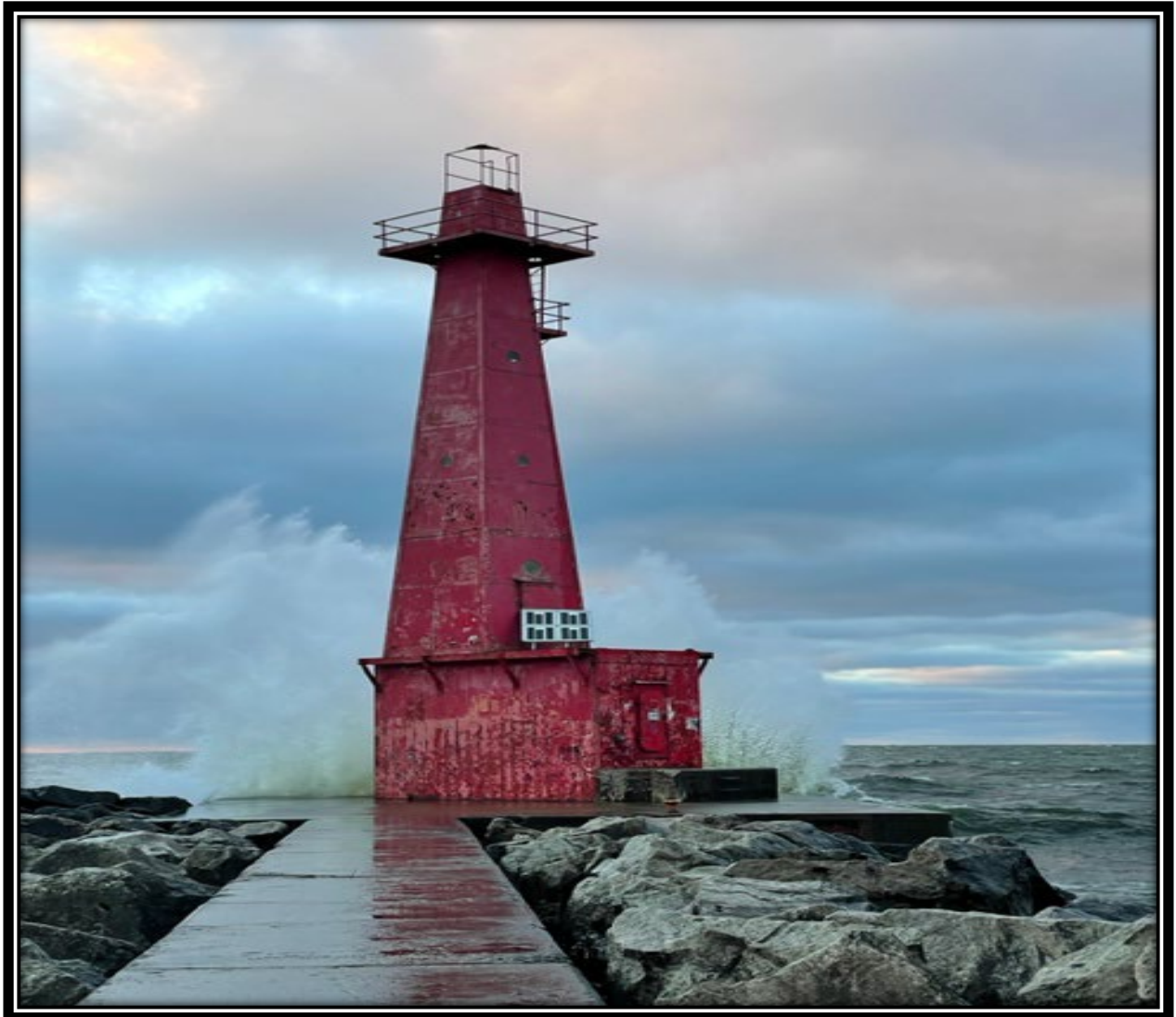




70th Annual Fall Conference

September 11-14, 2023



Delta Hotels
Muskegon Convention Center
Muskegon, Michigan

president's welcome



Welcome to the Michigan Association of Airport Executives Fall conference at Muskegon Michigan. This marks our 70th conference and is a celebration of 70 years of the Association aiding Michigan airports. This aid has evolved over the decades and includes legislative representation, professional education, firefighter training, an intern program, and a scholarship initiative to foster growth in our industry.

The Association is committed to fostering a positive relationship with the FAA and MDOT Aeronautics and is proud of the professional and personal links that have been forged with our State and Federal partners.

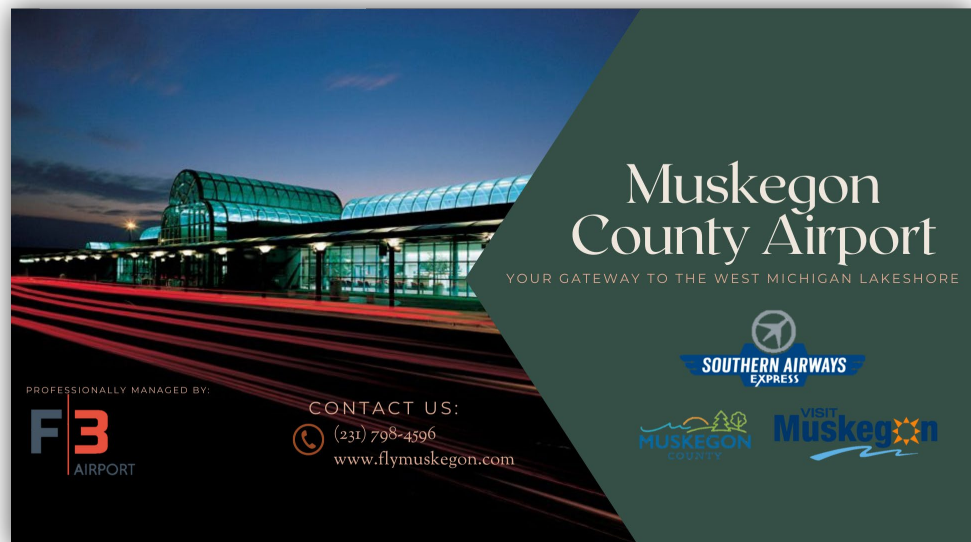
Particularly important are our sponsors who provide the goods and services we need to operate our airports. Their continued support of the Association and their presence at our conferences is greatly appreciated. Without our sponsors our ability to support Michigan airports would be greatly reduced.

