



# NRRA News

## May 2025

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A mile of road  
gets you a mile.  
Our mile of  
runway gets you  
anywhere.

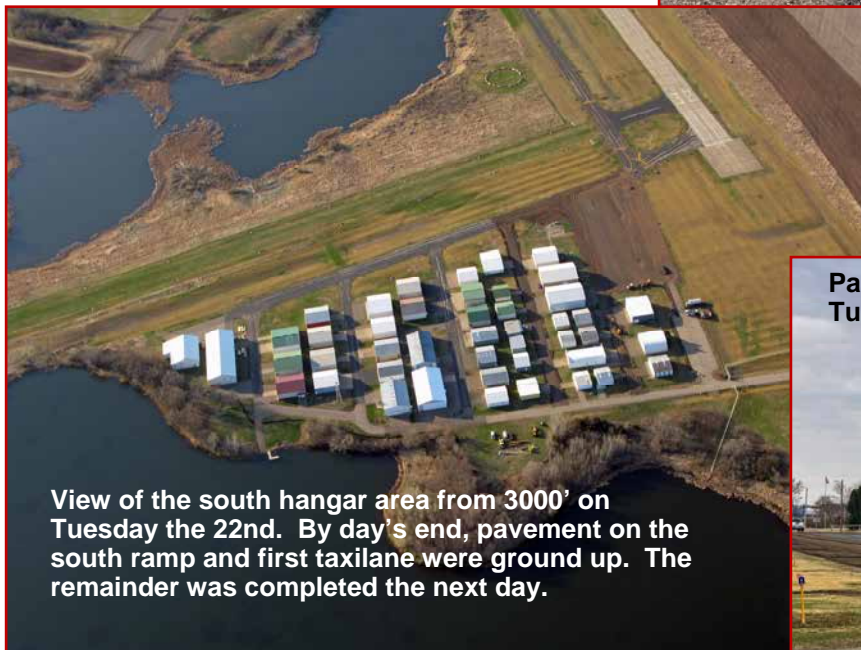


This airport means business!  
Proudly serving the New Richmond area since 1964

### And we're off

Work began on the much needed south hangar area reconstruction project on April 21st after five years of planning/ talking about it and a couple of false starts in 2023 and 2024. Contractor McCabe Construction out of Eau Claire moved in about a half dozen pieces of heavy equipment for the project, including a mean looking self propelled pavement grinding machine straight out of a *Transformers* movie.

Most of the pavement in the south hangar area dates back to 1992, and in some cases, even earlier. Typically, twenty to twenty-five years is considered a good run for pavement in this climate. It wasn't too surprising when the pavement was able to be ground in only two days (I recall five days were expected). Must've been a little on the brittle side.



View of the south hangar area from 3000' on Tuesday the 22nd. By day's end, pavement on the south ramp and first taxilane were ground up. The remainder was completed the next day.

The project will bring entirely new, and much stronger pavement to the area. The taxilanes that serve each hangar row will be widened from twenty feet to twenty-five feet. Taxiway Bravo, the taxiway that runs parallel to runway 4-22,

Pavement grinding in progress early in the day on Tuesday the 22nd.



will be narrowed in width from forty feet to thirty-five feet. Both changes are being made to comply with FAA guidelines.

So far, the taxilanes serving hangar rows one through six had the ground up pavement removed, the old base removed, and had several inches of unsuitable sub-base removed. The next step included installation of an entirely new, stronger base that was thoroughly compacted.

The taxilanes between hangar rows 7-8 and 9-10 are next up. Each hangar row is taking three or four days to finish this process. Once complete, the hangars in those rows are accessible by vehicles. Don't even think about trying to taxi an aircraft on it after this roughed in process is complete though. We strongly recommend, nay, make that absolutely insist you utilize an aircraft tug to tow your aircraft to a suitable area near runway 4-22 if you need to go flying.

To assist with towing your aircraft, Brad Volker from Cooper Engineering, gets the "Above and Beyond Award". Brad offered a four wheeler with a trailer hitch for use to area hangar owners. A universal tow bar is also included. The four wheeler is located near the front

entrance to the East Metro Jet Center self-service FBO near the fuel pumps. Help yourself if you need it. And a big thank you to Brad. Much appreciated! East Metro Jet Center personnel can also lend a hand if you need your aircraft moved.



What was left of taxiway Bravo looking to the northeast on Tuesday the 22nd.



