



NEW FUEL SYSTEM NEARLY READY



The fuel tank story began with the executive board realizing that time was running out on the lease for the present system, which was also getting "long in the tooth" (like many club members). After getting approval from the membership, and a budget of \$70,000, then vice president Don Hague found just what we needed on eBay. There was one catch - it was located in Rio Grande, New Jersey. The tank, manufactured by U-Fuel inc., was cleaned and inspected in the US by a company called Rosey's Tank Cleaning. This type of tank is referred to as a "Fire Resistant Fuel System", and is a "two-product" tank.

After much wheeling and dealing, the tank was trucked up from the states and stored at the east end of apron one, where it languished, unloved, for nearly a year while the powers that be decided where to locate the new system. At first, airport management liked the idea of a spot near the present terminal. Pad design and other technicalities were being finalized when the airport changed its mind and suggested a site near the west side of the present clubhouse. We liked this idea a lot because this made the system easier to view and manage. Plans were re-done, permits were applied for, and work on the concrete pad was

begun. It involved digging a trench from the clubhouse for wiring and water as well as ground preparation, wooden forms, and a ton or two of steel re-bar. Concrete was poured successfully, and a few weeks later, the airport paved the surrounding area. Weather was a concern, but paving was done before things got cold and nasty (which it did). Electrical work was done by Komodo Electric. Wiring and plumbing from the clubhouse was installed, the tarmac cooled off, and the pad was read to receive the tank.



1 Don Hague marks the locations for conduits, while the contractor finishes the forming.



The concrete was poured and allowed to cure for a few weeks, then the Eagle West crew went to work moving the tank from the east end of apron one.



2 Jerry Wintle, Greg from Eagle West, and Jim Zeilstra. Cool work.

Photos by Donna McIntosh

DON HAGUE NEW AEROCLUB PRESIDENT



New president Don Hague shakes hands with outgoing president Jim Zeilstra at our recent AGM. Don has been instrumental in implementing the new fuel system and promises to run the club in a transparent and defensible way. He looks forward to getting the system operational as well as implementing other improvements such as the north side fuel outlet and clubhouse upgrading. Jim Zeilstra has offered to continue managing the fuel system as well as taking on the membership portfolio

YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE :

President - Don Hague, VP - not filled, Secretary - Joanne McCracken, Treasurer - Ron Johnson

Directors: Education/Entertainment - Donna McIntosh, Building Management - Tim Denbigh, Membership - Jim Zeilstra
COPA flight 16 navigator - John Grindon

MEET OUR NEW MASCOT

Jake joins Joey in the role of club mascot. Unlike Joey, who is a cute little Shi Tzu, Jake is a big friendly Bernese mountain "dawg" recently acquired by Donna McIntosh. While Joey has trained him to bark when someone opens the door downstairs, Jake is easy going and tolerant. He loves to greet you with a "shake a paw" routine.



Jerry and Jean Wintle with Jake. Jean's in the market for some bigger doggie treats



A good time was had by all.