

"It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and reality of tomorrow."

*Robert Goddard*

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## Page Field Association

January 11, 2006 meeting

### Attending

Ron Focht; Fred Larsen; Bob Schultz; Gary Duncan; Don Abbott; Rick Arnold; Coleen Baker; Frank O'Neill; Mark Twombly; Rick Teubner; Bob Bowser; John Richardson

### Presiding

**Rick Arnold** - PFA

### Meeting Notes

**Rick Arnold** - PFA

The letter from Port Authority concerning, revised rates & fees for Page Field was received well by tenants.

Cub Club has a mandatory meeting rule for members, and was attended by approximately 70.

Cub Club will be hosting a program on March 14, 2006 at 7pm at the RSW training center. Titled "Considerations for aging pilots" presented by Lee Wedlake from Civil Air Patrol.

The Cub Club invites all pilots to attend, even if they are not aging. Attending this presentation meets one of the requirements of the WINGS program.



New T-hangars at Page Field near completion.

**Coleen Baker** - L.C.P.A.

Construction at Page Field is on schedule.

Self maintenance hangar is expected to be available for use by 2/1/2006.

A reminder for those that use the self maintenance,

the shed is for waste oil and oil filters only.

An engineering evaluation of hangars and buildings damaged by hurricane Wilma is ongoing.

**Gary Duncan** - L.C.P.A.

Port Authority has hired a new fire inspector.

FAA has issued a "Determination of no hazard to air navigation" concerning the proposed Orchid Island development. FAA will require the buildings to be lighted, but will not require the threshold of Runway 23 to be displaced. [No Hazard](#)

FDOT has the option to make additional requirements, one of which is displacing the threshold of Runway 23.

Port Authority opposes any displacement of the threshold.

Port Authority also opposes any construction that would be considered an obstruction, with regard to a new type of GPS approach procedure being implemented.

The proposed Orchid Island development in its current form would be considered an obstruction to this type of GPS approach.

RSW already has two GPS LPV approaches. See page 4 of the Fall 2005 SatNav News for more information about this type of approach procedure. [SatNav Oct05](#)

Port Authority opposes all residential development in the vicinity of Page Field that might be located where noise could be an issue.

Port Authority encourages users of Page Field to make their opinion known to governmental agencies concerning construction that would impact the usefulness of Page Field.

**Frank O'Neill**

Former building official with Lee County, now an independent planner.

Frank's knowledge of planning, zoning, and development will be a big help in voicing our opinions in a more effective way.

**Mark Twombly**

A.O.P.A. has written a letter to the City of Fort Myers concerning the proposed Orchid Island development, and will continue to monitor this project.

**Bob Schultz** - Page Tower

Some airspace and operational changes are in store for Page Field.

Pilots used to 1500 feet of airspace over FMY before entering Class C airspace, will now only have 1200 feet.

A typical departure clearance now includes, "at or below 1500 feet". With the changes, a typical clearance will include, "at or below 1000 feet".

Page Tower will have to get a release from Approach Control before clearing IFR aircraft for takeoff.

Page Tower will have to get a release from RSW before a VFR aircraft can depart on 13 at FMY.

Page Tower will have to get clearance from RSW before clearing a VFR aircraft to land on 31 at FMY.

These changes will take effect on February 1, 2006.

A presentation about these changes will held in the next month or so.

If you have a question or concern about the services of Page Tower, call Bob at the tower.

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