



## **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**

November 15, 2008

Page 1 of 4

\*\*\* **Capital Improvement Projects Update...** As mentioned last month... Pardon our dust, we are under construction...! We are beyond staging and mobilization. All projects *are in progress* people. This is a very exciting time for us around here. I will most certainly keep you as up to date as I can throughout the blazing pace at which the contractors seem to be working. Things are rolling right along. Presented in no particular order... here's each project's current activities:

--- **Taxiway Bravo** is the main artery of our airfield pavement system. It provides easement to not only the airfield but also to all hangars, the fuel farm, the terminal building, and other areas of operation. Its rehabilitation will serve to enhance not only the appearance of your Airport but also the continued flow of traffic. This project also includes improvements to specific adjoining aprons, various airfield drainage improvements, and the long awaited AWOS - III P/T, an Automated Weather Observation System with precipitation, thunder, and lightening detection.



Anderson Columbia of Lake City is the contractor. Phase I included that portion of taxiway pavement west of the fuel farm and is already complete. Phase II has begun and is moving easterly to a point near the end of the General Ramp. Phase III will continue the new pavement to its entire length, some 3,000 linear feet, where it adjoins Taxiway Alpha in the east.

We realize there will be some impacts to vehicular and aircraft access. As of this writing, all vehicular traffic west bound is re-routed through the new west access gates; all east bound vehicular traffic is still routed via the temporary construction road. Please be advised that the only current aircraft easement to the fuel farm from the airfield is to taxi Runway 35 onto and through the stopway. This will take you onto the recently completed Phase I Taxiway Bravo new pavement and into the fuel farm area and back to the airfield. Be aware of right of way and ground clearance so as to prevent a possible runway incursion. These by-pass routes are temporary only. Phase II is near completion and anticipated to be 100% complete by the end of November, barring the unforeseen.

This is an estimated \$1,115,845 million dollar Capital Improvement Project, joint participation between the Federal Aviation Administration, The Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

[Palatka28J@hotmail.com](mailto:Palatka28J@hotmail.com)

Or visit us at

[www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com](http://www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com)

[www.CityofPalatka.com](http://www.CityofPalatka.com)

--- **Hangar Construction...** We have broken ground...this project is in progress...! Hashman Construction of Jacksonville is the contractor. It has been some time since I addressed the specific floor plans of what's included here so please, allow me to do so now.



Site location: the northeast hangar development area, next to existing T-Hangar Rows "L" and "M". Construction will include two (2) new hangar buildings totaling ten (10) standard size nested t-hangar units with rolling doors; one (1) attached bulk hangar with hydro swing door; one (1) attached office; two (2) storage units; and an attached restroom facility to serve all east based tenants. Both buildings will be dually accessible via the east access road and new taxi lanes that will adjoin Taxiway Bravo.

The previously proposed Corporate Hangars have been excluded from construction.

It is our intent to offer existing tenants the opportunity to relocate into the new hangars. As many of you know, a relocate waiting list began over a year ago and several of you are on it. As to the anticipated rental rates, they have yet to be determined but as with every t-hangar on this Airport, the rates will be based on their final construction cost.

This is an estimated \$948,945 Capital Improvement, joint participation between the Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

--- And finally, JAX 18 Construction of St. Augustine and AJAX Construction, Inc. from Ocala are working side by side, both making their mark on their respective roles in the **new terminal building improvements**. Now, as much as I could elaborate on the progress of this particular project, I would rather spark a spontaneous visit by you to come to *your* Airport and see this one for yourself. It is something to really behold. I will however, drop a hint to encourage you by simply saying that the footprint and foundation of both components have long been complete for weeks. Activity has moved forward into blocks, walls, and I-beams on the building...and curbing of the new pavement considerations is in progress.

As mentioned in previous NewsLetters, there are a dozen additional projects embedded within this, such as fencing, landscaping, the new highway road sign, new vehicle parking lot, access road, drainage improvements, a fixed rest room facility at the fuel farm, and the aircraft apron that will adjoin the new terminal building, to name a few and most of which...are also in progress.

