

If black boxes survive air crashes, why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff ?

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March 14, 2007 meeting

Attending

Rick Arnold; Annette Arnold; Coleen Baker; Bob Schultz; Justin Kelley; Kirk Richmond; Glenn Frith; Judy Bowser; Bob Bowser; Mark Twombly; Joanna Gollin; John Richardson

Presiding

Rick Arnold - PFA

Meeting Notes

Rick Arnold - PFA

Reminded everyone to write their congressman concerning changes to the way FAA funds its operations.

As proposed the FAA plans to shift a large portion of costs to General Aviation.

Mary Robertson, a calculus instructor in the Math Department at Fort Myers High School has agreed to be the sponsor for an Aviation Club that is expected to be formed at FMHS for the 2007/2008 school year.

Mark Twombly and Glenn Frith will meet with school officials soon to lend the support of themselves and the Page Field Association in forming this club.

Coleen Baker - L.C.P.A.

Construction of parallel taxiways to 5/23 and 13/31 is going well.

The first phase of infrastructure improvements to the North Quad are expected to be finished this summer.

When these improvements are complete, tenants that have leased land on the airport will begin construction of their facilities.

Justin Kelley - Paragon Flight Training

Paragon has recently taken delivery of its third new Cessna 172.

This 172 has WAAS enabled GPS system with airport diagrams and approach procedures loaded in the Garmin G1000 Integrated Flight Display system.

Paragon Flight Training has also purchased a Cessna 152.

Bob Schultz - Page Tower

A survey was sent to users of Page Field to gauge the quality of service of Page Tower.

The responses to the survey have been tabulated and resulted in a score of 948 out of a possible 1000.



Runway 5/23 at Page Field was closed for three days recently

Judy Bowser

Local members of the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99^s have plans to form a separate group.

Glenn Frith - Aeronautical Charters Inc

A fund raiser was held for the Father Anglim Academy at the ACI hangar recently.

Billed as "Casino Night in Casablanca", more than 350 people attended the event.

The hangar was decorated in a 1940^s theme and a Douglas DC-3 was parked outside.

Some attended in WWII period clothes, and the movie "Casablanca" was shown.

Located in Fort Myers, the Father Anglim Academy is a school for children ages 6 to 19 years old with special learning needs.

Florida Rep. Buchanan defends GA, opposes FAA funding plan

During the House aviation subcommittee hearing on March 21, Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) expressed his concern about the FAA's proposed avgas tax hike.

"I'm concerned about general aviation," said Rep. Buchanan. "You [the FAA] talk about your tax increase, but you don't talk about what everyone is actually paying for fuel.... If we drive a lot of people out of this industry, including



Vern Buchanan

the FBOs, what have we really done to increase revenues [to the FAA]? I'm for sharing the [tax] burden, but I want to make sure that at the end of the day, there are enough gallons being bought."

"Rep. Buchanan is an important ally in this battle," said AOPA President Phil Boyer, "and we're pleased that he's sticking up for GA pilots by voicing his opposition to the FAA's proposal."

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