

“ No tiptoeing around, I’m jumping in with both feet”

Don Abbott

Commenting on his decision to run for the Vice-President’s position of Page Field Association



News for November 2007

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Page Field Association November 14, 2007 meeting

Attending

Glenn Frith, Geoff Unger, Scott Sheets, Justin Kelley, Everett Walter, Bob McDonogh, Larry Kirchner, Terry Voorhees, Ken Shaw, Coleen Baker, Mark Twombly, Don Abbott, Al Lane, Bob Schultz, Joanna Gollin, Richard Fabbro, Bob Bowser, Judy Bowser, Paul Yocum, Rick Arnold, Mark Millar, Len DeNardo, John Richardson

Presiding

Rick Arnold - PFA

Meeting Notes

Rick Arnold - PFA

The owners of two properties near the approach end of runway 5 at Page are requesting that the FAA allow them to increase the height of their existing buildings.

The FAA is considering their requests and is accepting public comment on both projects.

Rick Arnold has drafted a letter of objection on behalf of PFA.

For more details on the projects or how to comment go to-
www.oaaaa.faa.gov/

Mark Twombly - PFA

As head of the nominating committee announced the recommendations for officers of Page Field Association for 2008.

- Glenn Frith - President
- Don Abbott - Vice-President
- John Richardson - Secretary
- Bob Bowser - Treasurer/ Special Projects

Nominations will be called for and election of officers will be held at the December meeting.

Glenn Frith - PFA

Reported that the Aviation Club at Fort Myers High School is off to a great start.

There are diverse interests in the group including Air Traffic Control, Engineering, and Piloting. 13 students attended the first meeting. Justin Kelley from Paragon Flight Training was the guest speaker.

Their first trip to the airport will be on November 17, 2007 for Aviation Day at Page Field.



Fort Myers High School Aviation Club at Page Field for Aviation Day 2007

Suggested that one or both of the newly appointed members of the Airports Special Management Committee be invited to a PFA meeting soon.

Bob Schultz - Page Tower

Operations are at about the same level as last year.

Terry Voorhees - Cub Club

Half of the Cub Club Board of Directors will be new next year.

The club will have airplanes on display at Aviation Day, and looking for new members.

Paul Yocum - EAA 66

EAA Chapter 66 recently held a 40th anniversary celebration and it was a great success.

Justin Kelley - Paragon Flight Training
Paragon will be displaying aircraft at Aviation Day and giving rides for \$20.00 a person.

Paragon also has two Cessna 162 Skycatcher aircraft on order.

Mark Millar - The Sundowners

Approximately 300 attended the recent fund raiser dance that The Sundowners held at the ACI hangar.

Scott Sheets - L.C.P.A.

Final preparations are being made for Aviation Day.

The Florida Department of Transportation has made an inspection of the recently completed taxiway project at Page Field. The FAA is expected to make an inspection soon.

Page Field will have a fuel discount for Aviation Day weekend. Self-serve 100LL will be \$3.78 a gallon.

Don Abbott

With the price of 100LL taking ever larger increases, more pilots may choose to fly smaller aircraft that are approved to use automotive gasoline.

When a demand for automotive gasoline or “mogas” for aircraft exists, Page Field Airport should consider making self-serve mogas available.

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Coleen Baker - L.C.P.A.

T-hangar fire inspections will be made this month.

In response to a question about refueling aircraft, Coleen Baker said that all self-refueling must be done at the self-serve fueling area since it is the only area on the airport designated and equipped for this type of operation.

Judy Bowser

The local 99s will be at Aviation Day recruiting members.

Joanna Gollin - Joannair Inc.

Business is going good. Joannair will be giving helicopter rides at Aviation Day.



Page Field Aviation Day 2007

Regulatory Brief:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Proposed Rule

Advance Information on Private Aircraft Arriving and Departing the United States

The issue

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is proposing regulatory changes that will require all general aviation aircraft flying internationally to electronically submit a passenger list (manifest) and arrival/departure notification at least 60 minutes prior to leaving or entering the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) believes that passengers on general aviation aircraft should be checked against terrorist watch lists prior to international travel to or from the United States. Portions of the proposed rule are

also required by the recently enacted 9/11 Commission law on homeland security.

Under the CBP proposal, general aviation pilots will be required to file passenger manifests and notify Customs of their arrivals and departures via the CBP's electronic Advance Passenger Information System (eAPIS) Web portal or through a CBP-approved electronic data interchange system and to receive confirmation/approval no later than 60 minutes prior to their departure.

See the full article

www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/aopa_11-14-07.pdf

EPA looks into lead emissions from GA aircraft

By AOPA ePublishing staff

The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking feedback from the public and general aviation industry on leaded aviation fuel in response to a 2006 petition from the Friends of the Earth.

AOPA met Nov. 5 with the EPA, FAA, and general aviation industry groups to discuss the petition, state of the GA industry, concerns about transitioning from current avgas and associated safety-of-flight implications, and the fact that currently there is no unleaded fuel that will work for the entire GA fleet.

"Replacing today's avgas with a new fuel is a critical issue and must be carefully thought through by the agencies involved," said Andy Cebula, AOPA executive vice president of government affairs. "Right now there isn't an unleaded fuel that would meet the needs of the entire fleet without requiring aircraft modifications or decreasing aircraft performance and utility."

AOPA participates as a member in both the Coordinating Research Council and ASTM International, a not-for-profit organization that facilitates voluntary consensus standards for things like aviation fuel, to come up with safe alternatives. The association also helps secure funding through Congress each year for the FAA to test possible replacement fuels at its William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, N.J.

The Friends of the Earth wanted the EPA to make a finding that lead emissions from GA aircraft endanger public health and welfare and to issue emission standards.

"At the meeting I attended last week, it was clear that the EPA is working with the FAA and other industry groups on this issue," said Rob Hackman, AOPA senior director of regulatory affairs. "We're committed to helping the agency understand the impact this could have on the GA fleet and provide information to help ensure a viable GA community well into the future."

Right now, the EPA is not undertaking a study but is requesting environmental and health information from the public. For more information about sending comments to the EPA,

see the notice.

www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/epa_11-9-07.pdf



The Sundowners - Dinner / Dance
November 3, 2007

Tiger Aircraft factory slated for south Georgia

True Flight Aerospace will open a corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility in Valdosta, Ga., to build Tiger Aircraft.

True Flight plans to build a 60,000-square-foot facility on a 13-acre tract adjacent to the Valdosta Airport. The move will create 150 jobs over three years, as the company's spend \$3.8 million to get operations moving along.

"Locating in Valdosta will allow us to produce new state of the art aircraft based on the Grumman Tiger at competitive costs while maintaining the quality that our customers prize," said Kevin Lancaster, CEO of True Flight.

True Flight Holdings LLC is a privately held Georgia company that recently bought Tiger Aircraft LLC and the rights to the original Grumman designs including the updated AG-5B Tiger, a sporty single-engine model.

www.trueflightaerospace.com/