



The July meeting of Page Field Association was canceled.

The next meeting of PFA will be on August 13, 2008 at 6:15 pm at the EAA Chapter 66 building at Page Field Airport.

FAA AWARDS OVER \$6.1 MILLION TO LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

FORT MYERS, Fla. (July 1, 2008) – The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded a grant totaling over \$6.1 million to the Lee County Port Authority for the construction of a new aircraft parking apron that will ultimately serve a new terminal building at Page Field General Aviation Airport.

Airports rely on grant dollars, which are awarded through a nationwide priority system, to provide needed infrastructure and improvements. The competition for these limited dollars is fierce, with priority given to projects with the ability to increase airport capacity on a national level.

For more information go to www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/lcpa_7-1-08.pdf

PARAGON FLIGHT TRAINING RECEIVES PART 141 ACCREDITATION

Paragon Flight Training, based in Fort Myers, Fla., recently received national accreditation by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a Part 141 flight school.

This process took one year and makes Paragon the only flight school in Lee County with this designation. Federal Air Regulations (FAR) Part 141 requires FAA oversight as well as more structure and accountability including approval of the course syllabus, instructor standardization, supervision, stage checks and documentation requirements. This training is geared toward someone who wants a more intense, full-time program with the intent to become a professional or full-time pilot. Training offered at Part 61 flight

schools is more flexible and ideal for individuals that are interested in learning to fly for recreational purposes. With this new designation, Paragon now offers both types of training and can reach different segments of the Southwest Florida community.

For more information go to www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/lcpa_7-23-08.pdf

RADAR – THE AIRPORT BIRD DOG - RETIRES FROM SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

FORT MYERS, Fla. (June 30, 2008) – Radar, the official bird dog at Southwest Florida International Airport, is retiring after a successful, 7-year career, the Lee County Port Authority announced today.

The 9-year-old border collie joined the airport in June 2001, after the first bird dog retired.

In 1999, Southwest Florida International Airport became the first commercial airport in the nation to use a dog as part of its Wildlife Management Program.

“This program is very important - it keeps our travelers, birds, and aircraft safe by reducing the number of birds on the airfield in an environmentally friendly manner,” said Robert M. Ball, A.A.E., executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. “We are definitely going to miss Radar. She truly enjoyed her job and was a dedicated and hard-working part of our airport family.”

To learn more, visit www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/lcpa_6-30-08.pdf



Radar

Blimp to patrol Florida straits

KEY WEST, Fla. (June 24, 2008)— The Navy, in coordination with the Coast Guard and the recently created National Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness (OGMSA), will conduct a six-week-long series of evaluations off Florida’s southern coast of an airship in a maritime surveillance role this summer. Several recent studies have indicated the utility and potential cost effectiveness of airships in this role. This demonstration is an effort to examine the subject further.

The lighter than air platform will fly patrols for up to 8 hours to test both the systems and crew mission loading and fatigue factors.

The airship, a Skyship 600, which is owned and operated by Airship Management Services, Inc. (AMS) and leased by NAVAIR PMA-262, Patuxent River, MD, was configured for this mission with the assistance of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC.

It is manned by a three-person crew, including two pilots and a crew member. They will receive operational, technical and administrative support from both Coast Guard Sector Key West and Naval Air Station Key West. For more information go to www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/uscg_6-24-08.pdf

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