View of the work underway on the taxilane between hangar rows five and six on May 1st. The old base is being removed and new material is going in.

Reconstruction of the sea plane ramp is included in this project. The pavement on the ramp is currently torn up. I have the ramp NOTAM'ed closed, but it is still usable for the most part if you need to get your sea plane flying in. I recall we have around 24 sea planes at the airport, but some of these are amphibians and can utilize the paved or grass runways without issue.

Self service fueling was also NOTAM'ed as being unavailable thanks to the

glaring lack of pavement in the area. The pumps are still turned on and fully operational, you just can't taxi an aircraft up to them. Don't even try. It's not worth the stress. If you want to use gas cans, that's OK with us. Local fuel provider East Metro Jet Center is offering full service avgas via shiny and still pretty new (just passed the 300 mile mark on the clock) avgas truck for a respectable \$5.09 per gallon. It even includes a windshield wash and a bag of cheese curds. The fueling can be done on the north aircraft parking apron and at most locations at the airport. Call the main East Metro number 715-246-5338 for service.



The self service fueling area shortly after the pavement was ground up and prior to being compacted by a roller. Motocross anyone?



It's been a busy spring with airport maintenance. Over 200 trees and large bushes that were identified in our ongoing airport master plan as obstructions or future obstructions were removed by airport personnel and a Milwaukee electric chainsaw powered by a slew of 18 volt batteries. That was a workout. I'm still sore.

Many thanks to New Richmond Fire Department for conducting a controlled burn of the area after our tree cutting mission.



Scorched Earth near the approach end of runway 4.

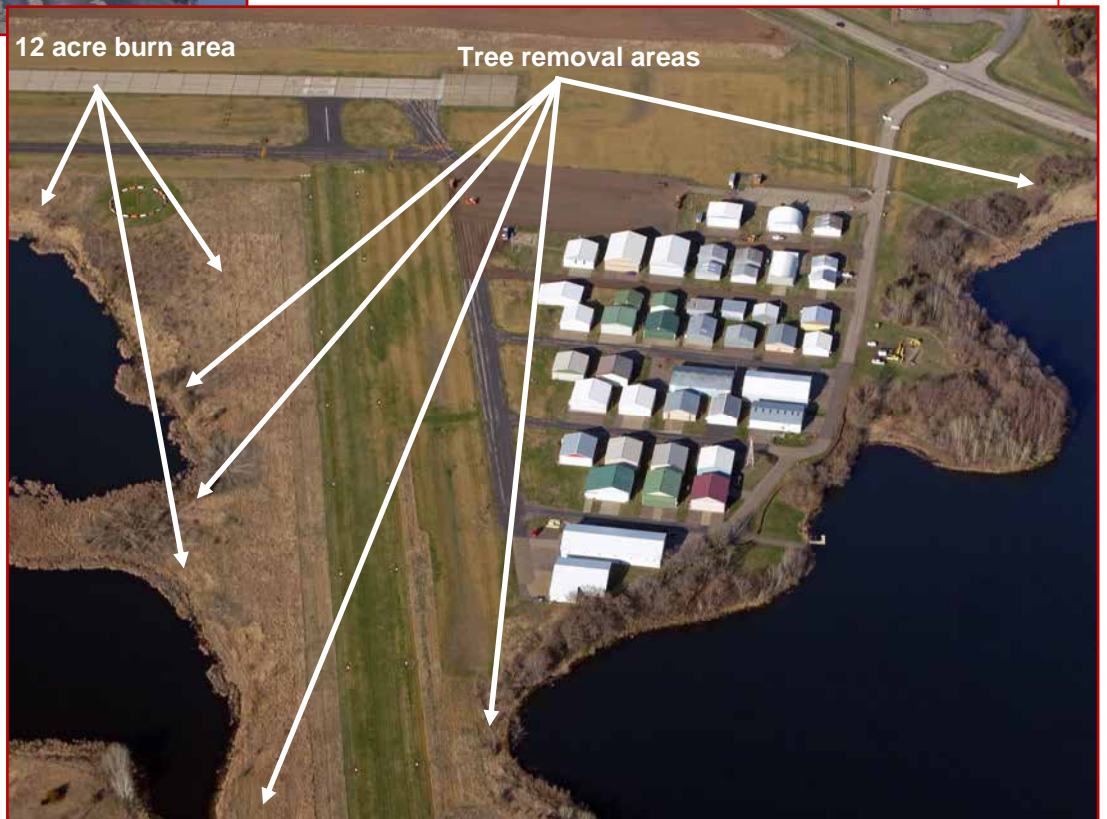


Approximately 12 acres of airport owned land located between the grass runway and Hatfield Lake was burned. I recall the last time we burned this area was in the spring of 1996. So yeah, it's been awhile.

