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NEWS LETTER

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*** We welcome Mr. Gene Lamp, District Two Public Transportation Operations District Aviation Specialist for the Florida Department of Transportation, to Palatka Municipal Airport's team of transportation experts. Mr. Lamp, representing the FDOT, was present at our recent Airport Advisory Board Meeting and he received a very warm welcome upon his introduction. We foresee a very long and productive relationship that can only compliment our existence as a port of transportation.

*** Continuing with the FDOT theme...it appears they had an extra \$60,000 lying around. So with us being the proactive type, they casually asked us if we wanted it. Now...do you really think they had to ask twice??? And we already have it spent. Imagine that. We take our capital improvement dollars seriously and this special grant from the State of Florida will fund a portion of pavement design for the coming new terminal building, more specifically, the access road, thus, continuing our efforts to chip away at the total price tag of our new terminal.

*** Speaking of the new terminal, here is your **New Terminal Building Update**: The bid package will be hitting the streets in January people. Yes, you read that right and we are just that close to launching this thing. The specs are presently receiving their final crossing of "t's" and dotting of "i's" as we speak.

Due to funding restraints, we were forced to scale down a bit. But even at 6,600 sq. ft., this all-inclusive brand new terminal building will be a facility to be proud of. It will greatly enhance the Airport's business presence while providing multiple services to the community.

This has been a long time coming folks, many, many years of planning. God willing and the creeks don't rise, we still aim to break ground in the Spring.

*** Going out for bid in February: Previous *NewsLetters* lent discussion of coming new corporate hangars. Hitting the streets for bid in February will be two, not one but two brand new bulk hangars, 60x50 with attached professional office space and designated vehicle parking.

Now...the fight for these two beautiful bulk hangars will be fierce and the battle has already begun. But we're gonna end all of that right now. I recently notified all persons presently on the *Commercial/Bulk Hangar Waiting List* to notify them of this coming availability of commercial/corporate space. At that time I requested business proposals of intended activities. If you are not on the waiting list, you were not invited for this primary consideration.

I now announce that we are formally accepting business proposals from *all* interested parties. All proposals must be specific of intended activities and include intended impacts to this Airport. We caution you that we are not looking for resumes of what you've done elsewhere. It's reasonable that such information should be mentioned, yes, but it will not be our primary focus point. In order to enhance current and future Airport operations, we want to see what you plan to do here and the positive ways in which your operation may impact this Airport. It's just that simple.

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All proposals must be sealed and delivered to my office, the *Airport Business Operations Supervisor*, no later than May 1, 2007. All proposals will receive fair and due consideration. The top five (5) proposals that best enhance this Airport will be forwarded to the office of the Airport Manager for further consideration. The field will be narrowed to two and a 100% refundable deposit will be required to secure your right to first refusal by such a date to be determined. The value of the deposit shall be equal to one and one half (1 ½) month's rental value of an existing structure similar in size and amenities. When the rental value of these coming new facilities is determined, you will be required to exercise that right of refusal. Refusal shall refund your deposit immediately. Acceptance shall apply it as "Deposit Paid", a building deposit that would be required by the *Lease Agreement* anyway. Upon acceptance, you will be required to tender one (1) month's non-refundable rental value to secure tenancy. Those monies shall be applied as your first month's rental. Refusal to tender shall be considered as refusal in whole and the building shall be offered to another.

We anticipate no problem placing a tenant in these new bulk hangars. It is our intention to choose a tenant that we feel best balances and impacts present Airport operations with future operations, be it commercial tenants or corporate.

*** Also going out for bid in February: Previous *NewsLetters* lent discussion of coming new t-hangars. Hitting the streets for bid in February will be Phase I of t-hangar construction. Phase II will follow as additional funding defines itself. The base bid for Phase I however, will include a row of five nested units with rolling doors and also include allocated storage areas. Bid Additive 1 includes an attached bulk hangar with hydroswing door. Bid Additive 2 includes two additional nested t-hangar units. So we have a single row of 5-7 t-configured units with a bulk hangar on the end and a couple of small storage areas tossed in.

Last month I mentioned the possibility of offering existing tenants with aircraft meeting the criteria the right of first refusal. This is still the plan. Criteria to be met is contingent on square footage. If the new t-hangars are larger than our existing t-hangars than obviously someone with a multi engine or a larger single might be more comfortable. They would receive primary consideration for relocation.

