



Page Field Association February 13, 2008 meeting

Attending

Vince Glorioso, Scott Sheets, Geoff Unger, Everett Walter, Bill Traum, Jim McClain, Paul Yocum, Bob McDonagh, Larry Kirchner, Judy Bowser, Bob Bowser, Coleen Baker, Joanna Gollin, Gary Duncan, Charlie Carroll, Bob Schultz, Glenn Frith, Don Abbott, John Richardson

Presiding

Glenn Frith - PFA

Meeting notes

Glenn Frith - PFA

The speaker for the February meeting of the Fort Myers High School Aviation Club was George Olson.

Mr. Olson was formerly employed with NASA as an engineer; working on a wide variety of projects including Apollo heat shields, Scramjet technology, and the Space Plane.

Bo Kagan has donated flights to two students from the Fort Myers High School aviation club.

Stephanie Fuchs and Fred Nevland were the lucky winners of an introductory aerobatic flight in Bo's Sukhoi SU-29.

The Sukhoi SU-29 is known around the world as an excellent aerobatic trainer as well as a aerobatic competition plane.



Preflight briefing before the aerobatics.

Don Abbott - PFA

Dean Berger died as the result of an automobile accident. Dean lived in Fort Myers until about two years ago when he moved to Costa Rica. He had many friends here; was involved in several groups at Page Field and was a past-president of EAA Chapter 66.

See more details.

http://www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/pn_2-5-08.pdf

Don suggested using pilot controlled lighting after normal control tower operating hours. By doing this electric costs for the airport could be reduced as well as increasing visibility of the airport when needed by pilots.



Spot landing competition

Gary Duncan - L.C.P.A.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that permits will be required for even the most modest airport viewing area.

Representatives from PFA and the Port Authority will meet soon to work on a airport viewing area concept to present for planning and permitting.

Lee County ordinance 94-09 that relates to airports is being reviewed and revised.

Lee County Ordinance 94-09 is a group of rules and regulations that govern the operation and use of Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field Airport.

When a draft of changes are ready they will be presented to Page Field users for comment.

Instead of getting a hand-me-down fire truck from RSW; Page Field will be getting a new fire truck that is better suited to and equipped for the type of aircraft that use FMY. The new truck is expected in about a year.

Bob Bowser - PFA

PFAs treasury balance is \$310.00

Bob photographed Aviation Day 2008 and the January picnic. If you'd like a copy of the picture CD contact Bob to make a donation to PFA.

Bob Schultz - Page Tower

Operations at Page Field are down about 10% from the same time last year.

The FAA safety seminar that was held on Feb. 12th was a great success. New taxiways at FMY, runway incursions, and ground operations were discussed. The seminar had a big turnout with standing room only.

See the flier

http://www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/cc_2-12-08.pdf

Charlie Carroll - Cub Club

The Cub Club and EAA Chapter 66 will be holding a poker run on March 16th.

You'll fly out to four airports, pick up a card at each airport, get the last card when you get back to FMY and play your hand for prizes.

The poker run, a spot landing contest, lunch at the EAA 66 building and more will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2008. Contact Bob for more details at 239-281-0273

See the flier

http://www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/cc_3-16-08.pdf

Judy Bowser - Paradise Coast 99s

The Paradise Coast Chapter membership stands at 19.

A group of chapter members toured the RSW tower, TRACON, and Fire/Rescue recently.

Vince Glorioso - FMHS Aviation Club

The Fort Myers High School Aviation Club is doing well. Gary Duncan from the Port Authority will be the guest speaker for their March meeting.

Vince suggested that automotive gasoline or mogas be made available for sale on the airport for aircraft. Some aircraft engines are approved to run on mogas, others need supplemental approval. In addition to the per gallon cost savings, maintenance costs for certain engines are lower using mogas.

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Lockheed WP-3D "Miss Piggy"

Scott Sheets - L.C.P.A.

Lee County Emergency Operations Center will be hosting the visit of a NOAA hurricane hunter aircraft at Page Field on April 18, 2008.

The Lockheed P3 Orion with its distinctive tail and belly RADAR pod will be here for a school program as well as public viewing.

The price for self-serve avgas at Page has dropped by .50 per gallon since the first of the year and is currently \$3.76 per gallon.

Jim McClain - EAA Chapter 66

In an effort to help young people take the next step after a Young Eagles flight some members of EAA chapter 66 have suggested adding aviation related educational programs for local youth.

Some of the suggestions.

- An aviation Explorer Post.
- Page Field educators association.
- Dream of Flight scholarship fund.
- Aviation mentors program.

For more details contact Jim at banzaisgi@comcast.net

Rebecca and Radar in the news

Rebecca Stansifer and Radar "the bird dog" were featured in the News-Press recently.

Rebecca worked at Page Field Aviation Center before transferring to RSW for a new career as an operations agent and dog handler. See the article http://www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/np_2-4-08.pdf



Radar and Rebecca

SU-29 Specifications	
Length	24.0 ft.
Height	9.5 ft.
Wingspan	27 ft.
Engine (Radial)	360+ hp
LG Track	8.0 ft.
Wheel Base	16.8 ft.
Empty Weight	1,738 lbs.
Max Load	946 lbs.
Gross Weight	2,684 lbs.
Fuel, fuselage	99.5 lbs., 15.8 gals.
Fuel, wing	351.5 lbs., 55.8 gals.
Fuel, total	451 lbs, 71.6 gals.
Oil	11 liters
	aerobatic, 20 lbs.
Smoke	8.4 gals., 57 lbs.
G limits	+11 -9
Spar factory test	+ - 23
Roll rate	360° sec.
Rate of climb	3,150 fpm
Cruise speed	
High speed	183 mph
Long range	130 mph
Stall speed	71 mph
Vne	273 mph
Vmo	236 mph
Va	223 mph
Takeoff run @ sl minimum weight	495 ft.



Preflight inspection of the SU-29



Ready to fly !

Airport park opens in St. Pete

February 10, 2008

Amenities of the new park include a waterfront walkway along the South Yacht Basin, picnic shelters and restrooms, parking, an aviation-themed playground and great views of aircraft landing and taking off at Albert Whitted Airport. Visitors are able to hear control tower communications at several shelters overlooking runway 6-24. In keeping with St. Petersburg's designation as a Green City, the park will feature a renewable, sustainable electric energy and lighting system sponsored by Progress Energy Florida and the University of South Florida. See the article http://www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/spt_2-10-08.pdf

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