

# Michigan Aeronautics Commission

Director's Report

September 11, 2019

Mike Trout, A.A.E.



# Aeronautics in Michigan

## Managing Change...and Uncertainty

- New Governor
- New MDOT Director
- New Aero Commissioners
- New FAA and Aero Staff
- New Airport Managers
- New State Legislation
- New Federal Money
- New State Budget?

# Aeronautics Commission

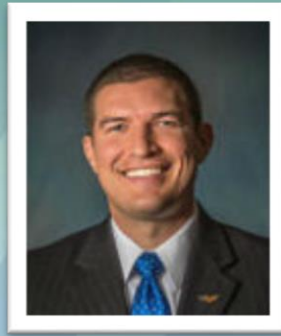
Celebrating 90 years of dedicated service supporting aviation in Michigan!



Roger Salo  
Acting Chair



Rick Fiddler



Russ Kavalhuna



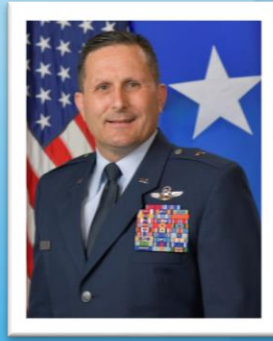
Kelly Burris



Dr. Brian Smith



F/Lt. Brian Bahlau  
MSP



Brig. Gen. Bryan Teff  
DMVA



Kevin Jacobs  
DNR



Laura Mester  
MDOT



Mike Trout  
Director

Bryan Budds – Commission Advisor



Judy Baker – Commission Analyst

# Notable Stats

## Fuel Tax Revenue *Thru July*

### *Excise (3¢)*

**FY 2019 = \$4,406,939**

FY 2018 = \$5,076,753

\$669,814 YTD decrease

### *Sales (2%)*

**FY 2019 YTD Total = \$10,876,098**

FY 2018 Total = \$7,157,622

**SAF 2019 YTD = \$3,806,634** (35% of Total)

SAF 2018 YTD = \$2,505,166 \$1,301,468 YTD increase

# FY 2019 Grants

- **\$128.1 Million Total Funding Requests**
  - \$107.3M Federal Funding
  - \$3.4M State Funding
  - \$17.4M Local Funding
- **Primary Airports: \$97.3M**
  - 16 Airports are Eligible
- **State Block Grant Program: \$30.8M**
  - 74 Airports are Eligible



# Additional Stats

## Contract Closeouts FYTD 2019

20 Primary Airport Grants (31 Active)

51 State Block Sub Grants

7 State Block Grants (10 Active)

15 State/Local Grants

## Tall Structure Permits

(Towers/Wind Turbines)

**2019 = 4,639/508 (FYTD)**

**2018 = 4,939/621 (Total)**

## Aircraft Flight Hours

(Thru July)

**2019 = 520 hrs.**

**2018 = 735 hrs.**

# Year in Review

## Highlights of Mr. Kamarainen's Chairmanship:

- Package of UAS bills signed into law based on recommendations from the UAS Task Force
- Pilot Shortage Task Force Recommendations
  - Establishment of Ground School Assistance Program
  - Upcoming Talent Summit
- PFAS Response Project/ARFF Vehicle Foam System
- General Aviation Advisory Committee
- Gerald R. Ford International Airport Off-Site Meeting
- Chippewa County International Airport Off-Site Meeting



Thanks for a great year Pete!

# Staff News

- Elyse Lower – Ten Years of State Service
- Alysen Fedewa – New Student Assistant
- Bryan Budds – New Deputy Administrator, Aeronautics
- Alissa VanHoof – New Manager, Programming Section
- Brigitte Pricco – Accepted Position at MSP

## Coming Soon

- FAA Michigan Congressional Briefing – Sept. 11, Port Huron, MI
- Michigan Aviation Talent Summit – Oct. 15, Lansing, MI
- MAC Meeting – Nov. 6, Lansing, MI
- MiCareerQuest Southeast – Nov. 8, Novi, MI
- Michigan Aviation Conference – Feb. 19-20, East Lansing, MI





**THANK YOU**

**QUESTIONS?**

**“Aviation is proof that, given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible.”**

Eddie Rickenbacker

# Special Tributes

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE**

To

**J. David VanderVeen**

**LET IT BE KNOWN**, that it is our distinct honor to recognize J. David VanderVeen, former member of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, who served two four-year terms, twice as both chairperson and vice chairperson. Throughout his career Mr. VanderVeen has exhibited the highest standards of citizenship, professionalism and leadership through his commitment to our state.

