

# Page Field Association



News for March 2005

## Page Field Aviation Center

The next Aviation Safety Program will be **Ramp Check ! What You Need To Know** . Thursday April 21st 2005 7:00 PM RSW Training Center. For more information contact Jim Cawthard at 936-0401

## Page Tower

Operations are up nearly 5% from a year ago. Water leak and other repairs to the tower are ongoing.

## Cub Club

The Poker Run was a great success. 70 hands were sold with prizes and door prizes awarded.

Another event in being planned for June 2005, more details soon.

General Meetings for the Cub Club are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM at RSW Training Center. For Membership information contact Vince Glorioso at 292-4157.



Cub Club Poker Run March 6th 2005

## EAA Chapter 66

General Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30 PM EAA Chapter 66 building at FMY. For membership information contact Paul Yocum at 267-7980.

## Sundowners

General meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM EAA Chapter 66 building at FMY. For membership information contact Mark Millar at 936-6049



Newly overhauled engine on N5158Q

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### March 9th 2005 Meeting

#### Attending

Bob Strathy, Coleen Baker, Gary Duncan, Deb Focht, Ron Focht, Kevin Strathy, Frank Little, Bill Mermelstein, Mark Twombly, John Richardson, Jim Cawthard, Ted Ehrlich, Fred Larsen and Mark Millar.

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Adam Aircraft Industries A-500 s/n 3 at Page Field

**Mark Twombly** arranged for a guest speaker for tonight's meeting, Bill Mermelstein from Adam Aircraft Industries.

**Bill Mermelstein** along with a group of engineers, pilots and mechanics from Adam Aircraft Industries were in Fort Myers flight testing the Adam A-500. Bill explained that the A-500 is nearing FAA certification so that production can begin on over two years worth of orders already on the books.

The A-500 is constructed from carbon fiber, has retractable gear, a pressurized cabin with six seats, is powered by two Continental 350 hp engines in a centerline thrust configuration, 230 knot cruise speed at 42 gallons per hour, side stick control, Avidyne instrument display and a 6300 lb. gross weight.

Bill outlined some of the literally thousands of tests and steps that must be completed before FAA will issue a Type Certificate for a new aircraft. Adding to the complexity of the process are new and tougher FAA certification requirements. Even with all the technical, weather, logistical and other problems that crop up with a project this big, Bill and everyone from Adam Aircraft are upbeat and ready to get the job done.

For more information . [www.adamaircraft.com](http://www.adamaircraft.com)

## Minutes

**Coleen Baker** from L.C.P.A. Announced that Aviation Day for Page Field will be held November 5th 2005 10am to 4pm.

Lee County Port Authority will be the primary sponsor providing promotional, advertising and organizational help.

Commitment from other sponsors is needed in the areas of car parking, aircraft parking, food vending, display of aircraft and services at Page Field.

Suggestions for a theme for Aviation Day are needed. Please come forward early, November is not as far away as it seems.

**Gary Duncan** from L.C.P.A. Reported that a Florida legislator may consider adding additional security requirements for certain general aviation airports in Florida, including FMY.

The Florida Aviation Council and L.C.P.A. already have a plan in the event that they become required.

Lee County Port Authority will host the Florida Aviation Council 2006 Conference and Trade Show.

Gary also outlined some of the near term projects for FMY including turn lanes and curb cut on Fowler St. in preparation for construction for a new terminal, infrastructure improvements to the north side so that corporate hangar sites may be developed and supplemental office space to the GAC building.

A local pilot, **Fred Larsen** and some partners have purchased an airport in Norway, as well as a F-104 aircraft. They plan to establish a museum at the airport, as well as a major motorsports park.

## **Mark Twombly**

Is gathering information for a letter he will write for PFA to consider sending to FAA opposing the elimination of the NDB5 approach procedure.

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