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NEWS LETTER

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*** **Welcome Sun-n-Funners 2008...**! April 8 – April 13 will see the second largest international FLY IN, held annually in Lakeland, Florida. 28J Palatka, perfectly located in northeast Florida, is primed to be your inland pit stop on your way to Lakeland for *Sun-n-Fun 2008*.

Hospitality...*CHEAP FUEL* (available 24/7 by airfield entrance)...Courtesy Vehicle...Nearby Food/Hotels...High Speed Internet...Flight Planning...Ramp Space...Pilot Supplies & Souvenirs...whatever you need, it would be our pleasure to take care of you and assist with arrangements for your stay here overnight.

We are looking forward to seeing you, our special visitors and aircraft that come to us from far and wide. Every year you choose us and we want to say thank you. *Sun-n-Fun* for us just wouldn't be the same without you each.

We are your "*Pit Stop*". Plan us into your trip. We thank you for stopping' in and we'll see you in April. "Blue Skies".

*** **Airport Advisory Board Workshops...**During the February 5, 2008 Called meeting of the Airport Advisory Board, much discussion occurred surrounding the direction of our new future. So much so that in the interest of setting informed and achievable short term and long term goals and to be able to provide the City with a recommendation to consider, the Agenda was tabled in favor of scheduling Workshops as soon as possible to visit various Airport business and other issues to be discussed.

The Workshops are in progress, having been scheduled for every Wednesday in March at high noon in the terminal building at the Airport. As with all Airport Advisory board meetings, these Workshops are open to the public. We encourage your participation and invite you come.

*** **A Joint Action Capital Improvement Projects (JACIP)...**Every year the FAA requests that we update and prioritize our JACIP for the next three federal fiscal years. This is to identify the priority projects that will expend our annual entitlement grant federal funding, currently earmarked at \$150,000 annually. As you know, the FAA has been very kind to us in recent years, having given us not only our entitlement funding but additional millions in discretionary funding.

It's our long term planning over the next several years that assist with receiving continued discretionary funding in addition to our entitlement. If the projects aren't already on the JACIP, that pretty much eliminates us from getting discretionary earmarks. Some of our JACIP projects are already earmarked with partial joint funding through the year 2013. These are pre-qualified grants that we already know we are going to get in their prospective entitlement years. If you have ideas on projects the airport should be considering, please let us know.

In the January NewsLetter, a mentioned was made of a request for funding to update the Airport Master Plan and resurfacing of Taxiway Bravo, in its entirety. These projects are in anticipation of our 2008 entitlement and additional discretionary funding.

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Keep in mind that no project is set in stone until we execute the JPAs (Joint Participation Agreements) that actually give us the grant funding from the FDOT and the FAA. We do our long term planning based on current needs at the time and knowing that Airport operations and available funding three years from now could very well dictate that we may have to reprioritize projects as we go along.

Having said that, last month, City Manager Woody Boynton and I sat down with Andrew Holesko, Senior Consultant with Passero Associates, our current Airport Engineer, to discuss priority projects that would spend our FAA entitlements for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010. We have asked for funding for the following priority projects:

- 2008 ***Master Plan Update***Rehabilitate Taxiway "B" Pavement***Install AWOS***
- 2009 ***Construct T-Hangars***Runway 17/35 Pavement Rehabilitation & Related Drainage Improvements***
- 2010 ***Taxiway "C" Pavement Rehabilitation, Phase I***Environmental Assessment for ILS***
 Runway 09/27 Pavement RehabilitationConstruct Corporate Hangars***

This is just a few steps in the long term planning process and the circle of funding in which it takes to achieve our goals. We thank the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, as well our representative legislators for the generosity they bestow upon us.

*** The *Cheap Shameless Plug...* Today's *Cheap Shameless Plug* is announcing the inclusion of yet another new aircraft into our collections of *HotWings*. By special customer request, we now offer the **P38 Lightning**. And also by request, in addition to the B-17 Flying Fortress military paint scheme already in our collection, we now also offer the **B-17 Flying Fortress Silver** paint scheme.

For those of you unfamiliar, *HotWings* are trademark die cast collectable model airplanes, very popular within the aviation toys and collectibles community. The inclusion of the P38 and B-17 Silver now provides you an expanded collection of 19 different models from which to choose here at 28J Palatka. You'll find the *HotWings* priced below their suggested retail, as with all of our merchandise.

This concludes the *Cheap Shameless Plug* and it didn't hurt as much as you thought it would, huh.

*** The *Airport Advisory Board* will hold its next **regular scheduled meeting** on Tuesday, April 8th, at 5:30 pm in the terminal building at the Airport. This is in addition to the afore mentioned March Workshops. All *Airport Advisory Board* meetings are open to the public. We encourage your participation and invite you to come.

This concludes the *March 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