



Page Field Association March 11, 2009 meeting

Attending

Geoff Unger, Scott Sheets, Everett Walter, Bob Mc Donagh, Len DeNardo, James O'Neil, Bob Schultz, Joanna Gollin, Patty Bittner-Berg, Rick Arnold, Mark Steinberg, Richard Fabbro, John Richardson

Presiding

Glenn Frith - PFA

Meeting notes

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The Fort Myers High School Aviation Club recently had a guest speaker from Shaw Aero Devices.

The Naples, Florida based company, Shaw Aero Devices, which invented patented safety-lock, flush-mounted fuel and lightning safe caps, also produces other caps and adapters, fuel system components, lubrication and hydraulic system equipment, and water and waste components for aerospace markets, including both commercial and military aircraft and their engines.

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) has started a campaign billed as "No Plane No Gain" to educate policymakers and opinion leaders that business aviation is essential to America.

Patty Bittner-Berg - PFA

Patty will be promoting General Aviation on April 8th at the Edison College Fort Myers campus for their Community Outreach Day.

Bob Schultz - Page Tower

Air traffic counts are up about 6% for the year.

Len DeNardo - EAA Chapter 66

About 85 people were at the last Chapter 66 pancake breakfast.

Mark Steinberg - The Sundowners

The Sundowners will be holding a fundraiser on April 7, 2009 in Bonita Springs. Profes-

sional chefs will prepare dishes to pair with selected wines. See more information at www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/sdp_4-7-09.pdf

Scott Sheets - L.C.P.A.

Thanked everyone who commented on the proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP). The port authority is firmly against the program as proposed.

See Lee County Port Authority Executive Director, Bob Ball's letter to Page Field customers.

www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/lcpa_2-11-09.pdf

Paving on the new terminal ramp is expected to begin next week.

Orchid Island is essentially abandoned. The proposed development was near the approach end of runway 23 at Page Field on Metro Pkwy. Permitting from the city of Fort Myers has expired and likely would not be reissued due to more strict airspace protection for runways with instrument approaches.



A new rotating beacon and tower being installed recently at Page Field.

Effort to repeal Florida use tax clears first hurdle

By Sarah Brown AOPA

Bills aimed at removing the use tax on visiting out-of-state aircraft in Florida sailed through committee with unanimous support in the state legislature March 25.

AOPA Regional Representative Nelson Rhodes testified before state House and Senate committees in favor of the bills, which would exempt visiting pilots from a 6-percent tax currently levied on the sales price of recently purchased aircraft stopping in Florida. Committee approval in both houses is a key step forward in AOPA's efforts to remove the tax.

"Passing this exemption could transform the message Florida is sending to the aviation community," said Greg Pecoraro, AOPA vice president of airports and state advocacy. "Now, pilots who might otherwise come to Florida for maintenance, business, and tourism are avoiding the state altogether. Removing the threat of a hefty tax on visitors will welcome pilots – and revenue – back into the state."

see the full story

www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/aopa_3-26-09.pdf

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