

"Any pilot can describe the mechanics of flying.  
What it can do for the spirit of man is beyond description."

*Barry M. Goldwater*

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## Page Field Association

May 10, 2006 meeting

### Attending

Brian Solis; Paul Yocum; Gary Crittenden; Ron Focht; Charley Carroll; Coleen Baker; Joanna Gollin; Rick Teubner; Stephen Rupert; Bert Schultz; Bijan Bakhtian; Mark Twombly; Gary Duncan; Mike Volk; John Richardson

### Presiding

**Ron Focht** - PFA

### Meeting Notes

**Gary Duncan** - L.C.P.A.

Port Authority held a Joint Planning Conference with representatives from FAA and FDOT on May 3, 2006. Current and future construction projects at RSW an FMY were discussed.

A presentation concerning construction projects at Page Field that were discussed at the Joint Planning Conference will be made this summer. Port Authority will invite everyone to attend. The date of the presentation will be announced.

The developer of Orchid Island may appeal Port Authority's denial of a Tall Structures permit for their proposed construction project that is located under the approach path to Runway 23 at Page Field. The denial marks the first time Port Authority has taken that action.

The decision to deny the Tall Structure permit application was based on many factors, not the least of which is, if the Orchid Island development is allowed, the usefulness of Page Field would be reduced.

**Mark Twombly**

On behalf of PFA, will draft a letter opposing the proposed Orchid Island construction project. The letter will be sent to the City of Fort Myers.

**Coleen Baker** - L.C.P.A.

Paving at the new T-hangar complex at Page Field is back on schedule, after a short delay with materials.

If all goes as planned, tenants can expect to move into the new T-hangars in August, 2006.

Plans for a picnic shelter are complete. Preliminary development permits have been approved, and building permits will be ready soon.

Port Authority is inviting clubs and flying organizations based at Page Field, as well as individual tenants, to participate in the construction of this shelter. The picnic shelter will be located near the restrooms at the Fox-trot hangar complex.

**Paul Yocum** - EAA Chapter 66

Permitting is nearly complete for the addition of a hangar to the Chapter 66 facility at FMY. Everyone is looking forward to construction beginning soon.

### **AOPA opposes closure of vital training airport in Florida**

AOPA has expressed its opposition to the proposed closure of Florida's Opa Locka West Airport to the FAA and Miami-Dade Aviation Department. The department has proposed the decommissioning of Opa Locka West Airport in order to mine lime rock aggregate. [read more >>](#)

### **Congress, AOPA object to airport funding cuts**

The Bush Administration wants to cut \$1 billion from airport funding. That's not sitting well with members of Congress or AOPA. "Clearly, we must make robust investments in our airport infrastructure today to meet anticipated future demands," wrote Representatives James L. Oberstar (D-Minn.) and Jerry F. Costello (D-Ill.) in a "dear colleague" letter to all other House members. [read more >>](#)

### **FAA confirms commitment to ADS-B**

The FAA announced Tuesday that it will extend ADS-B (automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast) nationwide, along with FIS-B (flight information service-broadcast) for weather information and TIS-B (traffic information service-broadcast) for traffic.

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### **OBA Takes First Aircraft of Order for Thirty-five Liberty XL2's**

On Friday May 12, 2006 a ceremony was held by Ormond Beach Aviation to accept their delivery of the first of thirty-five Liberty XL2 aircraft. Additionally they have an option to purchase sixty-five more aircraft through a period of three years to replace their aging fleet of Cessna and Piper aircraft.

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The Lee County Unit of Home Defense pictured here (ca 1945) was a volunteer organization for community service and was organized August 1940, to replace the National Guard, Company F, which had gone away for training. These men furnished their own uniforms and met weekly for drill and study.

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