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NEWS LETTER

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*** Yes folks, www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com is under reconstruction. We thank you for noticing. It is no secret that I have been slaving away with this for some time now. We thank you for the comments and compliments as Phase I...the first roll out...occurred in early May. There is some needed "tweaking" and it will take some time to complete the remaining areas but stay tuned...It will only get better. I have an impact configuration in mind that is anticipated to not only enhance the Airport and stimulate interest but promote the City and County as well. Phase II is projected to roll out before June end.

Many thanks to the *Controller* and Sandshills Publishing Company for providing our web site. Their geniuses designed an *awesome* site and when www.PalatkaKayLarkin.com first rolled out in 2004, it was and still is one of a kind. I personally thank Tim Washburn of the *Controller* for his assistance during the original construction and this on-going reconstruction.

*** **The new t-hangar security locks are ready for circulation and now available.** Some of you have already made the exchange, which will serve to show how painless a process this is going to be. It's simple folks, real simple. And the timing of this is perfect: the coming July 4th holiday will bring many of you around.

We will accept *voluntary* exchange just beyond that holiday. That basically means that you have the option to exchange locks at a reasonable leisure. If you do not take advantage of this option, we will still observe our security standards and exchange the lock for you. You will then have to come to us to receive your new key and unfortunately, this means a possibility exists, should you arrive after our business hours, that you may be locked out of your hangar. We urge you make the exchange voluntarily.

I will stand by my previous statements. We are absorbing the full cost of this security upgrade. Those of you in tenancy prior to the deposit policy will be required to tender the *CASH only* \$20.00 refundable lock deposit. No credit cards will be accepted for deposits. Those of you with deposits already on file, I will grant a re-assignment. You bring us your existing assigned lock and keys, complete the security registration form and we'll give you your new lock and new key. That's it folks. It's just that simple.

I remind you once more about the additional keys. These new locks are coming to you with one key only. I have informed you of that in the two previous newsletters. This is your last notice. If you desire a second key, you must tell us immediately. The delay in the circulation of these locks was due to not yet having the security blanks with which to copy keys. Few are now available. When they are disbursed...that's it. It's first come, first serve and primary consideration *will* be given to the tenants already in company of multiple keys to their existing locks. We know whom you are so don't worry. Our locksmith will be making one trip

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to generate these additional keys, just one trip. If you don't want to miss that flight...you have had ample notice.

July 15th, 2006 is the absolute last drop dead day to voluntary exchange your t-hangar security lock. On the 16th...we will do it for you.

*** You may have noticed a more pleasing to the eye look beginning to surface in and around the northwest hangar development area. This is the area of Commercial Hangars A-C, T-hangars 1-30, and Executive Hangars G & H. I mentioned in past newsletters our desire to provide a face-lift by way of sand blasting and painting certain hangars, related attachments and support structures. It has begun.

In an effort to provide an environmentally friendly atmosphere during this project while, at the same time, having consideration for the contents of your hangar and your enjoyment of access, we took a different approach and decided to put *your* tax dollars to work. Many thanks to the Putnam County Department of Corrections for providing the labor force required to achieve this task. What a budget saver..! Kudos to Glenn for making it happen.

Cosmetic exterior hangar re-imaging is in progress. I will keep you updated as this project phases forward.

*** Speaking of hangars, we are entering the design stage of the previously mentioned coming t-hangars. Glenn and I recently sat down with several of the bright minds of Passero Associates, our Airport Engineers, including Mr. Andrew Holesko, Program Manager/Senior Consultant, to brainstorm the construction of several coming projects visible on our horizon. The lead topic of conversation was, of course, the t-hangars and what we wanted in design.

Our primary priority is to possess the ability to house certain aircraft that our present t-hangar configuration does not allow due to door opening constraints and/or depth restrictions. Our second priority is to satisfy the demand for office and/or storage space. The third consideration is to provide a customer service by generating a third location of restroom facilities, a location that serves the eastern portion of tenancy development.

We came up with a very rough design that will serve all three priorities rather well. I will share more details in a future newsletter but for now, know that these two new rows of t-hangars will be *very* Airport friendly and quite frankly... impressive and unique. Hats off to Passero Associates. These folks really do walk on water.