Mr. VanderVeen was born and raised in Michigan. He has a private pilot's license, a Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Michigan.

He is the director of Central Services for Oakland County, a position he has held since 1963 which includes responsibility for the county's three airports, including Oakland County International Airport, which ranks the 50th busiest airport in the nation with 111,265 takeoffs and landings. This airport is ranked as the nation's 17th busiest general aviation airport, 2nd in Michigan, and contributes over \$175 million to the region's economy each year.

J. David VanderVeen has championed multiple statewide aviation-based initiatives, including a \$1.2 billion program focused on improving Michigan's airports. He guided the construction of the United States' first Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Gold certified general aviation terminal, which utilizes numerous eco-friendly technologies that have reduced the airport's energy consumption by 45 percent.


Mr. VanderVeen undertook an aggressive 11-year noise abatement program to protect nearby homes from aircraft engine noise within the Oakland County Community. This included the construction of the world's first acoustic ground run up enclosure for maintaining jet engines, which earned the National Association of Counties Innovation Program that United States Government Award in 2006. His airport beautification efforts have resulted in Sixty Michigan Beautified awards in 1999, 2002, and 2011.

He has earned the distinction of an Accredited Airport Executive (AAE) with the American Association of Airport Executives. Mr. VanderVeen is also a licensed pilot and serves as a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Business Aviation Association (MBAA). He is a member of the Michigan Association of Airport Executives (MAAE), twice served as president, and is a charter member of the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame and was inducted in 2017.

Mr. VanderVeen has been an asset within the aviation community for many years and has exerted numerous active professional throughout his career. His efforts have resulted in a new generation of aviators inspired to serve their communities. I hope that he will take the time to reflect upon his record of service and take pride in his numerous accomplishments and successes.

**IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE**, therefore, this document is signed and dedicated to honor J. David VanderVeen for his accomplishments and service to the state of Michigan. Please accept our sincere thanks and best wishes for continued success and prosperity in all your future endeavors.

  
 Carlin Gammie II  
 Lieutenant Governor

  
 Gretchen Whitmer  
 Governor

The One Hundredth Legislature  
 At Lansing  
 August 6, 2019



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Mr. Kamarainen was born and raised in Michigan. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and obtained his private pilot's license in 1989. Throughout his career he has accumulated an impressive 20,000 hours of flight time. He started his first business in 1991, Lansing Aviation, which operated out of Lansing's Capital Region International Airport.

During his tenure serving on the Commission and as chair of the General Aviation Advisory Committee, Mr. Kamarainen was instrumental in sponsoring the Aviation Teacher Workshop, which highlighted Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) aerospace in 2013 and 2014. His commitment to working with young people and his involvement in continuing STEM aerospace education has inspired students to explore aviation careers. He was also instrumental in the opening of the North Fox Island Airport in 2015 and the Two Harrow River Landing in 2018.

Mr. Kamarainen is owner of GrandAir Aviation Inc., the fixed based operator for Abrams Municipal Airport in Grand Ledge, and is a licensed commercial pilot who has been a flight instructor for more than 25 years. His efforts made his company one that influences every aspect of aviation, from teaching students how to fly, to managing multiple aircraft, to flying charter customers throughout the United States.

Mr. Kamarainen has a wealth of knowledge and has continually looked for ways to benefit aviation in Michigan. Throughout his career, his main goal was to make flying safe and fun. He has flown many different aircraft, which range from vintage 1946 taildragger airplanes to state-of-the-art modern glass cockpit turboprops and several multi-engine aircraft. Mr. Kamarainen has been a pilot in his field and has made a lasting impact here in Michigan.

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