

Winter flying

To Pilots of FMFA Aircraft

If the runways are clear and you want to fly, you are welcome to remove snow from the planes and shovel your way to the open taxiway.

The brooms by the oil lockers are intended for snow removal. Take care to NOT sweep over antenna, for they will surely break. I recommend that you pull snow off, not try to push it. Also avoid dropping the wooden back of the broom on the surface to break any formed ice, especially around the windshields and wingtips. Plastic will crack in cold weather, and wingtips are plastic.

Charlie queried the Tipton managers about Tipton's snow removal plan. The airport will plow the runway, taxiway, and the ramp to within two feet in front of our aircraft. The digout from there belongs to the club, the members, us. Bring along a snow shovel and build a snowman behind a plane (in the grass).

Enjoy flying and do more of it! The more you fly, the more we generate needed revenue to overhaul engines for the two aircraft currently grounded, 7876N and 4972R.

As the weather deteriorates into freezing rain, ice, sleet, and snow, I want to remind all pilots that preheaters are intended for preheating engines ONLY. Preheaters are not intended for ice and snow removal from the surfaces of the aircraft. User Guidelines are on the preheaters for your convenience. Preheaters are on the flightline beside the oil lockers.

Regards,

Perry

Your Maintenance Officer