



**Page Field Association**  
June 11, 2008 meeting

Attending

Glenn Frith, Patty Berg, Lou Martelli, Scott Sheets, Geoff Unger, Len DeNardo, Charlie Carroll, Bill Traum, Frank Stankiewicz, Gary Duncan, Everett Walter, Joanna Gollin, Jim McClain, Bob Bowser, Don Abbott, Mark Twombly, Al Lane, Doug Pritchard, Mark Millar, Brian Solis, John Richardson

Presiding

**Glenn Frith** - PFA

Meeting notes

Glenn Frith and Aeronautical Charters, Inc provided Hooters wings and drinks for those attending tonight's meeting.

**Don Abbott** - PFA

Planning for the proposed airport viewing area at Page Field is essentially complete, but there are funding challenges that cannot be met in the near term. For the time being the viewing area project is on hold.

**Len DeNardo** - EAA Chapter 66

Long-time local EAA member and Chapter 66 volunteer, Dot Haas has died after a struggle with cancer.

**Lou Martelli**

Thanked the Port Authority for their efforts in holding the price of avgas at Page Field at or below what nearby airports charge.

**Mark Millar** - The Sundowners

Tickets for the dinner/dance that The Sundowners are presenting in November 2008 will be on sale in about a month.

**Charlie Carroll** - Cub Club

The Cub Club is presenting an aviation weather seminar on July 8, 2008 at the training center at RSW airport. TV meteorologist and pilot Jim Reif will be speaking.

**See the flier**

[www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/cc\\_7-8-08.pdf](http://www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/cc_7-8-08.pdf)

**Scott Sheets** - L.C.P.A.

Gate 14 at Page Field on Danley Drive has been relocated so that vehicles exiting the airport can wait for the gate to close without blocking traffic on Danley Drive.

Gate 14 is used to access the Bravo hangars at FMY.

The Port Authority encourages all users of Page Field to recycle. Containers are located at the North ramp, the Foxtrot hangars, the GAC building, and the Aviation Center.



Goodyear blimp " Spirit of Innovation " at Page Field recently

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

Passenger traffic at RSW airport is down about 4% from this time last year.

Fuel sales and as a result revenues are down at Page Field. Spending on Aviation Day this November will be less by Port Authority and more by sponsors.

**Bob Bowser** - PFA

Bob has raised \$340.00 in picture CD sales and contributions to PFA.

**Brian Solis** - L.C.P.A.

Air Berlin recently acquired LTU and their routes. Air Berlin is adding flights between Fort Myers and Düsseldorf, Germany to the flights already offered to Munich, Germany.

Mark Twombly was the guest speaker at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Twombly has been a pilot for more than 40 years as well as a writer and editor for several national aviation magazines.

Mark shared some of his observations and insights about pilots and airplanes.

One of those observations was how the same word takes on a different meaning when a pilot is talking to a non-pilot. For instance pitch, to a pilot pitch is the relative position of the airplanes nose above or below the horizon. To the non-pilot, pitch is selling your spouse on the great idea of owning an airplane.

One of the insights Mark gained in his experience and one every pilot can use is to fly the airplane passenger friendly. Most pilots can fly technically correct, but a little finesse and smoothness goes a long way in making non-pilot passengers comfortable.

On the subject of aging, Mark agrees with many others in looking for substance. Age also brings frustration in learning new skills in-depth. Having a Cessna Citation type rating then many years later training to fly the Citation professionally was a challenge for a person over 50 years old.

Many people attending got a little smile on their face, the kind you get when you recognize that you've been in the same situation.

Mark's easy-going and humorous style made his talk a personal experience for everyone.



Mark Twombly

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