded from 840 ac to 950 ac
AIP Focus

- Repair & Restore Pavement
- R&R Infrastructure
  - Facilities
  - Electrical
- Any activity that promotes business development
- Commercial air not a priority at this time
MN Air Show Spectacular
June 9-10, 2012

http://www.mnairspectacular.com/
MN Air Show Spectacular

Q June 2012
Q Over 35,000 attendees
Q Raised $25,000 for various charities with $10,000 going to United Way
MN Air Show Spectacular Performers

- Blue Angels
- Black Daggers
- Team Oracle (Sean Tucker)
- Aeroshell Aerobatic Team
- Julie Clark
- John Mohr
- Dacy/Kazian (Wing Walker)
- John Klatt
- Otto the Helicopter (Gary Buis)
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- You tube video:
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_m62aQ5hHY
- Getting volunteers:
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tNqRVhD8FI