



PALATKA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
Lt. Jasper Kennedy "Kay" Larkin Field (28J)

4015 Reid Street, Highway 100
Palatka, Florida 32177

386-329-0148 office
386-329-0106 fax

NEWS LETTER

May 15, 2008

Page 1 of 3

*** **THANK YOU SUN-N-FUNNERS 2008!** Palatka Municipal Airport, perfectly located in northeast Florida, was primed to be your inland pit stop on your way to Lakeland for *Sun-n-Fun 2008*. From April 8 – April 13, a number of you took us up on that. It was our pleasure taking care of you and assisting with arrangements for your stay here overnight.

We get a little pumped this time of year, excited about and looking forward to seeing you, our visitors and aircraft that come to us from far and wide. You choose us every year, as you did again this year, and we want to say thank you. You hit us on your way down and hit us again on your way back up. *Sun-n-Fun* for us just wouldn't be the same without each of you.

We thank you for stoppin' in and we'll see you in April next year. "Blue skies to all".

*** **Improved Customer Service...**Based on the large number of compliments and other favorable comments, we are certain that many of you have by now noticed the new overlay and display on the self-serve tower at the fuel farm. This project was under consideration for some time and was completed, by design, just in time for *Sun-n-Fun*. Not only can you now actually see what the board is saying but the overlay was re-designed as well, in an effort to be more specific with operating instructions, thus making it more user friendly.

We thank you for the wonderful comments. It was our pleasure to make this improvement for you, our customers.

*** **Improved Customer Service...**Yes folks, we're not done in this department just yet. We are pleased to announce that our web site now carries a user friendly Airfield Layout Diagram, view and print versions available.

This came about by request from an Airport user for a diagram with more detail than that provided in navigational publications and aeronautical charts. This gesture has been well received by transient Airport users and area flight schools alike. For your reference, see www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com. Click the new navigational button entitled "Airfield Layout".

*** **Improved Customer Service...**Can you stand one more???... *Coming Soon...* will be the illumination of both the SHELL branding POS at the fuel farm and the adjacent SHELL price signage. This is anticipated to serve our after hours customers by more precisely pinpointing the location of our fuel farm at night.

Palatka28J@hotmail.com

Or visit us at

www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com

www.CityofPalatka.com

*** We say good-bye to Carolyn Nicholson of the Airport Advisory Board. During the March 26th, 2008 CALLED WORKSHOP of the Airport Advisory Board, Mrs. Nicholson tendered her notice of resignation. You may remember that she tried this once before and we didn't let her get away with it. We simply did not accept her resignation. So Carolyn showed up with bells on at the next meeting and every meeting thereafter. Well, this time she wouldn't let *us* get away with it.

Carolyn is very active in the local community and her business and she expressed how upcoming and long term engagements may present personal conflicts that may interfere with or render her ineffective as a productive Board member. We admire her position, having put the welfare of the Airport above all else. It was with great reluctance that the Board and City Commission accepted her resignation. The March 26th meeting was her last date of service.

Carolyn Nicholson is an original member of the Airport Advisory Board. Representing local pilots, local business, and community real estate, she was hand picked to serve and received her appointment by the City Commission, on March 13th, 2003. This represents over five (5) years of voluntary dedicated service. Her contributions are immeasurable.

Carolyn, you will be missed. We thank you for your service and wish you well in future endeavors.

*** And as we say good-bye to Carolyn, we welcome in our newly appointed Board Member. Representing the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, we are proud to welcome Mr. Wes Larson, President of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and Director of the Putnam County Economical Development Council.

We have known Wes for a very long time of course, having partnered with him and the Chamber on numerous projects and developmental events. It's just natural that he be a part of things around here. We are so looking forward to his coming years of service, which, by the way, was his idea. He asked to serve and received his appointment to the Palatka Municipal Airport, Airport Advisory Board by the City Commission on March 27, 2008.

As a personal note...this Airport is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring Advisory Board. The majority of our Board members are long-term. All are consistently pro Airport active, plethoric and diverse in their contributions, and present a well balanced broad-scoped authority of advisement. Absenteeism is a rare event. On behalf of the City, I and the Airport staff would like to express appreciation and gratitude to all members of the Airport Advisory Board for their dedicated service, past and continued.

