

Local Flying Club Asks Airport For Permission to Build Hangar

A Winston-Salem flying club has asked the airport commission for permission to build a hangar and clubhouse at Smith Reynolds Airport, but the Federal Aviation Administration is not likely to approve it, the airport manager said yesterday.

William B. Rankin II said that the FAA has the final say over any construction at the airport.

The FAA's decision will affect A-V-3-TOR, a new 12-member club, and its president, Harvey Davis.

Davis asked the commission for permission to build a clubhouse, airplane tiedowns and a private hangar and to pave a new taxiway on 5½ acres at the airport.

Davis has an option to buy the tract, which is just west of Smith Reynolds' main runway. He purchased the option to buy that land

from C.W. Myers, Myers said yesterday.

Davis' request to build on the land surprised the airport commission members and Rankin. Rankin said that he had believed that the airport owned the land.

A land survey done in 1980 showed that to be true, he said, but records at the county tax office showed the land indeed is owned by Myers.

By his option Davis is now the owner, Myers said.

Davis said the flying club rents storage space for its six small planes at Smith Reynolds.

The airport commission may have a decision from the FAA in time to decide on Davis' requests at its next scheduled meeting, which is on Nov. 20.