This is an estimated \$2,295,533 million dollar Capital Improvement Project, joint participation between the Federal Aviation Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

All of these contractors have really set a rapid pace. So as not to miss a moment, we encourage you to come out often to note the continuing progress of these various improvements. 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 Bravo...**CLOSED**...east of Rwy 17 to east of General Ramp.

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

\*\*\* In spite of noreastern like weather that forced conditions beyond marginal and below minimums, the October monthly **FLY IN Breakfast at Palatka**, sponsored by Bud Clark of Trickworx, was still a success. Weather may have grounded aircraft but weather could not impede the visitors' desire to drive up. Bud still had an impressive showing. On the fourth Saturday of every month, set your GPS to "Direct" Commercial Hangar "A", at 28J Palatka. For more information on the Bud Clark *FLY IN Breakfast*, please contact Trickworx at 904-874-4408. To our knowledge, the next event is scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

\*\*\* And with a more preferred weather backdrop, **Skydive Palatka's recent annual "Hog Flop" was its usual big hit...!** With almost 1,000 skydivers in attendance this year, forming at least 21 competition teams, this event really provided for family fun days at your Airport. The sunset formation competition, always an event highlight, provided one of many thrills to the estimated 200 spectators and visitors. We thank all who came, by the masses on several occasions, and enjoyed this event. And although we know we'll see many of you before next year, if not... "Blue Skies" until then...!



\*\*\* **Pilot Shop News:**

The Pilot Shop has received a face lift...! We've got a slightly different look and all sorts of new surprises for you. Something I have wanted to do for sometime now...is expand our merchandising to include additional items, more traditional pilot supplies. Not that we're leaning away from the crowd favorites, of course, just expanding to include more items that cater to specific needs. So for the past month, I have been shuffling around displays and merchandise, clearing racks and shelves to not only open up the room but to make space for the new stuff. And do we have some good things to share with you...!

NEW ITEM...Today's feature highlight...*Eyewear*...! It was one of the most popular recommendations brought forth by pilots. So when you sit on your \$200 pair of Serengeti's or drop them and your co-pilot steps on them, you can pick up a pair of sporty substitutes, UV and impact resistant for safety, of course, that will protect your eyes until you get home. Your cost: less than \$10.00. What a convenient bargain...!

The next time you swing through, we invite you to snoop around the merchandising case and brows through the expanded Aviation Library and other displays. All new items were strategically selected either by you or by us, all of which will be highlighted in future Newsletters.

So consider us for all of your pilot supplies needs. And remember...just as with the aeronautical charts and publications, everything is priced below its suggested retail. And if we don't carry the particular item that you need, we can get it for you, overnight if needed. It would be our pleasure to accommodate you.

Pilot Supplies: *Eyewear*...is now available at Palatka Municipal Airport. New items are still coming. It's a situation where you're just going to have to keep coming back to see what the latest and greatest might be.

\*\*\* **Thanksgiving Holiday Hours:** In observance of the coming Thanksgiving Holiday, 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 the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be **CLOSED** on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and closing at 1400 hours local the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Should any services be required during these closures, please make such requests in advance so that we can have every opportunity to 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 Thanksgiving this Holiday Season.*

[Palatka28J@hotmail.com](mailto:Palatka28J@hotmail.com)

Or visit us at

[www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com](http://www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com)

[www.CityofPalatka.com](http://www.CityofPalatka.com)

\*\*\* The *Airport Advisory Board* will hold its next **regular scheduled meeting** on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:00 noon in the terminal building at the Airport.

As a reminder, the *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 always welcomed.

\*\*\*\*\*

This concludes the November *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](mailto:Palatka28J@hotmail.com)

Or visit us at

[www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com](http://www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com)

[www.CityofPalatka.com](http://www.CityofPalatka.com)