*** **Hurricane Preparedness...!** The Airport's annual Pre-Hurricane Threat Inspection has been conducted and is complete. The purpose of this inspection is to evaluate the Airport's storm readiness to receive a storm and/or its evacuees. This inspection included all buildings and equipment and inventory of on hand supplies. Should you have any questions on our inspection, please ask. In addition, we ask all tenants who may be able to provide hangar space to an evacuee during a storm, please advise. Thank you.

*** In support service to our surrounding Airports, I provide this **importance NOTICE TO ALL PILOTS: Effective June 5th, 2008 the CTAF for XFL will be 118.95.** Make a note of that in your flight bag somewhere because the current SEC JAX will not reflect this change until the next published edition of 20 August 2008. We say again, the new Common Traffic Advisory Frequency for the Flagler County Airport is changing to 118.95, effective June 5th, 2008. The Unicom frequency will remain as 123.0.

*** The Airport web site of www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com is once again back under revision. In an effort to maintain a progressive marketing tool, we made some needed updates and revisions to select text areas. In March and April those changes rolled out live and included, in part, the brand new navigational button entitled "Airfield Layout". Phase II will see the completion of other needed text updates. Phase III is anticipated to be the complete redesign of specific other areas.

*** **Joint Action Capital Improvement Projects Update...**In the March NewsLetter I informed you that City Manager Woody Boynton and I recently sat down with Andrew Holesko, Senior Consultant with Passero Associates, Airport Engineers, to discuss priority projects that would spend our FAA entitlements for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010. As a reminder, these priority projects included the Master Plan Update, Rehabilitate Taxiway "B" Pavement and Drainage Improvements and Install AWOS, Hangar Construction, and of course, the new Terminal Building Improvements, the later having been a very long planning process.

Now I'm going to give you just a sample of new information for you to marinate on. Folks...New Hangar Construction is out for bid. Taxiway Bravo Rehab & Drainage Improvements & AWOS is out for bid. We have been notified of joint funding for the MPU and perhaps best of all... Notice to Proceed has been issued on the new Terminal Building...!

May is going to be a very busy month. We've got all sorts of meetings scheduled for each of these projects, including pre bid meetings and bid openings and design reviews. More specific details on all may be provided in the next NewsLetter but the event remaining to be scheduled is a very specific and long awaited ground breaking ceremony. You know the one. And it's coming. So stay tuned. It is anticipated to be a monumental event.

*** The *Cheap Shameless Plug*: This month I wave our own humble plugs to plug the CITY OF PALATKA in all her glory. Clear your calendars people...!

Today's *Cheap Shameless Plug* is announcing Palatka's **20th Annual Blue Crab Festival**. You don't know what you are missing if you aren't in downtown Palatka over this Memorial Weekend. That's May 23, 24, 25, and 26. That's right folks: the riverfront...almost four full days of this special event.

From the Arts & Crafts and Antiques to the Ski Shows and Boat Races and other water races to the Pig Races to the Lumberjacks and Native Americans to the Midway to the seafood and more seafood to the famous Seafood Cook Off and into the "Jell-O Jump" pool to retrieve a key that has in the past turned the engine to your new free boat or jet ski and into the Entertainment Tent with such past headliners as country music's award winning *LoneStar* and 80's rockers *Starship*...we have a reputation for our string of festivals and this Blue Crab thing...it's our biggest downtown event.

And what better backdrop than our beautiful American Heritage St. Johns River. Crowds have topped over 200,000. That ought to tell you something but...go ahead...ask around...go ahead...we want you to.

Visit www.bluecrabfestival.com for this year's activities and calendar of events and entertainment.

This special annual Palatka event draws a visitor capacity that has been known to overwhelm local cab service and deplete rental cars. Our courtesy vehicle *will be available* on a first come, first serve basis. It would be our pleasure taking care of your aircraft while you spend a few hours downtown.

Put it on your calendar people...**The Blue Crab Festival**...in downtown Palatka, *always* on Memorial Day Weekend.

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

*** The **Airport Advisory Board** will hold its next **regular scheduled meeting** on Wednesday, June 4th, at 12:00 pm high noon in the terminal building at the Airport. The lunchtime March Workshops were so popular that during the April 8th Regular Meeting, the Board moved to amend the regular meeting schedule from the first Tuesday in the first month of every quarter at 5:30 pm to the first Wednesday of *every month* at 12:00 pm noon. This is the new regular schedule.

All *Airport Advisory Board* meetings are open to the public. We encourage your participation and invite you to come.

This concludes the May *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

Palatka28J@hotmail.com

Or visit us at

www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com

www.CityofPalatka.com