



Page Field Association September 10, 2008 meeting

Attending

Scott Sheets, Geoff Unger, Rick Arnold, Mark Twombly, Vince Glorioso, Patty Berg, Coleen Baker, Vicki Moreland, Len DeNardo, Christi Hart, Gary Duncan, Tom Payne, Glenn Frith, Charlie Carroll, John Richardson

Presiding

Glenn Frith - PFA

Meeting notes

Mark Twombly

The Fort Myers High School Aviation Club will be attending the NBAA Convention in Orlando, Florida on October 8, 2008.

The NBAA 61st Annual Meeting & Convention (NBAA2008) – the world’s largest purely civil aviation trade show will take place from Monday, October 6 through Wednesday, October 8 in Orlando, FL at the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC), with a Static Display of Aircraft at Orlando Executive Airport (ORL).

For more information about the National Business Aviation Association go to www.nbaa.org

Gary Duncan - L.C.P.A.

Local Dept. of Transportation officials have agreed to relocate some light poles that pose an obstruction to some LPV instrument approach procedures at Page Field.

Having these light poles relocated will enable the application process to move forward so that the FAA should approve these procedures at Page Field.

An LPV approach combines the advantages of Area Navigation (RNAV) with the precision and vertical guidance of an ILS.

Unlike the ILS approach that requires a separate navigation transmitter for each runway it serves, the LPV approach uses existing

Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation transmitters and provides the same level of precision as the ILS.

Vicki Moreland - L.C.P.A.

Last year’s Page Field Aviation Day was a great success and won 3 awards including taking 1st place in Special Events for the Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) 2008 Excellence in Marketing and Communications Contest.



The 2008 show is expected to be even better with a more diverse offering of exhibited aircraft, community service organizations, and vendors. For more information go to

www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/avday2008.pdf

Len DeNardo - EAA Chapter 66

The EAA Young Eagles program is going strong at Page Field with 18 young people flown this month.

A Bar-B-Q is being planned for late October as a get-together and to congratulate local pilot J.W. French. Mr. French recently completed a trip across the U.S. in an open cockpit Acro Sport. The flight recreated a trip made by the late Sam Burgess in 1974 when

he made stops in all the lower 48 states in an Acro Sport.

Bob Schultz - Page Tower

August traffic numbers are down, but the year to date numbers are off only a few percent.

Scott Sheets - L.C.P.A.

Construction for the new terminal ramp for FMY is going well. Emergency Medical Services has begun construction of their new facility near the approach end of runway 13 at Page Field.

Tom Payne - L.C.P.A. Airport Police Dept.

While you may not see an Airport Police car at Page Field all day long, patrols are made day and night.

The Airport Police Dept. encourages all users of Page Field to be the eyes and ears for observing and reporting suspicious activity.

Life threatening emergencies should be reported by calling 911. To report suspicious people or activity on the airport call the Airport Communications Center (AirComm) at 590-4810.

Another important element of airport security that users provide is proper use of access gates on the airport. Do not allow tailgating and let the gate close behind you before moving away from the gate, whether entering or exiting the airport.

See a flier from the Airport Police Dept.

www.pagefieldassociation.org/archive/lcpa_gate-security.pdf



A new tower being delivered recently to replace the rotating beacon tower at Page Field

South Florida Gets Satellite Broadcast Services

Pilots flying in aircraft equipped with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) avionics in South Florida now receive free traffic and weather information on their cockpit displays. This marks the first time that pilots are able to see the same traffic information that's seen by air traffic controllers.



Flight & Weather information delivered to the cockpit

The display of traffic information (called Traffic Information Service-Broadcast, or TIS-B) and weather information (Flight Information Service-Broadcast, or FIS-B) was made possible by the installation of 11 ground stations in South Florida by ITT Corp. The ground stations transmit satellite signals showing aircraft locations to pilots and controllers.

Flight information now being broadcast free to pilots includes graphical displays of weather tracked by the National Weather Service and essential flight information, including special-use airspace and temporary flight restrictions.

The agency is on track in its aggressive plan to deploy ADS-B nationwide, beginning in Florida. Full commissioning of broadcast services in Florida is scheduled for November. Once commissioning takes place, ground stations will start transmitting as soon as they are installed and readied for service.

ADS-B ground stations providing both TIS-B and FIS-B services will be deployed along the East and West Coasts, areas of the Midwest and portions of Alaska by 2010. By 2013, ADS-B coverage will be in place everywhere the FAA now provides radar coverage. There will also be coverage in places where radars can't be deployed, such as the Gulf of Mexico.

ITT was awarded the national contract to establish the ground infrastructure for ADS-B a year ago. The 11 sites in Southern Florida are at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport, Hardee, Okeechobee, Dade-Collier Airport, Key West, St. Cloud, Sebastian Municipal Airport, Hobe Sound, Boca Raton Airport, Homestead Dade Marina and Florida Keys Marathon Airport.

For more information go to www.adsb.gov

Preserving the Skies

The FAA is making sure the nation's airspace is preserved and protected amidst competing demands to use this precious resource.

It seems everybody wants a piece of the sky. Commercial airlines and general aviation pilots need to fly. Communities need to build bigger buildings as part of their growth plans. The communications industry has to erect towers. High fuel prices mean more interest in wind turbines for energy.

To ensure this airspace is not eaten away, the FAA is stepping up cooperative efforts to manage these competing demands for the skies.

Safety is a priority, so the FAA makes sure that development must not encumber navigable airspace and navigation and communication facilities.

But to ensure interested parties understand the use of airspace, the FAA is developing a more transparent information system.

Unlike land-based modes of transportation, in which miles of highway or railroad track can be easily tallied, airspace is more difficult to quantify.

The people who put up buildings, towers and wind turbines sometimes don't understand what's going on in the sky. They just see planes flying in one direction or another – and a lot of empty sky in which to build.

So to help the public understand how the airspace is structured, and to let them know what is needed to keep it safe and unencumbered, the FAA is sharing information electronically. It is also encouraging the use of a common operating system for people who use the national airspace system, both on the ground and in the air.

Such transparency helps project planners, who from the outset have an understanding of where and how high a building can go, for example.

The FAA is also increasing collaboration to prevent problems before they happen. For example, the FAA has worked with Homeland Security and the Department of Defense to establish a Web site with a "stop light" system for people wanting to erect wind turbines.



Wind turbines near Buffalo, New York

Builders put in their location and if they are in a "green" area they won't affect radar at all. Coordinates showing a "yellow" light mean radar might be affected, but mitigating solutions could exist. A "red" light indicates radar operation will certainly be affected.

As part of this increased collaboration, the FAA is hosting a conference Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 in Las Vegas, Nev. Competition for the Sky 2008 will bring together federal, state and local authorities, and commercial and private airspace users, to provide insight and guidance on airspace operations and requirements.

For more information go to www.faa.gov



Thanks for stopping by

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