We had the California wildfire vibe going for a couple of days. Thanks to the half inch of rain last night, the area is already greening back up.

Airport personnel are still working on the area grinding up the burned up branches and stumps using a forestry mulcher attached to a skid steer. I absolutely love operating equipment, but this mulcher attachment is almost too much fun. Almost.

We plan on using our vibratory roller on the area to smooth things out later this spring. We'll get this place looking respectable again in no time. As an added bonus, we'll have more area to mow, too.



## New Lease Amendments Coming

Good news! At the airport commission meeting in February, the commission voted to extend all hangar leases at the airport another 10 years. Hangar leases will now expire on June 30, 2040. Lease amendments will be sent out to hangar owners via email in the next several days. Sign it and email it back to me. Done.



The driving force behind the change was to provide a little more security to lenders financing hangars. Fifteen years left on a lease is a lot better than five when it comes to forking over funds. New Richmond Regional Airport is a little unique when it comes to leases. The airport agreed to offer all lessees the same lease with the same terms following an FAA audit and review back in 2009 as a way to comply with federal grant assurances.

Speaking of leases . . . watch for an email from the City of New Richmond ([newrichmondwi.gov](mailto:newrichmondwi.gov) email address) later this month with the annual invoice for your hangar lease. The lease payment is due by July 1st.

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## Summer (Could be Fall?) Runway Work

The airport is participating in the State of Wisconsin pavement repair program this year. The cracks and pavement seams on runway 14-32 will be repaired and the runway will be professionally restriped. Typically, the airport spends up to \$20k annually repairing the pavement cracks and another \$3K in supplies every 3 years for restriping plus many man hours. This program will be a great help to the airport. Taxiway Alpha as well as taxilanes serving rows 11-12 and 13-14 were previously repaired as part of this program.



The bid process for this project is off to a slow start this year due to numerous personnel changes at the Bureau of Aeronautics. We are hopeful we will see bids advertised mid-summer with work occurring in the late summer or early fall. Worst case, the can gets kicked down the road to 2026.

