

"A good conscience is a continual Christmas"

Benjamin Franklin

News for December 2006

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Page Field Association December 13, 2006 meeting

Attending

Bob Schultz; Rick Teubner; Darrell Devore; Frank Burrelli; Jim McClain; Paul Yocum; Len DeNardo; Glenn Frith; Justin Kelley; Joanna Gollin; Brent Cox; Scott Sheets; Mark Twombly; Don Abbott; Al Lane; Judy Bowser; Bob Bowser; Charlie Carroll; Coleen Baker; Mark Millar; Ron Focht; Bill Traum; Brian Solis; Rick Arnold; John Richardson

Presiding

Rick Arnold - PFA

Meeting Notes

Rick Arnold - PFA

A brief history of the PFA and its achievements was handed out. A copy of the bylaws of the PFA was also handed out.

[see the PFA history](#)

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Led a discussion concerning the goals for Page Field Association. From this discussion two items that most were interested in are an observation area adjacent to Page Field for the general public to view aircraft operations and learn more about the airport, and a scholarship fund for local students pursuing aviation education.

Mark Twombly

As past president of PFA, Mark organized a committee to nominate candidates for officers of Page Field Association for 2007.

The nominees are:

Rick Arnold - President

Local businessman and aircraft owner.

Glenn Frith - Vice President

Managing Partner of Aeronautical Charters Inc. and aircraft owner.

John Richardson - Secretary

Aircraft mechanic.

Bob Bowser - Treasurer

Local businessman and aircraft owner.

Rick Arnold - PFA

Other nominations were called for from the floor, none were made.

A majority of those attending voted "Yea" for the officer candidates as recommended by the nominating committee.

Glenn Frith

Added his interest and support to the observation area and scholarship projects that have been proposed for Page Field. Reminded everyone that "Aviation Day is every day".



Christmas tree at the Page Field Aviation Center

Bob Schultz - Page Tower

Operations at Page Field are going smoothly, and traffic numbers are very close to last year at this time.

Mark Millar - Sundowners

A group of 52 people in 17 aircraft flew from Page Field to Hope Town in the Bahaman Islands on December 8, 2006. Some aircraft were delayed by poor weather but they had good weather for their stay and return trip. Another trip to the Bahamas is planned for March of 2007. [see the flyer](#)

Jim McClain - Civil Air Patrol FL-040

The local CAP is forming an Aviation Explorer Post in conjunction with The Boy Scouts of America for young men and women 14 to 20 years old with an interest in aviation.

Emergency Locator Transmitters that transmit on 121.5 MHz will not be tracked or located by satellite after February 1, 2009. They will still be tracked by ground and aircraft crews.

To be tracked by satellite you will need to upgrade to equipment that transmits on 406 MHz. [see a NOAA brochure](#)

Justin Kelley - Paragon Flight Training

Has two Cessna 172 aircraft equipped with the Garmin G1000 integrated flight display, or "glass cockpit".

To increase its presence at Page Field Paragon Flight Training is purchasing First Flight, a flight training school at Page Field. <http://www.paragonflight.com>

Brent Cox - Special Agent, F.B.I.

As a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Mr. Cox handles federal law enforcement for RSW and FMY airports as well as other local FBI matters.

He is also a part of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, or JTTF. The JTTF is comprised of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. As the name implies, the JTTF's mission is counterterrorism.

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Page Field Association

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Treasurer: **Bob Bowser**

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Scott Sheets - L.C.P.A.

Thanked everyone that participated in making Aviation Day at Page Field a great success.

Preliminary work for a parallel taxiway on the northwest side of Runway 5 at Page field is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2007.

Another project beginning in 2007 is infrastructure improvements to the North Quad, near the control tower. These improvements will allow the development of corporate hangar sites in that area.

Mark Twombly

With ambitious goals for 2007 and increased involvement in PFA, the year ahead looks very promising for the association.

Don Abbott

Had questions concerning the recent fire inspections for tenants. He received two letters from the fire inspector, one stating that he did not have any fire code violations, and another stating that the hangar contains certain items that are not permitted in the hangar lease. Colleen Baker said any tenant who has received a similar letter should call her.

Colleen Baker - L.C.P.A.

The developers of the proposed Orchid Island residential project at Colonial Blvd. and Metro Pkwy. have officially lowered the planned height of three buildings.

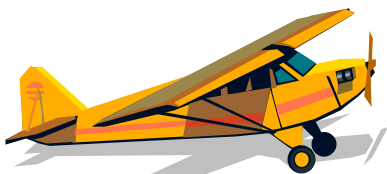
By doing this, the Florida Department of Transportation is expected to withdraw its additional restrictions that would have further displaced the threshold of Runway 23 at FMY.

Lee County Port Authority is expected to issue a Tall Structures Permit for this project.

Charlie Carroll - Cub Club

Cub Club displayed aircraft at Aviation Day and received quite a bit of interest for new membership.

The Cub Club will continue its safety seminar programs that were so successful this year.



Boyer helps Venice, Florida, celebrate new runway

AOPA President Phil Boyer and a crowd of city, state, and federal officials Tuesday celebrated the reopening of the primary runway at Venice Municipal Airport (VNC) in Florida.

AOPA's N4GA was the very first aircraft to take off from the new runway.

Runway 13-31 had been closed since July for rehabilitation.



On the runway at Venice, Florida

Some 95 percent of the \$4 million repair project was financed with funds from the federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP), while the state and city provided matching funds. Florida Sen. Bill Nelson helped obtain the AIP funds for the much-needed refurbishment.

"People sometimes forget how important general aviation airports are to the health of the community and our national transportation system," Boyer told the crowd. "I'm so pleased to see city, state, and federal officials working together for a GA airport."

That represents a big turnaround from previous years, when the FAA twice cut off grant money to the airport. Because of the lack of funds, the airport's main runway had deteriorated to poor condition.

Remarking on the restoration of funding, the new administrator for FAA's Southern Region, Douglas Murphy, told the crowd, "Were glad to do it... We at the FAA will continue to work with your for our collective success."

And Ben Walker of the Florida Department of Transportation called the airport a "shining example" of what a GA airport could and should be, and he said the state was preparing to invest another \$2.5 million for more upgrades and the development of a business park.

"Everybody is a supporter of this airport."

Venice Municipal Airport was built in the early 1940s as a military flight training facility.

The GA facility sits on the Gulf of Mexico shoreline, less than two miles from the center of Venice.

The airport serves some 234 based aircraft and 165,000 annual takeoffs and landings.

The self-sustaining airport contributes some \$22 million in direct economic activity to the area.

December 6, 2006

Cut Cable Causes ATC Outage In South Florida

A severed telecommunications cable caused some tense moments in the skies over South Florida Monday.

Air traffic controllers experienced a temporary outage when a telecommunications cable between Air Route Traffic Control Centers in Florida and Puerto Rico was cut. Controllers were forced to ground some flights.

They also report at least four instances where planes almost violated the FAA's separation criteria (five miles spacing horizontally, 1,000 feet vertically.)

The outage lasted about an hour. The FAA maintains no flights were in danger, as a backup system was activated shortly after.



"There was never a loss of communication with flights and controllers did not lose their radar displays," FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen told the Associated Press.

Steven Wallace, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association in Miami, disagrees. He says the outage caused confusion and tension among Miami Center controllers, who had trouble identifying planes as flight plan information wasn't available.

Around 60 flights around Florida and the Bahamas were delayed for about 30 minutes because of the outage.

December 5, 2006