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Hello Members and Friends:

With the dust of the World Series just settling and deer hunting season around the corner, there's hardly been time to think about the 'ole project, much less do anything to it, but one of these days I going to get down to the basement and glue some more sticks together... I promise. Anyway...

NEW OFFICERS

As you probably noticed in the masthead above (if you didn't attend last month's meeting), we have a new prez and vp. Once again the talents of Jerry Laundry have been tapped to serve as our new fearless leader. His able-bodied assistant will be Bill Schanks. And once again Rosemary Frank survived a hard-fought and bitter election to retain the position of Secretary Treasurer. Many thanks to these people for agreeing to serve, as well as thanks to Gene Frank and Ron Wettleson for their past year of service (cut to breezy flying off in to the sunset, fade to black...)

MR. LeMIRE GOES TO WASHINGTON

Minnesota Sport Aviation Association President Darryl LeMire headed a delegation that traveled to Washington D. C. this past month to meet with the powers-that-be in aviation. Besides Darryl, the delegation consisted of Leonard Levine, Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation; Ray Rought, Director of the Office of Aeronautics; Nancy Olsen, President MATA; Sherm Boehn, Minnesota Flyer; Tom Render, SSA, ATA; Al Brandon, CAP; Nigel Finney, Metropolitan Airports Commission; and Tony Foster, MBPA.

Darryl reports their first meeting was with new FAA Administrator Allen McArtor. Darryl says he has "firm beliefs on the expansion of the TCA's and the value of the veil of Mode C," 'veil' meaning the mandatory use of Mode C underneath the base of the TCA to the surface. McArtor asked the delegation to send back information on the present TCA, the proposed



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expansion, and how it would affect the aviation community in Minnesota. McArtor promised to personally read and consider all information returned to him.

Next the delegation met with Florida Congressman Lehman, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. The delegation explained their positions of the TAC and the separation of the FAA from the DOT. Congressman Lehman said there would be a tremendous financial implication involved in this separation.

A third meeting was held with Senator Durenberger who said he would try to support our positions.

The next meeting was with Minnesota's delegation to the House. This meeting was chaired by Congressman Jim Oberstar and Darryl reports that he is well-versed in aviation issues. Darryl believes that because of Oberstars' position in Washington, he is a key to our lobbying effort and urges all chapter members to send him a note regarding the mandatory Mode C requirement. His address is: The Honorable James L. Oberstar
Member of Congress - Eighth District
2351 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

A final meeting was held with Senator Boschwitz, who promised to support our views.

NWA TOUR

A fascinating tour of the Northwest Airlines Maintenance facility was led this past month by Phil Prokop. Among other things we got to watch an engine being run up for testing, check out a 747 cockpit, and generally poke around in every corner of this enormous facility.

Next meeting is Monday, November 9th.

Mark Wilson