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NEWS LETTER

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...plus a special Christmas Greeting...

*** **Capital Improvement Projects Update...** We certainly hope you have been out to the Airport to see the progress of all construction projects. To bring you up to speed briefly here, presented in no particular order...are today's happenings and each project's current activities:



--- **Hangar Construction...** is fully involved. Last month saw the preliminary infrastructure construction, such as new drainage improvements and utilities extensions. Now, not only do we have foundations, but we have iron work going up. Walls will soon follow.

Hashman Construction of Jacksonville is the contractor for this joint participation improvement between the Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

--- The **Taxiway Bravo** pavement rehabilitation is 100% complete. The new pavement begins from just west of the Rwy 35 "stopway" and extends some 3,000 linear feet to where it adjoins Txy Alpha at Rwy 27 in the east. Taxiway Bravo is open for traffic in its entirety.

This project also includes improvements to the adjoining fuel farm apron, various airfield drainage improvements, and the long awaited Automated Weather Observation System with precipitation, thunder, and lightning detection (AWOS - III). All are underway.



Anderson Columbia of Lake City is the contractor for this joint participation improvement between the Federal Aviation Administration, The Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

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--- The new look of *your* Airport is well underway. Completed to a point where it casts an impressive shadow...is your ***new terminal building***. It will no doubt become the showpiece of the City, the mainframe and hub to an inland port of multi-modal transportation. JAX 18 Construction of St. Augustine and AJAX Construction, Inc. from Ocala continue to work side by side, both making their mark on their respective roles in this most visible Capital Improvement to date.

This is a joint participation improvement between the Federal Aviation Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

We continue to be impressed with the progress of these improvements. We would like to particularly thank Dave Harris and Matt Singletary, on the scene representatives for Passero Associates, our Airport engineering firm. Their work coordinating the myriad of tasks and details among the many contractors and sub-contractors has ensured that all projects remain on time and in budget. Thanks Dave and Matt.



We encourage you to come out often to note the continuing progress. And of course, we urge you to keep abreast of activities and check for NOTAMS daily. Portions of pavement will be in and out of closure as these projects phase forward. Be aware of barricades and construction vehicles on or in the vicinity of active pavement. As of this date, the following projects related NOTAMS are in effect:

- *** Taxiway Bravo...personnel and equipment...adjacent to.
- *** Taxiway Charley...**CLOSED**...south of Rwy 09/27...to Taxiway Charley 1...until further notice.
- *** Workers and equipment...adjacent to Rwy 09/27...until further notice.

The general schematics and site plans for all projects *are* on display in the current terminal for your viewing pleasure.

*** **Hangar Maintenance... Coming Soon...!** Round 1 of our fall/winter **Hangar Maintenance** routine has been scheduled to begin in January. Door operability will be the target. It is that time of year for us to adjust and lubricate your doors and casters. In the coming months you will once again see the tag team efforts of David and Jose as they inspect and insure the overall operability of your t-hangar doors.

This is a part of our *Preventative Maintenance and Maintenance Master Plan*. You may recall that this is an annual task that was last performed in November/December 2007. Please consider this advance notice of hangar entry for maintenance reasons only. And as always, if you ever experience a problem with your hangars, please tells us immediately so that we can take care of it for you. We intend to complete this project in January, baring the unforeseen. We will keep you informed of its progress.

*** All tenants recently received a personal letter in follow up a Hangar Inspection conducted during the summer. This letter addressed the upcoming installation of fire extinguishers in all hangars. Please consider this repeat notice of hangar entry for said reason.

*** **Cook-out and Tenant Get Together**...An announcement from Airport tenant Dave McBroom. Mr. McBroom respectfully invites and requests the presence of all Airport tenants at his hangar on Saturday, January 10th. Dave has suggested a family style get-together for all Airport tenants to gather, hang out and get to know each other and just have some fun at your Airport. Completely sponsored by Dave, all food and beverage will be provided. All you have to do is show up and have a good time. We do however, recommend that you bring a chair.

Location: Executive Hangar "G" in the northwest hangar development area. Date: January 10th, 2009.
Time: 1100 hours local until whenever. Come one; come all, to this special cook-out for Airport tenants...!

*** Standing on-field activity... the **Bud Clark FLY IN Breakfast at Palatka**. Completely sponsored by Bud Clark of Trickworx, on the fourth Saturday of every month, set your GPS to "Direct Commercial Hangar A", at 28J Palatka. For more information, please contact Trickworx at 904-874-4408.

To our knowledge, the next event is scheduled for January 24th.