*** Reminder...**6.4 acres of prime Airport real estate available for lease.** Highway frontage: State Road 100, present zoning: M-1, light industrial, with a future land use change under consideration. We will recognize this land as a single opportunity or divided for shared enjoyment. Please spread word of this commercial development opportunity.

*** The *Cheap Shameless Plug*: Today's *Cheap Shameless Plug* is back and we're yanking our own chain this month to announce the completion and roll out of our preliminary line of custom merchandising. It's kind of hard not to notice the new garment racks I've decorated our front windows with, but many thanks to J.C. Penny's and Goody's in the Palatka Mall for contributing to the cause. And thank you Glenn for chasing those down for me and also to Jose for making them user ready.

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We invite you to swing in and browse through the apparel that includes a variety of t-shirts, executive polos, casual polos, various headwear and caps. Our popular and newly redesigned coffee cup is available once again to satisfy the demand for them along with a travel mug and pens & pencils. I thank all of you who participated in the consumer polling I conducted to learn of your needs and comforts with Aviation merchandise and apparel. I selected and designed our apparel with your comfort and classy appearance in mind. We thank you for your kind words on the new display and shamelessly accept your compliments.

Our complete line of custom Palatka Municipal Airport merchandise resides either on the new racks or in the grand showcase. And the greatest part of our invitation for you to come take a peek is that not only does everything have our logo and namesake very strategically planted within or thereon, and not only is everything available in a rainbow of colors and sizes, but you will also enjoy the ridiculous low retail pricing, something else I had in mind during this evolution: consumer affordability.

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

*** Another reminder folks...in last month's NewsLetter, I asked for your Airport Kodak moments. I sent out a call to our Airport Bums, the Ramp Rats, the historians, and the photo snappers in the crowd, looking for images captured here at this Airport. I would be interested in seeing any moment captured out here. If you have some dandy shots...share them with us. We want to see what you've got. Bring us your Airport Kodak moments.

*** Phase II of the field rehabilitation Capital Improvement Project (CIP) is still in progress. As we have discussed in the past few NewsLetters, the project was delayed by the revelation of structural deficiencies in the subsurface drainage system underneath Taxiway Alpha. The drainage improvement inclusion is construction complete and as of this writing...the paving of Taxiway Alpha *is in progress* people...as we speak.

To follow the paving will be the striping of the new pavement, building and soding the shoulders, and placement of the new Compass Rose. Once again, I ask you to be aware of barricades and construction vehicles on or in the vicinity of active pavement. I urge you to keep abreast of activities and check NOTAMs daily.

This Phase II CIP is a \$1.6 million dollar capital improvement, joint participation between the Federal Aviation Administration, The Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

*** Phase III has gone out to bid folks. We let no grass grow around here I tell you. I went into some detail about this Phase III Capital Improvement Project in last month's NewsLetter. To refresh your memory...Phase III is projected to include rehabilitation of the remaining Taxiway Charley lighting *and* the design consideration of the anticipated recovery of the abandoned portion; complete lighting rehabilitation of Runway 17/35 *with* design consideration of the runway's anticipated thresholds relocation; replacement of all around airfield ground directional signage, RSA/TSA improvements, and installation of a Federal Automated Weather Observation Station with Thunder & Lightning detection (AWOS III-T).

The grant funding of this Phase III is still under consideration but with the RFQ (Request for Qualified Bids) now out, the estimated project cost will define itself shortly. To the dollar though, I can share a projected estimated figure of around \$1,153,500.00 with definite joint participation between the Federal Aviation Administration, The Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA. That's a 90-5-5 grant allocation: 90% federal, 5% state, and 5% local.

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*** The outer feeder bands of Gulf Coast ***Tropical Storm Alberto***'s stroll through our zip code provided us here with several days of much needed rainfall with breezy to windy conditions that also brought isolated violent squalls. Our thoughts and prayers most certainly go out to those who suffered far worse.

We always have your interests in mind and we did with *Alberto*, take measures to protect this Airport from his possible impacts, as we have done all for those who came before him and will continue to do so for all that follow behind. We are fortunate to have been spared what could have been this time and we can only hope this start to the 2006 Hurricane Season does not lend itself to repeat history.

*** The ***Airport Advisory Board*** will next meet on Tuesday, June 27th, 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 June 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.

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