As with the new bulk hangars, a 100% refundable deposit will be required to secure your right to first refusal by such a date to be determined. The value of the deposit shall be equal to one and one half (1 ½) month of your existing rental. When the rental value of these coming new t-hangars is determined, you will be required to exercise that right of first refusal. Refusal shall refund your deposit immediately. Acceptance shall apply it as "Deposit Paid", a building deposit that would be required by the *Lease Agreement* anyway. Upon acceptance, you will be required tender one (1) month's non-refundable rental value to secure tenancy. Those monies shall be applied as your first month's rental. Refusal to tender shall be considered as refusal in whole and the t-hangar shall be offered to another.

Any existing t-hangar tenant desiring to relocate may take your existing lock with you. I will simply reassign it. You will be required to execute a new *Lease Agreement*. The deposit you tendered will be refunded upon termination of *Lease Agreement*.

Existing tenants should begin to mull over the possibility of relocation. As soon as the project construction schedule becomes more clearly defined, I will be making contact with those tenants who qualify.

*** Also last month, I referenced Georgia Pacific's commitment to clear trees in the approach path to our Runway 17, said trees being on their property just north of Highway 100 west. To refresh your memory, this tree removal was to serve in preparation of a coming project anticipated to recapture existing pavement runway length. Well, it may have took five months to get the paper work done but it only took two weeks to drop a few trees. As of this writing, more than 90% of the trees have been removed.

As to recapturing existing pavement runway length, I first began talking about this last calendar year and the project began with us removing *our* trees first. Now GP has removed theirs. So we can go forward with the planning of what I predicted would become Phase IV Airfield Capital Improvement and it is going to be a little more than blacking out the old threshold line and slapping out paint for a new one.

Off the top of my head we can expect runway pavement rehabilitation, taxiway pavement rehabilitation, runway and taxiway lighting rehabilitation, the relocation of NAVAIDs, pavement striping, and possible drainage improvements. And that's just off the top of my head. But all of that will restore Runway 17/35 to some 4500' or better.

We thank Georgia Pacific for their participation in this project. We appreciate their commitment to continued Airport development and we applaud the relationship we have with our neighbors. This Phase IV has been scheduled into our JACIP (Joint Action Capital Improvement Plan) for the Fiscal Year of 2008. Future *NewsLetters* will reveal more.

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*** The *Cheap Shameless Plug*: Jingle bells, Jingle Bells,...Jingle All the Way...! Who among you are last minute shoppers??? Well...as of this date you have exactly ten (10) days. Welcome to our "*Pilot Shop*". Let's begin our tour, shall we?

This month I am targeting the non-aviator...the ladies in the crowd who have yet to pick up that gag gift, the stocking stuffer, the "trinket", or that really special thing for your really special someone...your pilot husband, and for the gentlemen...perhaps your pilot wife. This month I'm gonna introduce you to some of our Aviation "Fun Stuff".

You have heard me run my mouth about all of our apparel. Yes, this is option number one for you and a very big one at that. We invite you to come browse through the wide selection of clothing and headgear. But if you don't want something with our name on it, we can provide you with something that does not. Perhaps an Aviation "Fun Stuff" shirt. Do you "Love the Smell of Jet Fuel in the Morning"? Well not only did somebody think about putting that on a shirt but they put it on a cap too. And we have them both. "I Soloed...!!!" ...for the student pilot in your life. They put that on a shirt too and we have it. Or how 'bout an artificial horizon and "Adjust Attitude" or an altimeter set to 5,280 feet at a "Mile High". We have those shirts too. Then there's the all favorite *FLY* cap. It's our best seller.

That *FLY* logo must have become popular 'cause they put it on a license plate and a key chain too. Yup...we got 'em. And if you are big on tags, we have one that says "*Flight Crew*". Do you play cards??? How 'bout a deck of WWII Flying Ace playing cards. Every household has a "techie", one who enjoys their computer a little too much. We have three Aviation Mouse Pads to choose from: the altimeter and "Check Altitude", the artificial horizon and "Adjust Attitude, and the all favorite: "I'd Rather Be Flying". We even have a few airplane lapel pins. In September I told you about our new line of "HotWings", the die cast collectable model airplanes. We have fifteen different models of those to choose from. And the P-51 Mustang has arrived as promised...!

If it's the little co-pilot you're shopping for, we have these cute little teddy bears dressed as pilots, two sizes available. And the plush *Plane Beanie Babies*, two colors available. As to "*Snoopy the Flying Ace*"...I'm afraid we've sold out.

