

# Airport Manager Report

**March 2016**

1. Av Fuel Sales were up again last month and are also up for March thus far as well. We remain the lowest price in the State at \$3.74 per gallon. We had 30 fuel purchases this past 7 days and the courtesy van went into town 5 times during this period bringing commerce to the Clare economy.
2. Our T- Hangars are full! I will be setting up a waiting list for those who inquire about renting a T-Hangar. I spoke to a few Flint pilots based out of Flint Bishop, and they shared that Flint is only 50% occupied.
3. Private Pilot Ground School is half-way over for this Winter/Spring session. I have 12 students who are learning everything needed to take and pass the FAA written knowledge test. Classes run through April.
4. I currently have 8 students taking flight lessons and flying the rental aircraft, working their way towards becoming pilots. Our first student should be ready to take his practical test by the month's end and officially become a pilot.
5. We now have two flight simulators at the terminal building. One is primarily for IFR or instrument work and the new one is for VFR or basic flying. This simulator is connected to the weather computer and has a yoke, rudder pedals and throttle controls. We are using this as a training aide for the new student pilots. It appears to have paid off so far, as students are more familiar with how the controls work once they are in the cockpit of the rental plane. This simulator was donated by Steve Ludwig, a pilots association member.
6. Joy and I are coordinating efforts for the upcoming annual Egg Drop, at the airport. The event date is April 2nd with the first drop starting at 11 am. The Easter Bunny will be delivered by airplane at approximately 10:30 am. I have engineered and built a egg drop contraption to drop over 800 eggs per bombing run. I will be including one large painted plastic egg for the older kids drop. The youngster who finds this egg will win a plane ride, courtesy of Patriot Aviation.
7. Beginning to work on Capital Outlay projects for the budget. Crack seal of asphalt surfaces and repainting taxiway and tarmac are the two items that I feel need attention this year. We are not scheduled to have any new construction for this year.

Sincerely,

Gary Todd

Airport Manager