



1. Introductions

Committee Chairman Mr. Michael McCartney opened the December 13th, 2012 DVRPC Regional Aviation Committee meeting at 10:15AM. He asked all in attendance to introduce themselves by name and affiliation.

2. Minutes of the of September 20, 2012 RAC Meeting

The minutes of the September 20, 2012 RAC meeting were passed with a correction to Chester County's report. The airport began to take bids on its Phase 5 construction project, whereas it was previously written that the project had started.

3. Status of Regional Airport Systems Implementation (2 Min Reports)

Delaware Airports:

New Castle County

An airport representative was not present.

Summit

An airport representative was not present.

New Jersey Airports:

Camden County

A project to widen runway and install lights is waiting on official termination of grant.

Cross Keys

The airport has three outstanding grants, and is waiting for update on costs of the project from its consultant. Until their response, the project is on hold.

Flying W

No new projects to report.

Red Lion

No new projects to report.

South Jersey Regional

A master plan is in progress, and a public meeting for the plan is being held this evening at the airport. There were drainage improvements around T hangers. Jet A fuel project is ongoing and a

bid should go out soon.

Spitfire Aerodrome

The airport is waiting for a time modification.

Trenton-Mercer

An EMAS installation has been completed. There is an FAA grant for EMAS on the other runway, but the state hasn't approved that portion yet. The airport has an FAA grant for taxiway improvements, and a grant for security fence improvements.

Trenton-Robbinsville

A runway crack seal coating grant has run out of time, and no time modification has been received from the sponsor. A stormwater retention study and an environmental study have been completed.

Maryland Airport:

Cecil County

Robert Pall travelled to Indonesia to promote GA. Airport operations are good, hangars and fuel sales are all doing well, and MEDIVAC is being considered.

Pennsylvania Airports:

Brandywine

Taxiway rehab is completed. Drainage improvements pre-bid was today; the airport is looking for design of runway and taxiway in 2013.

Chester County

The airport has a south apron project.

Doylestown

The airport is still looking to acquire easements on runway 5. Looking to close out land development of Phase 2, and is looking towards phase 3 for tie downs and taxiway improvements.

Heritage Field

An airport representative was not present.

New Garden

The parallel taxiway project is complete. A design grant for runway reconstruction and widening is being finalized by PennDOT now. The west hangar apron redesign will be bid in March. The first rows of new hangars has been leased, the second prepared, and a 2013 airshow and future aviators planning is in process. The flight school is doing well.

Northeast Philadelphia

There are no city projects: all construction is limited to tenants. They have completed 90% of hangar addition. The FAA tower is 50% complete.

Pennridge

An airport representative was not present.

Perkiomen Valley

No new projects to report.

Philadelphia International

Runway 9L/27R notice to proceed has stopped, and work won't happen this winter. The High speed taxiway K5 bid was open and notice to proceed is pending. For the capacity enhancement program, preliminary work for land acquisition has started.

Philadelphia Seaplane Base

An airport representative was not present.

Pottstown Municipal

An airport representative was not present.

Quakertown

The airport continues work to acquire easements. The airport will advertise a bid for a fuel system: the pre-bid meeting was today.

Vansant

The airport suffered damage from sandy, and is rebuilding hangars in the wake of the storm.

Wings Field

Hangars 3 and 4 have been demolished; new construction is underway and will be finished in February. The new apron is complete, and the new FBO has finished their first year. The airport has experienced growth in aircraft rentals, flight instruction, and fuel sales. The antique car show suffered attendance setbacks from weather, yet there was still a good turnout.

Heliports:

Penn's Landing Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

Total RF Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

Valley Forge Bicentennial Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

Horsham Airways Heliport

A heliport representative was not present.

4. Special Presentations

Select Topics on Aviation from a Regional Level – Roger Moog

The PA Aviation Council has worked on the passage of state legislation to remove sales tax on vehicles. They were successful on getting helicopters excluded from sales tax several years ago. By removing the sales tax, a complimentary increase in income tax was received (500 jobs were created from one airport in PA that had heliport operations relocated there). An aviation caucus was formed in the senate by PA State Senator David Argall to promote the bill to remove sales tax on vehicles. Infrastructure problems in aviation and bridges are to be heard from Governor Corbett. Jet fuel tax increases are also in the near future. The new Deputy Secretary for Aviation (Toby

Fauver) and has been a part of the discussion for future projects and programs.

The PA Aviation Advisory Committee is a state organization representing aviation professionals that advises on legislation policy. The Bureau of Aviation has developed new selection criteria for aviation projects using Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) money. There is \$18 million to spend on aviation from the PennDOT each year; much goes to meet FAA projects. Two aircraft are maintained by the state for dignitaries. The remaining money goes to airports that don't get federal money or projects that are not federally eligible—not nearly enough from what's left of the \$18 million.

The New Jersey Mid Atlantic Aviation (NJAA) consists of airports and corporate users. Its focus is to be a liaison for aviation interests in NJ to the state and federal legislature. It communicated to Congress and the President on the most recent federal reauthorization bill. It has a concern that state and regional agencies be organized to fully recognize and maximize the significant benefits that general aviation airports provide.

Flight Operations 1986 through 2011 in the Delaware Valley Region – David Metzler

Dave Metzler of DVRPC offered insight into the trends in general aviation for the Delaware Valley. While many assumed the downturn in general aviation operations started after September 11, 2001, operations in the Delaware Valley began declining in 1994. Mr. Metzler discussed how issues such as airport closures and urban sprawl were the primary causes for general aviation's decline in the Delaware Valley.

5. Continuing Planning Activities

a. DVRPC/PA Aircraft Operations Counting Programs

David Metzler completed counts for the 2011/2012 Aircraft Operations Counting Program for select PA airports and the report is being compiled. Counts for the 2012/2013 Aircraft Operations Counting Program for DVRPC airports are ongoing.

b. DVRPC/NJDOT AWOS Project Status

Paul Carafides of DVRPC reported 14 of 15 stations were installed and operational, and is waiting on the delivery of the oscillometers so they can be installed.

6. Public Comment

The committee expressed an appreciation to Reiner Pelzer for his years of service to the general aviation community while at DVRPC.

There was a request to reschedule the next Regional Aviation Committee meeting considering it conflicts with a PA aviation meeting.

7. Attendance

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Michael McCartney, RAC Chairman	Philadelphia International Airport
Robert Betz	PennDOT BOA
Joy Bose	Perkiomen Valley Airport
Robert Checchio	MAAC
Ted Dahlburg	DVRPC
Elaine Farashian	Aero Club of PA
Bobbie Geier	DelDOT Planning
Jeff Gilley	NBAA
Tamika Graham	
Gary Hudson	CCAAA
Jan Kopple	TranSystems
Will Leavens	MAAC
Lori Ledebohm	FAA
Gerard Leipfinger	NJ DOT Aeronautics
William Lloyd	DVRPC
Dave Metzler	DVRPC
John Mininger	Bucks County Airport Authority
Roger Moog	NJAA/ACP
David Nelson	Brandywine Airport
Max Patel	NJ DOT
Jeff Price	QED/Meriden-Markham Airport
Ray Scheinfeld	PHL
Mary Scheuermann	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Fran Strouse	L.R. Kimball
Thomas Thatcher	L.R. Kimball
Mark Tiger	Michael Baker Jr.