

Gregg:

I have a few comments to make on our new “runway”, and the vote to use it or let it go.

The former Board Members delivered a proposal to the membership for a 850’x75’ main runway with a 650’x75’ crosswind runway. These runways were to be flat and level with as much as 10’ of fill at the north end to make it level. This was to be sowed in Bermuda grass that would be up the following spring with water to be transported in a 1000-gallon trailer arranged by a friend of a former Board Member. The membership voted and approved this proposal. A former Board Member was in charge of implementing the proposal per his request. He remained in charge of the project until the runway was complete and turned over to the current Board.

The new Board received a graded area that was void of any topsoil, with a light hydro seeding of Bermuda grass and a lot of straw. The 1000-gallon water trailer offer was withdrawn leaving no way to water. The graded area dropped more than 10’ from South to North and a drop of more than 5’ from West to East. The North South runway drops as much as 12” in places within its 75’ width. Despite mowing and fertilizing little if any Bermuda has come up, instead we have a combination of weeds and pasture grasses. In short the finished project fell far short of what was presented to the membership.

This project has been a divisive thorn in this club for 2 years, it is time to put it behind us now and move on. I see no legal obligation other than to notify AMA of a failed project and see if we need to repay their funds. As for the membership funds I feel that falls to the conscience of the people who made the proposal. Let the members decide which runway they want and that is the one we will use, then let’s go back to having the fun we all joined for.