

Otsego County

Gaylord Regional Airport News



Our New State Representative: Congratulations to our New State Representative in Lansing Ken Borton! The Chairman of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners and a member of our airports very own Airport Transportation Committee is heading to the halls of the Michigan Capital. Representative Borton, a former pilot and a strong advocate for our state airports will do us all proud! Thanks again for all your continuing work to support our airport both in the past and in the years to come! **A fun fact:** Ken and his wife Brenda own and operate SnowmanCam.com A live webcam in the Northern Michigan wilderness streaming live pictures and sound of the great outdoors. The year-round live camera was voted by EarthCam as one of the most interesting webcams of 2017. See wildlife of all kinds including deer, bears and of course a Snowman!



Compass Rose: Our sincere thanks to Gaylord's Sherwin Williams Store for donating all the supplies and their very own time and talent to repainting our airports compass rose. Local Store Manager Scott Barnes and his team have made this a repeat project every 3 years or whenever painting of the large iconic artwork on the airport parking ramp is needed.

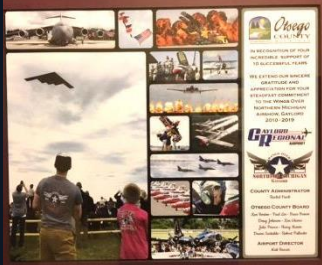
It is with great sadness we learned of the passing of our friend and airshow teammate Norm Ellickson. Some excerpts from his obituary: Norm was one of the founding members of the Yankee Air Museum, and was among the small group of people who, in 1986, mortgaged their homes to raise the money to buy a "slightly-used" World War II Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress sitting in the Arizona Desert. Norm and the resolute crew flew the plane to Willow Run Airport, Michigan. As the Museum's first and only B-17 Crew Chief, Norm then led a comprehensive restoration effort that would last nearly ten years. Under Norm's supervision, scores of volunteers devoted thousands of hours of long detailed work to the historic aircraft named in 1995 "Yankee Lady". Norm was always Gaylord Airshows first call during its 10 year run and was instrumental in its decade of success. We will all miss our friend but remember as squadron leaders have said before every mission:



"Stay in a close formation, keep an eye on the horizon and we will see you all again over the rendezvous point!" God Bless You Norm



Our EAA 1095 Is Still Going Strong: Even during the COVID Crisis our own GLR EAA has remained involved in our local community. The EAA club has now raised \$7,000 for local charities and sponsor a school grant for student pilots. All 26 members make GLR better and I am proud this is their home! Airport Director Matt Barresi presented the EAA with a Thank You Print at left.



Fill It Up: Large AVFUEL semi-trucks delivering both Jet A and Avgas fuel to our Gaylord Regional Airport. Thanks to the drivers - we never missed a delivery!



Our newest resident at the airport, Northern Michigan Jet Services, receiving by semi-truck the first of many parts for this cargo aircraft refurbishment customer. Imagine that on I-75!

Still Thankful: Yes, this will no doubt be a Thanksgiving like no other and many are saddened not to be near family. But please consider at this very moment is an American soldier deployed like so many of them standing guard. Separated from their families by a 22+ hour plane flight. They won't return home for 11 more months. Dinner will be old & cold turkey from a styrofoam container during a 13 hour shift. Still without complaint our military stands at the ready...for all of us!