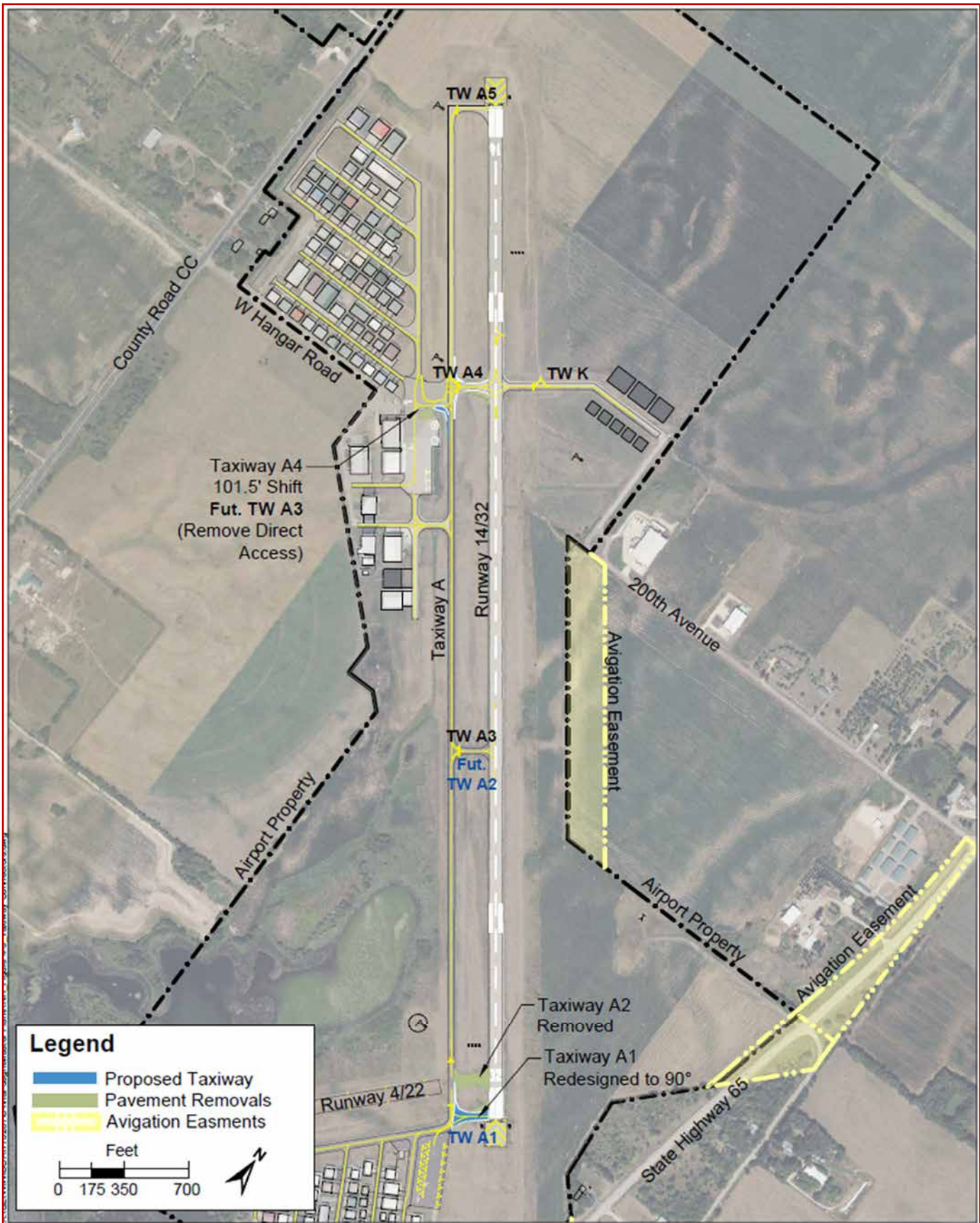


## Taxiway Alpha Reconstruction Prep

Crews were on site for several days in March conducting soil and pavement borings in preparation for the reconstruction of taxiway Alpha.

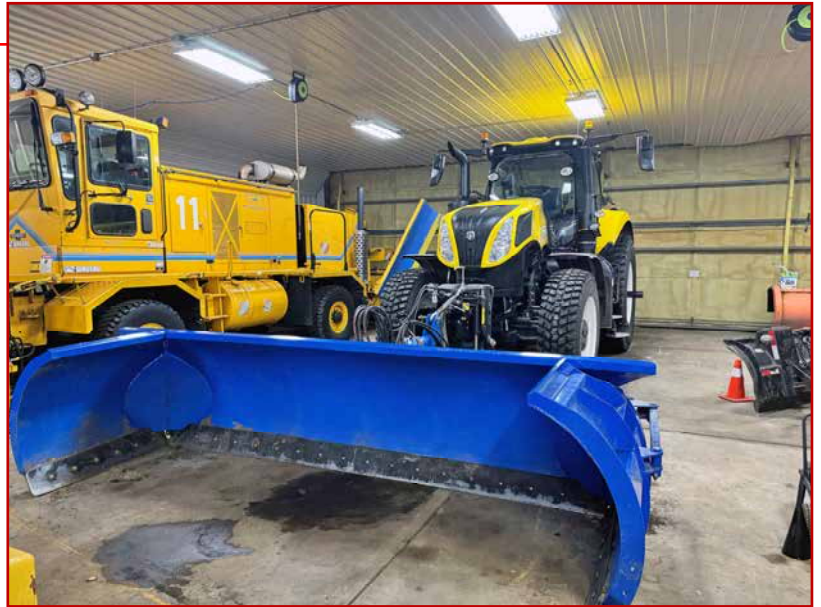
Taxiway Alpha was constructed in two phases. The southern 4000' was installed in October of 2000. The northern 1500' was installed in the summer of 2007. It's about ready to call it a career.

Preliminary plans call for the taxiway Alpha reconstruction project to occur in 2027. As part of this project, taxiway Alpha 1, located near the approach end of runway 32, will be realigned to be perpendicular to runway 14-32. Taxiway Alpha 2 will be removed, taxiway Alpha 4 will be changed to a standard width along with some nearby modifications to prevent direct runway access, and taxiway Alpha 5 near the approach end of runway 14 will be widened to improve the safety and usability of the airport.



