



Airport RAPport

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Airport Newsletter Returns!



After several years of absence, the Rapid City Regional Airport Newsletter has returned!

The goal of "Airport RAPport" will be to give a quick highlight of the happenings of your airport, and provide a valuable communication tool - not just for us, but also for you—the users of our airport. We would like this to be a forum for education and commerce (we'll accept ads for aviation stuff ☺)

In the future, this document

will be an electronic newsletter that will be sent out via e-mail or accessed on our website, www.rapairport.com

In order to receive this document in the future, you will need to send us your email address, or sign up on our website.

Our intent is for this to be a quarterly newsletter, but may become monthly if we have some new exciting news to share. We hope you enjoy it!

What do you think of the Title?

Here are some of the other that hit the cutting room floor.

- "The Localizer"
- "Rappin' on RAP"
- "Touching Ground"
- Several with our ICAO identifier "KRAP"

If you have any other suggestions for a title, please let us know!

Airport Users Meeting - Mark Your Calendar: February 15th & 18th

There will be an Airport Users Meeting on February 15th @ 10:00am and also on the Saturday February 18th @ 10:00am.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss compliance with the Airport Rules, Regulations, Minimum Standards and Ordinances. The Airport Board has directed staff to begin the enforcement process of

these various standards, so this meeting will be a briefing on what exactly the rules are of the airport. Copies of all of the "regs" will be handed out at the meeting, or you can also access them on the airport website.

In addition, for those of you who haven't heard—or wondered why we have big piles

of dirt on the edges of Taxiway A - this meeting will cover the major construction project that we have scheduled for this year. If you use the airport, this project will affect you—so please take the time to come and find out how to navigate through the cones!

Special points of interest:

- 2005 - Another year, another record: 252,000 total enplanements
- New Businesses @ RAP: Tri-State Avionics - specializing in all of your avionics needs!
- New RNAV (GPS) 14 Approach - With vertical guidance down to 259 AGL - Check your IAP's

Airport Master Plan Update -

Airport Administration is in the process of scoping our latest Airport Master Plan. This document is a comprehensive planning document that will help outline and identify areas of development for the next 20 years on the airport. We have selected Reynolds, Smith and Hills (RS&H) from Naperville, IL



to assist us with this document. RS&H just recently completed

an update to the FAA's Advisory Circular on Airport Master Plans.

We look forward to getting this process rolling and will keep you up to date as to when the public information meetings will be held, so your valuable insight can be voiced.



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Your Way Out!

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Rapid City Regional Airport Board to provide safe, efficient, environmentally sensitive, and economically self-sustaining air transportation facilities responsive to the community needs.

GOALS

1. Assuring compliance with federal, state and local laws regulating the environment, safety, security and operation of the airport.
2. Providing state of the art air transportation facilities.
3. Promoting and marketing the use of air transportation facilities and services to assure community awareness and understanding and to maximize utilization.
4. Attaining full cost recovery for operations and development through a system of user fees and market value leases and agreements.
5. Protecting air transportation facilities from non-compatible development.
6. Coordinate with the Air Service Task Force and to develop and improve air service, where able, to better serve the citizens of our region.

Airport Board Meetings Update:

Here is a quick recap of several of the major items that the airport board has acted on recently:

- Self-Service Fueling Minimum Standard: A new minimum standard has been adopted to allow for a commercial self-service fueling operation to exist on the airport. One application to conduct this type of operation has been received and we will keep you posted on the status of this as it progresses.
- Twice Monthly meetings: In the past the Board met on the 2nd Monday of each month, now they are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and 9:00am in the Airport Conference Room.
- Board Meeting Recordings & PA: The Board approved the installation of a Public Address and Recording system. The PA system will help those with “aviator hearing” hear the discussion of the board in the conference room and the recording system will allow us to disseminate the discussion via our website.
- Airport Board By-Laws: The Airport Board has adopted a draft copy of its by-laws. They can be viewed on the airport website, under “News & Statistics”
- Meeting Notification Policy: The board has adopted a policy for notification of meetings which include the posting of the agenda on our website, as well as a procedure for individuals to have the agendas sent to them via email or fax. Please complete the enclosed sign-up sheet and return it to the airport administration offices if you would like to be on the distribution list.
- Airport Authority: This proposal is indefinitely on hold due primarily to the fact that the Airport and Civic Center share a liquor license, and if the airport was to become an authority it would preclude the Civic Center from serving beer and liquor. We will keep you posted if there are any changes on this issue in the future.
- New Hangars: The Board has held hearings for “intent to lease” ground for several hangar projects. Please check with Airport Administration for more details.

Director's Musings:

I hope that you enjoyed this first edition of the “Airport RAPport”. I look forward to publishing these via the “web” and making this a newsletter that is meaningful and useful for all of the users of this great airport. I have been here for almost 2 years now, and getting this started has been on my “task” list for most of that time - it has been a couple of busy years in my office learning the nuances of Rapid City, this airport and establishing relationships with many of you - and there are many of you that I look forward to still meeting. If you have any questions, good ideas for the airport, or just want to hangar fly, please don't hesitate to give me a call on my cell phone at 390-6661 or send me an email at: mason.short@rcgov.org - If you have any complaints, give **Dave Lepine** a call. ☺ Thanks for working together to make this airport great - and I look forward working with all of you to make it even better!

Mason Short, Airport Executive Director