This conference is a bit different from previous events. A portion of our membership requested a shorter conference, and so the agenda has been shortened by one day. Please be honest in your feedback with this experiment so we may best serve the needs of the Membership.

Despite the shortened agenda there is still a full selection of events, and there will, as always, be opportunities for socialization.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we hope you will enjoy our conference and help us celebrate our 70th year!

Steven Smigelski, President
MAAE Board of Directors



conference at a glance

Monday, September 11, 2023

3:00 - 5:00 PM	BOARD MEETING
7:00 – 10:00 PM	HOSPITALITY EVENT - PIGEON HILL BREWING COMPANY (LOCATED ONE BLOCK FROM THE HOTEL)

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 – 9:15 AM	WELCOME
9:15 – 10:30 AM	ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND ELECTRIFICATION
10:30 - 11:00 AM	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
11:00 – 12:00 PM	SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH ACCURATE WEATHER FORECASTING / AUTOMATED WEATHER OPERATING SYSTEMS (AWOS)
12:00 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH & SPEAKER
1:30 – 2:00 PM	THE FUTURE OF AVIATION
2:00 – 2:45 PM	EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES/ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY
2:45 – 3:15 PM	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
3:15 – 5:00 PM	ROUNDTABLES (GA & AIR CARRIER)
5:00 – 6:00 PM	RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITORS
6:00 – 10:00 PM	CONSULTANT SPONSORED EVENT

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

8:00 – 8:45 AM	BREAKFAST
8:45 – 9:45AM	PERSPECTIVES ON INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ACCEPTANCE (IDEA)
9:45 – 10:00 AM	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
10:00 - 12:00 PM	COMMISSION MEETING
12:00 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH & AWARDS
1:30 – 2:00 PM	MAAE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
2:00 – 2:30 PM	MDOT UPDATE
2:30 – 3:00 PM	BREAK
3:00 – 4:00 PM	FAA, ADO & REGION UPDATE
5:00 PM	DINNER & MUSIC AT “THE DECK”

Thursday, September 14, 2023

9:00 - 11:00 AM	NEW PRESIDENT’S BREAKFAST
10:30 AM	GOLF OUTING

general information

registration & discounted registration fees

All conference participants including attendees, spouse/guests, speakers, exhibitors, and award recipients are required to register for the conference. You can save on your registration by being an MAAE member. You can also save by registering at the Early Bird rate by August 11, 2023.

professional development financial assistance You must be employed by an airport or board member in the state of Michigan at the time the assistance is requested. FAA Part 139 Airports are not eligible. The intent of this assistance is to encourage increased attendance of the small and rural aviation airport personnel, giving them the ability to gain from the training programs provided at the conference. There is a 2-person limit per Airport.

hotel accommodations

To receive the special rate, hotel reservations must be made directly with Delta Hotels Muskegon Convention Center by August 18, 2023. After that date, reservations will be honored only on a space-available basis at current room rates.

conference fees

Full conference registration includes admission to all sessions, vendor exhibits, annual business meeting, awards ceremony and all other association activities sponsored during the Conference. The golf outing is a separate fee.

refunds/cancellations

MAAE will refund your registration fee less a \$75 processing fee per person for cancellations received in writing by September 1, 2023. No refunds will be granted after that date.

golf outing

September 14th at the Muskegon Country Club

Muskegon Country Club's beauty certainly comes from its rolling terrain and fescue-lined fairways. This Donald Ross gem is as enjoyable to play as it is to view. At 6,697 yards from the back tees, the golf course is relatively short, which makes it very playable for the average player, but the approach shots and difficult greens will challenge even the best players in the country.

For a little history, Muskegon Country Club was originally laid out by Thomas Bendelow in 1908. In 1920, it was redesigned and renumbered by renowned golf course architect Donald Ross. In recent years, the course has undergone a few different changes and renumbering schemes but has focused on retaining its roots.

In 2011, Golfweek editor and Donald Ross Society expert Brad Klein walked the property and passed along his wealth of knowledge on how to get Muskegon Country Club back to its original setting. With the golf course as good as it's ever been, Muskegon Country Club is excited for what the future has in store and all of the good golf ahead.

reminder

There are a couple of new features this year. The Hospitality Event, usually held in the hotel, will be just a short walk away to Pigeon Hill Brewing Company. Join the Board from 7-10 pm on Monday evening.

In response to membership feedback, the conference has been shortened by one day. The golf event will be optional on Day 4 for those that want to participate. No alternative event has been scheduled at this time. If you have any comments or feedback on the conference format, please email us at maae@michairports.org.

Special Entertainment

We have a special dinner planned with entertainment by Main Street Dueling Pianos planned on Wednesday evening at "The Deck"!! If you have been there, you know. If this is your first time, get ready for a great time!

The Deck is located at The Ovals on Pere Marquette beach and is Muskegon's only beach-front restaurant. Transportation will be provided.

