

## **Airport Manager Report**

### **April 2019**

1. Eggstravaganza Egg Drop is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the airport. We are hoping for warmer and less windy weather than the past couple of years. Many volunteers help to make this event anticipated by many each and every year. This year we will make 3 drops, with the payload of 800 eggs per drop. The Easter Bunny will be flown in and the kids will escort Bugs to the starting line for the drop zone. Many sponsors have donated items to be given away, along with popcorn and waters for the kids.



2. The LED Lighting project is currently out for bids. We plan on selecting a bidder in May, with the project to begin in August or possibly even next spring. The start date depends upon the sourcing and lead time of the LED lighting parts and canisters.
3. Flight training is in full swing at Clare Municipal. The winter Ground School is almost finished and the students are preparing to take the FAA knowledge test. Some of these students are concurrently taking flight lessons with the Cessna owned by Patriot Aviation at Clare. The next ground school will begin in early May and there are only two slots still left open. This year is shaping up to be a banner year for new pilots getting their wings at Clare.
4. The cost of Aviation Fuel has continued to rise as the market is in a climb. We purchased our last load of fuel at one of the low points and are able to still make our mark-up and still be the lowest in the State. This low price point has increased traffic when the weather allows pilots to fly. This past month of March was the second best March we have had, sales wise, since we began tracking fuel sales in 1999. Hopefully this trend continues!

Best Regards,

Gary Todd  
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