## Snow Removal Equipment

The New Holland T8 tractor equipped with a 20' ramp plow attachment, suffered a transmission issue late in the snow removal season. The tractor, which began service in February of 2023, suffered an internal transmission failure after only 25 hours of use in March of 2023. Well, it happened again. Same thing but only 125 hours of use later. We must've been pretty hard on it, right? Nope. Gentle as can be. We have the recorded data to prove it. The failure occurred while the vehicle was idling on the north ramp. Big old "Low Transmission Pressure" message on the giant Houston we have a problem screen located in the cab of the tractor. Frustrating.



Technicians are reporting an internal seal partially failed and the entire, massively huge transmission must be removed in order to repair it. Great. Just great. The tractor was shipped to a repair facility in central Wisconsin late last month. The airport is working with New Holland on who is going to cover the cost of the estimated \$10K repair of this extremely vital machine.

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## Got Wi-Fi? Completely unnecessary. Absolutely awesome.



Starlink has been improving their satellite based Internet service to the point it is now entirely usable onboard most general aviation aircraft while in flight.

The residential global mobile plan, available for \$50 per month for 50 GB and a Starlink mini dish, can easily be powered and placed in the baggage compartment or on the glare shield of a Cessna 172, Cirrus, or pretty much any aircraft that travels in the sub-350 mph range.

For you fast movers out there, the business mobile global priority plan allows the same thing for about \$250 per month and aircraft speeds up to 550 mph. Nice. Permanent Wi-Fi installation on some of these business aircraft can easily exceed six figures making the portable option a real steal.

The antennas are a little power hungry pulling in about 25 watts on the mini dish I have. You probably don't want to plug it into the old, probably un-fused cigarette lighter in your 1960's vintage Cessna. A portable Jackery unit or something similar will provide hours and hours of power instead.

If you're heading out on a long flight with storms on the route this spring, having access to the latest weather could be a real lifesaver. And there it is. Pilots can rationalize just about anything.

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## Summer Lunch Cook Outs

The first Wednesday lunch cookout of the year is planned for **June 4th at noon** in the business aviation terminal on the north end of the airport. We are anxious to fire up our brand new six burner grill. We anticipate being able to cook upwards of 60 brats at a time. 52 of which will be unburned and edible. We try. Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there. I think this is our 20th year of doing summer cookouts. We'll also do one evening a month. Dates TBD.





# 3RD ANNUAL FLY-IN CAR SHOW



**Saturday May 17th**

**New Richmond Regional Airport**

**KRNH-North Ramp next to East Metro Jet Center  
625 W Hanger Road - Use entrance off Wall Street**

**8:00am-11:30am**



**PLANES**



**RACECARS**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

\$10 for adults

\$5 for children 10-3 years  
old

3 and under & PIC eat Free



**FIRETRUCKS**



**CAR SHOW**

Scan barcode to pre-register.

**All proceeds benefit the  
UFW Freedom Park project.**

Email: [mitchc@wingsofwisconsin.com](mailto:mitchc@wingsofwisconsin.com)



# The DAR

Daily Airport Randomness



A recent Garmin panel upgrade in a Beechcraft V-Tail Bonanza by Perceptive Avionics



New Richmond Regional Airport  
April 22, 2025

Most hangars in Wisconsin  
Most based aircraft in Wisconsin

# TRUCK-A -PALOOZA



**Tuesday, May 20 @ NR Regional Airport | 4-7pm**

Join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly event where you can get up close with the vehicles that help keep our city running! The Truck-A-Palooza event will showcase an exciting collection of local government vehicles, including fire trucks, police cruisers, public works trucks, airplanes and more! Plus, local businesses will be on hand with interactive displays, giveaways, and activities for kids and adults alike.

Whether you're a fan of big trucks or simply want to learn more about the services that keep our community safe and thriving, this is the event for you! Climb aboard, honk the horn, and discover the tools that power our city. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to see the wheels of your city in action and connect with the businesses that help make our community great! See you there!

From 3:00-4:00 pm, we are hosting a low sensory hour with no lights or sirens.



