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NEWS LETTER

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*** Palatka Municipal Airport is proud to announce the **new presence** of an **FAA Certified Aircraft Repair and Service Center...* JMR AVIATION L.L.C...**to Commercial Hangar "B" at Palatka Municipal Airport.

Radial...Piston...Turbo Prop...Turbine...Featuring all things Aircraft Care and Maintenance...Specializing in Fabric and Upholstery, we welcome Mr. Marvin Perry, A.P., I.A., pilot and owner, his partners Mr. Ralph Baker, A.P., I.A., pilot, and Mr. Joe Norris, pilot, additional staff: Mr. Terry Page, Aviation Maintenance Technician, and Mr. Lonnie Atkins, Avionics. With a combined experience of over 80 years, these gentlemen bring a variety of talent and skill together in one location, providing Airframe & Power Plant, Inspector of Aircraft, Engine Building, Airframe Maintenance, Engine Maintenance, Avionics, Fabric and Upholstery and a special touch of tender loving aircraft care.

We invite you to visit all of our on field maintenance facilities, both J.M.R Aviation in Commercial Hangar "B", and Trickworx Inc. in Commercial Hangar "A", for all of your aircraft care needs.

*** **Welcome Sun-n-Funners 2007...!** April 17 – April 23 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 2007*. Traffic has already begun trickling in but for those of you still in your trip planning stages, it would be our pleasure to take care of you and your fueling needs and assist with arrangements for your stay here overnight. We are known for our great fuel price...!...available 24/7 by airfield entrance.

We look forward to seeing you, our special visitors and aircraft that come to us from far and wide. You choose us as your stop along the way every year and we want to say thank you. You hit us on your way down and hit us your way back up. *Sun-n-Fun* for us just wouldn't be the same without each of you.

Plan us into your trip. We thank you for stoppin' in. "Blue skies to all".

*** **Hangar Maintenance...is in progress people.** The pitter patter of little feet upon your roof tops and around your walls and doors can be defined as Jose and David...two men on a mission. When I first launched our Preventative Maintenance and Maintenance Program, various building needs required monthly, quarterly, bi-annual, and annual attention. Through the diligence of Jose, Chief of Maintenance, with assistance from David, these once scheduled tasks have been reduced from maintenance required to preventative maintenance only. Kudos to Jose and David...!

However, from time to time, once a year or so, we still like to inspect all joints, fasteners, nuts and bolts and casters. Things have a way of working loose through the everyday vibrations of every day hangar use. A turn of a bolt here, a quick zap with the impact wrench there, and a squirt of lubricant in between keeps your hangar in top working condition on a continuing basis.

Please consider this your only notice of hangar entry for routine maintenance reasons only. Although we anticipate to be done by the end of April, the magnitude of this project may take it into May.

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*** **Phase III Airfield Capital Improvement Project (CIP) remains in progress** and right on schedule. To refresh everyone's memory, Phase III began on March 5th. On site construction is projected to include 100% Runway 17/35 lighting rehabilitation, 7,000 linear feet; the remaining Taxiway Charley lighting rehabilitation, 2,700 linear feet; associated grading/grassing and drainage improvements to their respective safety areas; 800 linear feet of drainage pipe replacement; and an estimated 3000 linear feet of ditch clearing and grading..

We urge you to keep abreast of activities and check for NOTAMs daily. Portions of pavement *will be* in and out of closure as this project phases forward. As of this writing, all pavement is open. NO related NOTAMs are in place.

Be aware of barricades and construction vehicles on or in the vicinity of active pavement. We have a tentative contract time of 150 calendar days plus a 30 day punch-out from the issuance of "Notice to Proceed". That puts us somewhere into August/September 2007 for estimated completion.

Phase III is an estimated \$1,439,085.00 grant funded Capital Improvement Project, joint participation between the Federal Aviation Administration, The Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA. That's a 95-2.5-2.5 grant allocation: 95% federal, 2.5% state, and 2.5% local.

*** For consecutive NewsLetters over the past year and more, we have been discussing the JACIP (Joint Action Capital Improvement Plan) Fiscal Year 2008 scheduled project of recapturing existing pavement runway length on Runway 17/35. The first step was removing vegetation and trees within what will become the new approach and approach slopes.

