

President's Update Letter – May 4th, 2022

- A Quick reminder that the Annual Meeting is in 10 days, May 14th to be held at 10 am in Victor and Angie's hangar at 1410 Thermal Circle. Speaking of quick, my goal is to have one of the shortest meetings ever! Only some routine business, and one proposal to present to the membership. Two Board member positions will be open, so please contact Bill Derge if you are a volunteer. And speaking of volunteers, please contact Jamie Treat if you can volunteer to help the Grass Team. Spring is one of the busiest times and the best time so get rid of "clump" grass and the like.
- There will be coffee and baked goods, thanks to Ella Mae and others, Donations for the Elbert County Women's Club accepted, prior to the Annual Meeting, and a luncheon and socializing time afterwards. Eight pounds of pulled pork is being donated for sandwiches. If you'd like to bring something to complement that, please contact Lauri at 574-551-1805. With enough food and drinks, we could talk about the new runway and dream of flying all afternoon! (There will be a port-a-potty at the hangar). As for drinks, coffee, tea, sodas and sparkling water will be available along with whatever the guys would like to bring in a cooler.
- Speaking of the runway, It is really exciting, and a little scary, to see what Martin Marietta is doing! The wide, smooth runway will be amazing. They have been able to do all the culvert work quickly and are ahead of schedule. No smoking guns (or buffalo wallets) have been found, but in taking out the humps, they got down to clay and had to bring in material to get a proper base in those areas. A 2% overage of about \$18,000 is all we are seeing so far. The biggest challenge will actually be in shouldering the east side of the runway abeam Lot 44. The ground drops off and with a level runway, (our old one followed the contours), the base is 23" above the terrain there. It looks worse from the road as Martin Marietta

has mounded dirt for the shouldering. Once the runway is built, we will be able to see how much material needs to be brought in to give a smooth transition to the grass in case of a runway excursion.



The GPS for the grader, a smooth runway, and the “mound” will be lower!