## Hangar Space - To Build

**One space remains** - a hangar lot accommodating a 120' wide x 100' deep hangar, hangar lot 24-2 pictured below.

**Stay tuned! Design work is 30% complete on an extension to the east hangar area that will bring around 19 additional 60'x60' hangar spaces along with a handful of larger business hangar spaces. Work could occur in 2026. See the potential layout on the next page.**

## Hangar Space - To Buy

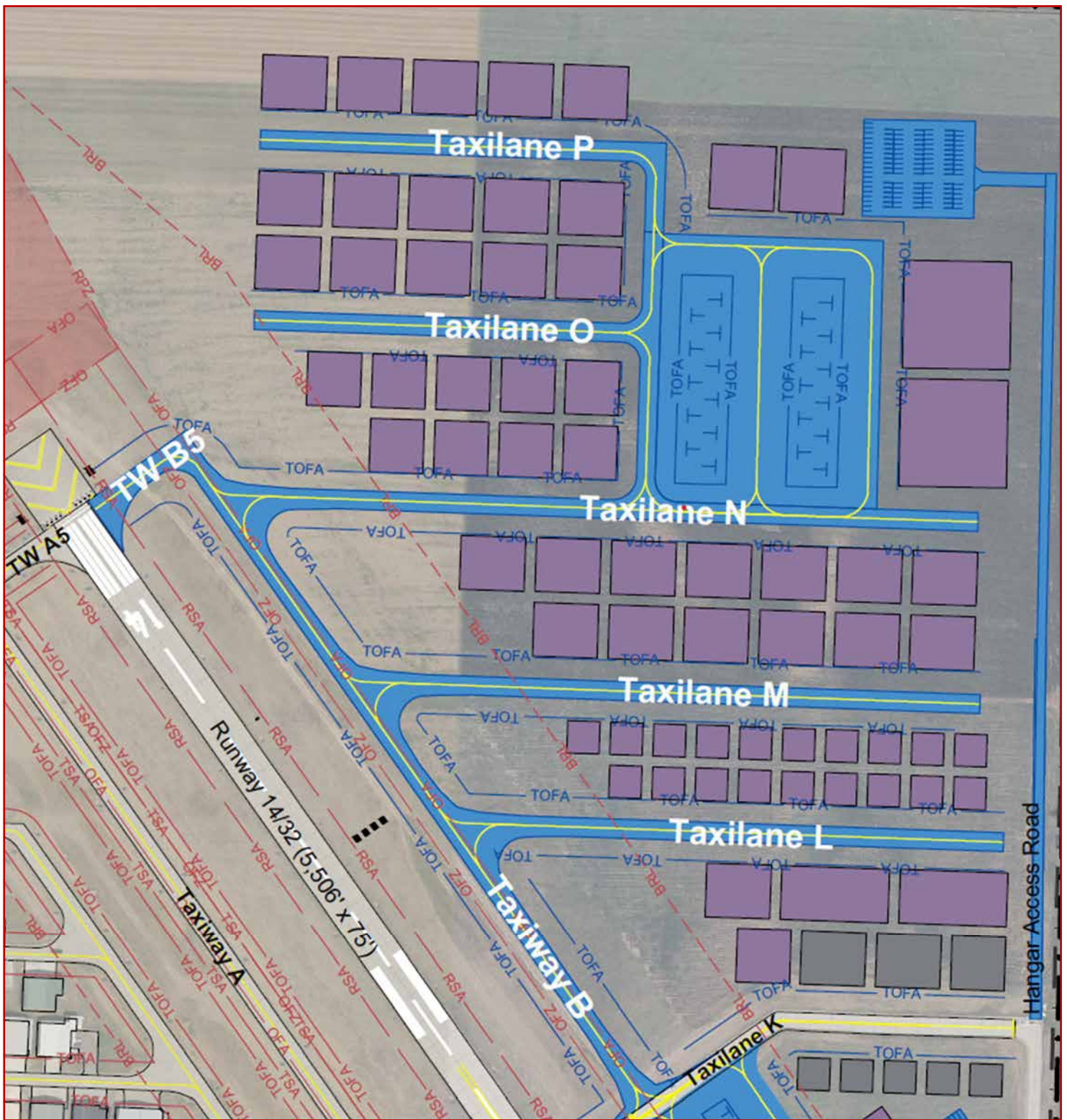
Hangar 20-3. Listing info: Erin Laschinger – Mackaby Realty, Inc. Call or text: 651-485-5887  
Website: [www.ErinLaschinger.com](http://www.ErinLaschinger.com)

**Hangar Space - To Rent - TBD. Give me a call or send an email. I'll help track some space down. 715-246-7735 or mike@nrairport.com**

Go to the airport website for an up to date listing of what's available.