Last month I mentioned the completion of the Obstruction Free Zone (OFZ) clearing of Runway 17 and talked about the beginnings of our attention being paid to what will become the new approach to the other end: Runway 35.

Phase I of this OFZ clearing in the new approach to Runway 35 was completed in February. Phase II and Phase III were completed in March. Excluding some aesthetic clean up, this project is, for the most part, complete.

We now begin the design stages for other components of this JACIP Capital Improvement Project: rehabilitation of the abandoned pavement of taxiway Charley south, rehabilitation of the abandoned pavement of runway 17/35, edgeway lighting extensions on both, relocation of NAVAIDS, and pavement stripping.

The removal of all vegetation and trees was a \$ 10,000.00 Improvement Project, funding participation 100% local, the CITY OF PALATKA only. Project costs for the remaining components have yet to be determined. I will keep you informed of future activity.

*** The *Cheap Shameless Plug*: Today's *Cheap Shameless Plug* is announcing...**NOW ON SALE**...the entire Fall/Winter line of Palatka Municipal Airport's custom apparel, excluding everyday headwear...! That's right folks, for a very limited time every flavor, style, and size of every *Larkin* Fall/Winter item...is now 10% off present retail.

For those who might still be unfamiliar, we are talking about all crew neck sweatshirts, all "hoodie" sweatshirts, all long sleeve tees, and all toboggans. This sale will end on April 30. So for those of you who keep eyeballing this merchandise every time you walk in, and you know who are just like we do, now is the time to pick it up because you may not see these items again until next Fall.

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

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*** **New Terminal Building Update:** We are moving into the final stages of the bid process people...! To refresh everyone's memory, on January 29th, we held a mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting. Besides City officials, myself, Airport Manager Glenn, Gene Lamp of the Florida Department of Transportation, and Passero Associates, Airport Engineers, some 26 potential construction firms were in attendance.

To bring you up to speed...we have now surpassed the Technical Qualifications portion, having received the February 23rd due submittals from multiple design-build firms. On February 27th, during a special "call meeting" of the Airport Advisory Board, which was the Selection Committee appointed by the City, all technical qualifications of all submitting firms were reviewed and all firms did qualify to submit a Price Proposal, which is due April 19th. They are scheduled to be reviewed by the Selection Committee the following week. The Committee will then make a recommendation to the City and it shall go under consideration during the May 17th, 2007 regular meeting of the City Commission, CITY OF PALATKA.

As to some of the construction details, there have been some Addendums to the original Design Build Proposal. Here's where we are: We are still proposing to build a two-story masonry General Aviation Terminal Building designed to withstand a Category 5 hurricane. It shall still reflect a "rustic lodge" theme and provide an approximate 6,700 square feet of space. Furthermore, it shall be furnished with proportionately sized generators to support the new terminal, the old terminal, airfield lighting, the fuel farm, and partial HVAC. With an unprecedented commitment from the City, the fuel feed for the generators shall be brand new infrastructure of Natural Gas, to be extended to the Airport from its nearest most feasible location. The contract time has been extended to 270 calendar days plus a 30 day punch-out from the issuance of "Notice to Proceed". "Notice to Proceed" is tentatively scheduled for May 21st. That puts us somewhere in the March/April 2008 window for estimated completion. This is just the building and it has an estimated project cost of \$1,000,000.00, joint participation between The Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

The final Design Build for the pavement considerations are projected to go out to bid within the next few months. This is anticipated to include the public vehicular parking lot, the access road, and the new terminal building's adjacent aircraft embarking/disembarking ramp area. Although construction may execute concurrently, it is projected to be independent and separate of the new terminal. The estimated project cost for this has yet to be determined. But you may expect joint participation between the Federal Aviation Administration, The Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

The final schematics for the New Terminal Building *are* on display in the current terminal. These do include architecture renditions of the exterior, the interior first floor, the interior second floor, and the designs for pavement considerations. We invite you to review at your leisure.

*** The **Airport Advisory Board** will next meet on April 26, 2007. This shall be a special "call" meeting. Only the *Design Bid Proposals*, due April 19 for the new Terminal Building, shall be reviewed and discussed. The next regular scheduled meeting shall be June 5th, at 5:30 pm. These meetings are open to the public. We encourage your participation and invite you to come. To my knowledge, the meetings will occur at the Airport.

This concludes the April *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,

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