

Board presents State of the Airport report

Several accomplishments were highlighted including success of Airgo pilot academy

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MT. VERNON — With May 1 first marking the start of a new fiscal year, the Mt. Vernon Airport Board highlighted the previous year through the State of the Airport report.

The report featured several highlights over the past year as Administrative Assistant Sheila Scrivner first focused on Airgo Incorporated.

"Airgo became the significant contributor to Mt. Vernon Outland Airport many thought it would. The International Airline Pilot Training Academy provided a large boost to the airport in the form of aircraft operations, tenancy and fuel sales," Scrivner said. "The average number of students assigned to Mt. Vernon Outland Airport was 30. 10 to 12 company employees were on site including flight instructors, schedulers and aviation maintenance technicians."

Airport Director Chris Collins commented on Airgo's presence at the airport.

"Airgo has turned into what we had hoped it would be, contributing a major amount of operations to the airport," Collins said.

Another highlight dealt with avionics installation and repair.

"Mt. Vernon Outland Airport based FAA Certified Repair Station SRT Aviation was very busy with

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avionics repair and installation work over the last year," Scrivner said. "Many aircraft owners from across the Midwest brought their aircraft to Mt. Vernon Outland Airport due to the expertise and facilities of SRT Aviation. Bringing outside work to Mt. Vernon has been and continues to be a goal of everyone on Team MVN."

Collins said all the work they are getting for aviation maintenance a big help.

"It is making us a leader in the Midwest on aviation maintenance because of all the dealerships they are getting on radios, gps, equipment avionics," Collins said.

Collins said that the airport had several goals for this year as well.

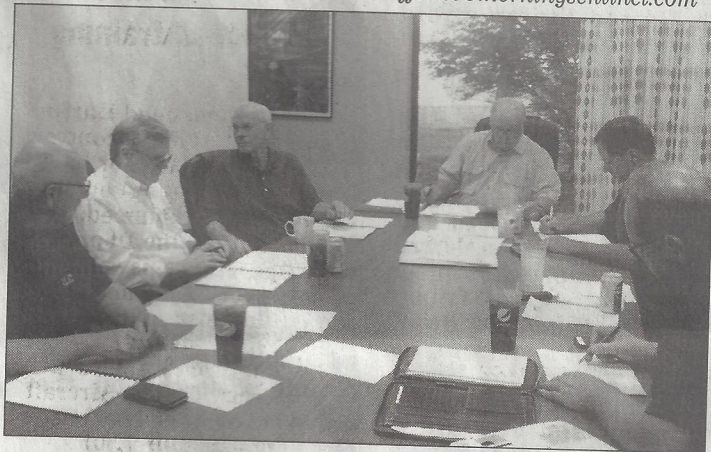
"I think there are several areas of the airport that we want to address like the

ARFF Station Roof, the personal T-Hangars and of course we want to continue the positive momentum with the shop and Airgo," Collins said. "One of my projects that I really want to focus my attention on is our flight training program."

"We lost some instructional staff and it has kind of put us behind over the last couple of years. We just graduated a new instructor about two weeks ago, and he is already up to seven students," Collins said. "We have got two other guys that are in the pipeline, and I want try to do everything I can to encourage them to finish so we can get more people flying."

Other highlights in the report included contributions to the domestic airline industry, increased exposure through national publications, hosting the Aviation Explorer Post in partnership with Boy Scouts of America, the 20th anniversary of the EAA AirVenture Cup Race, Run for the Wall and the Airport View System.

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STATE OF THE AIRPORT — Board of Commissioners of the Mt. Vernon Airport listened to annual State of the Airport report during Tuesday's meeting.

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