

"Aviation is proof that given the will,
we have the capacity to achieve the impossible."

Eddie Rickenbacker

News for June 2006

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Page Field Association

June 14, 2006 meeting

Attending

Rick Arnold; Stephen Rupert; Bert Schultz;
Doug Jenkins; Bill Traum; Bob Bowser; Judy
Bowser; Fred Larsen; Dennis Howard; Rick
Teubner; Gary Duncan; Ron Focht; Jim Iltis;
Coleen Baker; Scott Sheets; Jim McClain;
Larry Noughton; Don Abbott; Al Lane; Paul
Yocum; Mark Twombly; Mark Millar; Rich-
ard Fabbro; John Richardson

Presiding

Rick Arnold -PFA

Meeting Notes

Gary Duncan - L.C.P.A.

Port Authority will meet with State of Florida,
Department of Transportation officials to dis-
cuss FDOT's decision to displace the thresh-
old of Runway 23 at Page Field if a multi
story condominium project is built at the cor-
ner of Metro Parkway and Colonial Boule-
vard.

Port Authority opposes the displacement be-
cause of the impact on turbine powered air-
craft. With the displacement, Runway 23 will
be unusable for landing for most operators.

Rick Arnold -PFA

Led a discussion concerning a letter that will
be sent to the City of Fort Myers. The letter is
from Page Field Association and opposes the
City's approval of the proposed Orchid Island
development in its current form. PFA encour-
ages everyone to [read the letter](#) and write one
of their own.

Fort Myers Approach Control has been giving
what appears to be poor service to IFR air-
craft and aircraft on IFR training flights oper-
ating into Page Field.

Al Lane and two others will meet with offi-
cials of Fort Myers TRACON to discuss op-

erational concerns of light aircraft as well as
jets that use Page Field.

Scott Sheets -L.C.P.A.

The new T-hangars at Page Field are expected
to be ready for tenants in August 2006.

Permits for the new picnic shelter that will be
located at Foxtrot hangar complex will be
ready soon.

Construction of this facility will be done en-
tirely with Port Authority employees or Port
Authority contractors.

Bravo T-hangar repair proposals will be pre-
sented to the Port Authority Board. After ap-
proval, repairs are expected to begin soon.

The hangar formerly occupied by SafeFlight
flight school was damaged by Hurricane
Wilma. Repairs are expected to begin in Au-
gust 2006.

Coleen Baker -L.C.P.A.

Two aircraft that have been abandoned at
Page Field will be sold at auction soon.

Port Authority will make a presentation con-
cerning current and future construction pro-
jects at Page Field at the August 9, 2006
meeting of Page Field Association.

Due to the large number of people expected to
attend, this meeting will be held at the Train-
ing Center at RSW airport.

[Map to the Training Center.](#)

Dennis Howard -Cub Club

110 people attended a recent weather safety
seminar presented by the Cub Club and the
Miami FSDO. [See the flyer.](#)

Plans for more seminars are being made.

Jim McClain -Civil Air Patrol

CAP is preparing several training seminars
for aircraft and airport operations. Reminds
pilots to check ELTs for inadvertent activa-
tion.

**FAA plan puts pilots cross-
ways with Customs and**

Border Patrol

AOPA is protesting an FAA plan to turn
off four VORs in southern Florida.

"The decommissioning of four VORs
within a 200-mile radius is unwise and
unacceptable," Randy Kenagy, AOPA
senior director of advanced technology,
told the FAA in a letter. [read more >>](#)

AOPA supports changes to Part 77 obstruction rules

The FAA has just released another notice
of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), some
18 pages of changes to the Part 77 regu-
lations for the preservation of navigable
airspace and protecting pilots and air-
ports from obstructions. [read more >>](#)



A formation of four planes wing their way
along the Caloosahatchee River above east
Fort Myers to the Buckingham Flexible Gun-
nery School's range over the Gulf of Mexico
(ca 1945). The plane on the right carries the
tow target. The gunners shoot from the rear
seat of the planes.

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