**North, Corporate, and East Hangar Areas - April 22, 2025**



Here is a sneak peek of what the east side hangar development may look like. The airport master plan reflects this layout for the area.

Preliminary plans call for the construction of taxiway Bravo between taxiway Kilo and the end of runway 14, and the construction of taxiways Lima and Mike as soon as 2026 as well as construction of the hangar access road. The other taxiways and aprons north of taxiway Mike are future development areas.

A considerable amount of planning will occur on this area this summer. Stay tuned.



## A few last things -

- The fairly new avgas truck operated by East Metro Jet Center suffered a main avgas pump failure last month and was out of service for five days. Turns out someone at the fuel pump factory forgot to put a squirt of grease on the internal bearings and bad things happened after that. Hats off to Robert Rice for single handedly hoisting that fifty pound beast out of there and swapping it with a factory new pump. Somehow, somehow, there wasn't a drop of grease on the new one either. Figures. Glad we checked. \$3700 later, we're back in business.



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- Airport personnel were busy picking up debris spread around the airport by the storm that passed just south of New Richmond on April 28th. A couple of hangars are under construction at the moment and the 50+ MPH outflow from one of the storms sent things flying.

- Crews from Xcel Energy were busy installing gas lines that will serve the east hangar area of the airport last week. Midco fiber internet service is coming to the area soon as well.
- Both bulbs on the rotating beacon located in the south hangar area were replaced by airport personnel in March. The 20,000 hour bulbs tend to only make it about 3,000 hours or 2,102,400 revolutions.
- Locally based Lazy Eight Flying Club upgraded the panel in their 1962 Cessna 182 this winter. The upgrade, done on a pretty tight budget, removed all of the old radios, circuit breakers, and hundreds of feet of old wiring and replaced it with modern Garmin radios and uAvionix AV-30 flight instruments. New cockpit lighting was also installed along with a new one-piece aluminum panel. Thanks to Lucian and Jay from Perceptive Avionics for their craftsmanship and assistance with this project.
- The security light and pole located near gate 3 on the north end of the airport took a tumble to the ground in early March due to strong southwest winds. The 30,000 lumen LED light was smashed to bits and the security camera located on the pole took a few dings but was surprisingly still functional and was able to be reassigned to other areas of the airport. The entire slow motion event was captured by the camera. Timberrrrrr! Thankfully, nobody was hurt. The airport purchased some seriously heavy duty mounts that must be used to hold up SpaceX rockets, based on the size of these things, to remount the pole. This thing is SECURE. A new slightly brighter light was installed along with two upgraded HD cameras a few days after the event.
- Couple of FAA things for you. For instrument pilots, the FAA issued an amendment to the standard terminal arrival (STAR) for the airport last month. The AGUDE 6 arrival is now current. Also, the FAA is seeking comments regarding the decommissioning of the Flight Service Station (FSS) radio network in much of the US. Back in the day, FSS would receive 30,000+ radio calls per day from pilots across the country. I heard it's less than 500 now. I don't think I've called FSS on the radio this century.
- One last time - Please take it easy on the pilot controlled lighting. We need to make this system last for another seven years. A training aircraft from a nearby flight school conducting a night flight at New Richmond last month got really, really aggressive activating the pilot controlled lighting. The runway lights are active from dusk to dawn on low intensity. Pilots have the ability to increase the intensity to medium or high as necessary by clicking the aircraft radio five or seven times. This pilot way over did it. We're talking several seven click events over the course of a minute. I saw this in progress and noticed the lights weren't responding after about the fifth time. Uh oh. A quick trip to the electrical vault revealed a bluish haze straight out of a Cheech and Chong movie and the smell of a burned circuit board. Thanks a lot. The pilot controlled lighting was out of service for a couple of days until I could scrounge up some parts.



## A few more last things

- A new hangar is under construction on the southern end of the corporate hangar area. The 80'x80' hangar will have the floor poured on Monday. Watch for a temporary obstruction notice to airmen due to the use of a concrete pump reaching up to 100' during the day.

# WARNING

ACTIVE RUNWAY AHEAD  
RESTRICTED ACCESS  
BEYOND THIS POINT

- A reminder to hangar owners to please inform your employees, delivery drivers, guests, and contractors as to the vehicle operating and parking rules on the airport. We had a serious runway incursion event last week when a contractor vehicle traveled across runway 14-32 at the taxiway Alpha 4 intersection with three aircraft in the pattern. Not cool. We ordered a custom sign that will be installed in the east hangar area along taxiway

Kilo within a week or so.