If you don't happen to be into all of this "*Fun Stuff*" and are looking for something more practical...you should think about those items used by the aviator every single day. These items folks...are called pilot supplies, of which we are loaded...!. We have most everything you would find in a flight bag. From aeronautical charts to log books to plotters to fuel testers to mini mag lights to ear plugs to sic sacs to oil to batteries...we got it. And if you don't think an aircraft owner wouldn't love a case of oil, oh you better think again.

But if you really want to know what one of the best gifts to give to a pilot and the aviation enthusiast, the best and most practical gift, the absolute gift that *will not* collect dust, the gift that just might be most appreciated: folks, can you say FAR/AIM? Anything you ever wanted to know about aviation, say it, spell it, or think it...is in this publication. It's the ASA Federal Aviation Regulations & Aeronautical Information Manual, otherwise known as the Bible of Aviation, affectionately known as the FAR/AIM. It's over one thousand pages of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the FAA. And we have the 2007 edition. My, my, my, what a gift...! People if you don't get it from us get it from somewhere. I'm telling you. Every pilot should have one.

So come see us for your last minute Christmas shopping needs. You just might be surprised.

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

*** In the July *NewsLetter* we said good-bye to Gene Caputo of the Airport Advisory Board. Mr. Caputo is the Intergovernmental Coordinator for the St. Johns River Water Management District. He was an original Airport Board appointee, having served as our original Chairman for two years. Due to coming Airport improvements, the District felt a perception of conflict of interest might develop in regard to future permitting. As such, they withdrew their seat on the Board. Gene officially resigned at the June 27th Airport Advisory Board Meeting.

This seat on the Airport Advisory Board went under consideration by the City and following our recent December 5th Board Meeting, was officially declared OPEN and AT LARGE, "at large" meaning no designation is required for appointment. Any party interested in serving may now apply.

Applications are being accepted at City Hall, 201 North 2nd Street, Palatka, Florida 32177 by Betsy Driggers, City Clerk, CITY OF PALATKA. Or the applicant may, at his/her option, download the application from www.CityofPalatka.com. On the home page, CLICK ""Public Service" on page left. Then CLICK "Application for Appointment", also page left. Applications will be accepted in person, or by U.S. Mail, or email at Betsy@gbso.net through 1600 hours local, Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007. Of course, residents of the City and of Putnam County will receive primary consideration, as they should.

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*** Also in July's NewsLetter I made mention of pending land sales in the Airport's Industrial Park. To refresh your memory, one company, an air conditioner conduit manufacturer, is projected to employ 40-60 people and the other, a boat trailer manufacturer, is projected to employ 20. This proposed land sale will not only stimulate the Airport's Industrial Park but will also stimulate the local economy.

A point to mention is not only is it the position of the Federal Aviation Administration but it is chiseled in stone policy of the CITY OF PALATKA that all monies received through Airport land sales reverts to Airport land acquisition and matching Airport grant funds. In other words, the monies are Airport exclusive. And that's a fact people. The City has made this commitment. It was affirmed by the City Manager during the June 27th Airport Advisory Board Meeting and reaffirmed during our recent December 5th Advisory Board Meeting.

In joint action of our Advisory Board, myself, and the Airport Manager, we went through great lengths to secure additional commitments from the City that a percentage of these land sales monies be immediately allocated for the construction of a permanent fuel farm restroom facility. On December 7th, Larry Pritchett, Airport Advisory Board Chairman, received just that...a formal commitment from the City Manager.

So it's a done deal folks. The land sale proposal has moved into its final contract stage. When closing has occurred, we will move forward with construction of restroom facilities at the fuel farm. The portable *Jolly Green Giant* that has served on the interim will be replaced with something a little more pleasing to the eye and a little more user inviting.

*** **Christmas Holiday Hours:** In observance of the coming Christmas and New Year 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 at 1700 hours local on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, and **CLOSED** on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th. We will be closing at 1700 hours local on New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31st and for the very first time...we will be **CLOSED** on New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2007. Should any services be required during these closures, such requests should be made in advance.

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

*** The *Airport Advisory Board* will next meet on Tuesday, March 13th, at 5:30 pm. These meetings are open to the public. We encourage your participation and invite you to come. To my knowledge, the meeting will occur at the Airport.

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

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.

Glenn
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David
Jose

The Airport Advisory Board
Airport Engineers: Passero Associates
...together with the CITY OF PALATKA

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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