*** **Pilot Shop News:**

New Item for the kids... an item frequently requested by you...who's first shipment **SOLD OUT** in less than a week...and who's second shipment **SOLD OUT** the week after that. The third shipment has arrived and just in time for Christmas... with unprecedented popularity...introducing the popular new kid's shirt: *Pilot in Training*". Both men and women have been snatching up this new cute little darling. This shirt has become a permanent item in our collection of things for just the kids.



From apparel to the aviation library to specific pilot supplies to aircraft care products kids toys, collectables, and more, we quite possibly have the gift that you have been looking for. Come see us for all of your last minute Christmas shopping needs. We carry a variety of pilot supplies and "Fun Stuff". You'll find everything affordably priced below the suggested retail. And remember, if we don't carry the particular item that you'd like to give your special someone for Christmas, now is the time to ask about it so I can get it for you, overnight if needed. It would be our pleasure to help you bring a smile to someone on Christmas morning.

*** **Holiday Hours:** In observance of the coming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, we will be adjusting our business hours as follows:

The terminal building and business offices of **PALATKA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, Kay Larkin Field** will be closing early at 1700 hours local on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th. We will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th and closing early at 1400 hours local the day after Christmas, Friday, December 26th. We will be closing early at 1700 hours local on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, and **CLOSED** on New Year's Day, Thursday January 1st.

Should any services be required during these closures, please make such requests in advance so that we can accommodate you. And although the Airport will not be staffed during these closures, the airfield will remain open and of course, the availability of self-serve fuel by airfield entrance will not be affected.

From our families to yours...We wish you a very safe and joyous Holiday Season.

*** The *Airport Technical Advisory Committee* will next meet on Wednesday, January 7th, at 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm in the terminal building at the Airport. This is in continued development of the Airport's Master Plan Update.

As a reminder, the *Airport Advisory Board* meets on the first Wednesday of *every month* at 12:00 noon. This is the regular schedule. However, please make a note that the time may change to accommodate continuing discussions as we move forward into the Master Plan planning and review process. All meeting dates and times are posted in the terminal building in advance of every meeting.

All *Airport Advisory Board* meetings are open to the public. We encourage your participation and your attendance is welcomed.

This concludes the December *NewsLetter*. And as always, if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do for you, please feel free to call.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Donna S. Franklin
Airport Business Operations Supervisor

Please page down for a special Christmas Greeting...





...CHRISTMAS GREETING...

Airport Line Crew's Unexpected... Christmas Traffic

*Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,
Not an aircraft was stirring, not even a Champ.
The aircraft were fastened to tie-downs with care,
In hopes that come morning, they still would be there.*

*The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,
While peak gusts from three-two reached 39 knots.
I sank behind the fuel desk, now finally caught up,
And settled down comfortably upon my warm butt.*

*When over the radio, there arose such a clatter,
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,
Asked for clearance to land at the airport below.*

*He barked out his transmission so lively and quick,
I could have sworn that the call sign he used was St. Nick.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Sure that it was only Horizon's late dash.*

*Then he called his position, and there could be no denial,
"THIS IS ST. NICHOLAS ONE AND I'M TURNING ON FINAL."
When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
But a Kitfox sleigh behind a Rotax reindeer.*

*He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,
Then I heard "EXIT AT CHARLEY," and "TAXI TO PARKING".
He slowed to a taxi and exited One-Two,
As he came down the taxiway, the sleigh bells' jingle grew.*

*He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,
I had to run out to him with my best set of chocks.
He was dressed all in fur, which was covered with frost, and his
beard was all blackened From the Rotax Reindeer exhaust.*

*His breath smelled like peppermint gone slightly stale,
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.
His cheeks were rosy and jiggled like jelly,
His boots were as black as a crop-duster's belly.*

*He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old fool,
And he kindly informed me that he needed some fuel.
A wink of his eyes and a twist of his toes,
Led me to know he was desperate to powder his nose.*

*I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.
He came out of the restroom with a sigh of relief,
Then he picked up the phone for a flight service brief.*

*And I thought as he silently scribed in his log,
That with Rudolph, he could land in eight-mile fog.
Next, he completed his pre-flight, from the front to the rear,
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "CLEAR!"*

*And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,
He called up the tower for his clearance and squawk.
"After departure fly heading three-two-zero," the tower called
forth, "And watch for a Luscomb inbound from the north."
Then I heard him exclaim, as he climbed into the night,
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL...I HAVE TRAFFIC IN SIGHT!"*



From our families to yours...
Palatka Municipal Airport, Kay Larkin Field 28J would like to wish you...
A very safe and joyous Holiday Season.
From *Your* Airport Staff:
John, Donna, David, and Jose
The Airport Advisory Board
Airport Engineers: Passero Associates
...together with the CITY OF PALATKA

Merry Christmas

AND

Happy New Year