- Work will be occurring on one of the airport maintenance buildings at the airport. The pavement on each end of the building was removed in preparation for new pavement and parking area. The building houses the majority of the airport's snow removal equipment. New LED lighting was installed in the airport's other maintenance hangar last month. The old eight foot tube lights that were probably loaded with mercury were removed and replaced with far more efficient lighting units.



- New Richmond Regional Airport based EAA chapter 1705 has a meeting scheduled for May 13th at hangar 20-3 in the north hangar area at the airport. Social time begins at 5:30 PM followed by a meeting at 6:00 PM. The guest speaker will be our very own Cory Miller, President of New Richmond based Strix Aero. Strix is in the process of constructing a large hangar in the east hangar area at the airport. They specialize in the overhaul, sales and service of Allison 1710

V12 engines commonly found in warbirds. <https://strixaero.com>. Consider joining the local EAA chapter. Membership is very affordable and is open to everyone. <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1705>.

- The excitement meter lifted off the peg a couple of notches on a Sunday in early March. An inbound A36 Beechcraft Bonanza had a landing gear malfunction. The pilot reported on the common traffic advisory frequency his landing gear "Was jammed" and he couldn't extend it. Plus there was the smell of burning or hot wires. Well that can't be good. Airport personnel coordinated with Minneapolis Approach Control over at MSP and made arrangements with New Richmond Fire, New Richmond EMS, and New Richmond Police Department to be on standby at the airport while the pilot worked the problem. Thankfully, the pilot was able to conduct an emergency gear extension and he landed safely on runway 14 some 15 minutes after the initial issue was reported. The aircraft was towed off the runway by airport personnel as a precaution. An issue with a landing gear limit switch was reported to be the cause of the in flight drama. Thanks to MaryKay, Robert, and Lucian for the help with the inbound emergency.
- The City of New Richmond contracted with engineering firm SEH for the purpose of conducting a study on methods of providing water utility service to the airport. Results of the study should be available this summer. Presently, no city water service is available anywhere on the airport. The nearest water lines are located in Freedom Park near the west side of the airport or near Noble Road southeast of the airport. City water service is necessary to meet fire suppression requirements for hangar fire zones exceeding 12,000 square feet. The airport has received requests for hangars that exceed 20,000 square feet.
- For ongoing news, construction updates, and airport pics, go to <https://www.nrairport.com/news>



## **Airport Business Directory:**

### FBO Services:

East Metro Jet Center - eastmetrojetcenter.com . Full and self service FBO services  
New Richmond Airside Rental - Car rentals for pilots and pax - A service of East Metro Jet Center

### Aircraft Charter:

Northern Airways - Chad Halvorson chad@divvyjet.com

### Aircraft Detailing:

Super Clean Aircraft - Hanli and Lucian Banitz info@supercleanaircraft.com 715-243-4247

### Aircraft Fractional and Leasing Opportunities

Divvy Jet - Chad Halvorson DivvyJet.com

### Aircraft Maintenance:

Indianhead Airways Nick Jilek - nick.jilek@smcltd.com

New Richmond Aero - NRAero.com

Strix Aero (Allison V12 overhaul and carburetor overhaul - cory.miller@strixaero.com

### Aircraft Parts and Services:

NDT Solutions (NDTS) - ndts.com

Prototype Machine - PTMachineinc.com

### Aircraft Sales:

Eagle Air - eagleair.us

Elevated Aircraft Sales - elevatedaircraft.com

### Avionics:

Perceptive Avionics - perceptiveavionics.com

Top Flight Avionics - tfacumberland@gmail.com

### Flight Instruction:

Link Aviation - info@linkaviation.com

Mike Demulling Flight Instruction - Mike@NRairport.com

Nate Hartigan - nathaniel.w.hartigan@hotmail.com

### Hangar Space:

Wings of Wisconsin - wingsofwisconsin.com

Eighteen so far. Room for a few more!!

## **Local Fuel Prices**

**100LL**

**\$4.94 at the pumps or**

**\$5.09 for truck service**

(National average \$5.66)

**Jet A**

**\$5.99 for truck service**

(locally based aircraft pricing and Corporate Aircraft Association (CAA) pricing available)

**Thanks for making this airport great.  
Hope to see you here soon.**

Thank you

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