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NEWS LETTER

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***** New Terminal Building Update:** What began as dream, and then turned into a foreseeable vision, has now become our reality. People...we are anticipating breaking ground before the end of this 2007 calendar year...!

Moving forward very quickly, Phase I will start us rolling with the ground breaking for the entire new terminal building improvements. This shall be demolition of existing structures, 100% new construction of a vehicular parking lot, 100% new construction of the east access road, in part; 100% new construction of select fencing considerations, in part; 100% terminal aircraft parking apron pavement rehabilitation; new construction of or improvements thereto utility infrastructure; 100% new construction of storm water drainage; landscaping considerations; a new highway illuminated road sign; and of course, site prep for the new terminal building itself, which will follow as Phase II.

To refresh you on the building itself: This shall be 100% new construction of a brand new stand alone, all inclusive, estimated 4,034 square feet, one story terminal building of rustic lodge design, constructed to hurricane Category 5 wind loads. To give you a tiny insider's peak, exterior elevation considerations, together with an atrium appearance, are projected to include a roof of metal, board and batten siding, impact resistant solar reflecting storefront style windows, and stone appearance columns, just to name a few. Interior floor plans will be inclusive of the main lobby, the main lounge, a designated pilot's lounge, a designated flight planning area, conference rooms, lease office space, the most current and all inclusive communications, facility support generators, a car rental counter, and of course, the expected additives of administrative offices, reception, kitchen, and restrooms. You will also see the exterior floor considerations of the airfield veranda, the road side veranda, the aircraft tug parking area and generator storage, and the all invitational landscaping exclamation point that will warmly whisper... "Welcome to Florida".

If you haven't seen the drawing designs for any of this yet, you have most certainly missed out. So we invite you to join us and watch, as it rises from the earth, becoming the pride of the City, the showcase of the County, a multi modal facility that will bring this Airport, *your* Airport, into the next generation.

This is a multi million dollar project, the single, most visible improvement to date, with joint participation between the Federal Aviation Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the CITY OF PALATKA.

***** Available...6.4 acres of *prime* Airport real estate for lease.** The relocation of our main entrance Highway 100 fence line east allowed us to clean up the State Road 100 highway frontage and realize its potential for commercial development. Present zoning should support most intended activities. We will recognize this land as a single opportunity or divided for shared enjoyment.

This 6.4 acres of *prime* Highway 100 frontage might not remain available for long. With an estimated 1200 employees immediately north of us at Georgia Pacific, 500 employees next door at St. Johns River Water Management District, the medical community and college just over the tree line to our south, and did we mention *HIGHWAY FRONTAGE???* It is in an ideal location, bursting with possibilities.

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*** **Hangar Maintenance...is in progress...!** Be looking for us people. The task of select preventative door maintenance has begun. As mentioned last month...it is that time of year for us to adjust your doors and squirt some lube sauce on your casters. This project will be on-going until it can be completed.

Please consider this repeat notice of hangar entry for maintenance reasons only. And as always, if you ever experience a problem with your hangars, please tells us immediately so that we can take care of it for you.

*** And speaking of maintenance...that eighth wonder of the world of ours...the blue goose aircraft tug...is back in service. As mentioned last month, it was parked in August due to a maintenance issue that has now been taken care of. Its sister fleet, the mighty blue hen golf cart, served quite well on the interim and has proven herself more than capable for light aircraft and small jets. Well, the big beast, being back in service, is available again to help with the bigger toys.

*** **NOTICE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** Last month I mentioned that the Airport will be surplus out a Lug Bug aircraft hand tug. On October 25th it went before the City Commission, CITY OF PALATKA, to be declared as surplus and it was approved as such. Be advised that this equipment is **now officially available** to all who want it. Interested parties may view the hand tug in person by contacting Airport personnel to set up an appointment.

Bids are being accepted at www.govdeals.com. Browse by category "Aircraft Aviation Parts, Equipment". Under "Asset Location" look for Palatka, FL. Bids open at 0900 local on Friday, November 16 and shall close at 1430 hours local on Friday, November 30. Only bids submitted electronically through www.govdeals.com will be accepted.



*** The *Cheap Shameless Plug*...combined with a *Public Service Announcement*...Aeronautical Charts: the L19/20 no longer includes Florida. Effective October 25, 2007, the IFR Enroute Low Altitude charts have been reconfigured...all 36 of them. If you attempt to flight plan by the L19/20, I guarantee you won't be in Florida anymore Dorothy. You will now find yourself deep in the heart of Texas.

Fear not folks. We are on top of it and we have both of the ELUS that now cover Florida. Yes, you read that right. There are now *two*. L21/22 covers west Florida and the Panhandle. And L23/24 covers south Florida and the islands, runs up the big bend and north along the east coast to what appears to be near the Tennessee line. They do overlap so both charts cover the greater JAX area. It's just a matter of how far east or west and north or south you plan on going.

Come see us for all of your charts and publication needs. We carry a variety and you'll find them all priced below their suggested retail. And remember folks, if we don't carry the chart you need, I can get it for you, overnight if need be, with a just reasonable day's notice. Oh, and thank you, to those of you have taken me up on that.

The new Florida IFR Enroute Low Altitude L21/22 and L23/24...is now available at Palatka Municipal Airport.

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

*** The *Cheap Shameless Plug*...again...! We have a second *Plug* for you today folks...by request, our collection of *HotWings* has been expanded to include...the **PT-17 Stearman** and the **Wright Flyer**. We have had these two new models for less than a week and they have literally flown off the rack, pardon the pun. So come one, come all...before they sell out.

For those of you unfamiliar, *HotWings* are die cast collectable model airplanes. The inclusion of the Stearman and the Wright Flyer now provides you a collection of 17 different models from which to choose here at 28J Palatka. And, as with all of our merchandise, you'll find the *HotWings* priced below their suggested retail.

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*** **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 **CLOSED** on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd, and closing at 1600 hours local the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 23rd. Should any services be required during these closures, such requests should be made in advance. 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.

*** The ***Airport Advisory Board*** will hold its next regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 8th, 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 in the terminal building at the Airport.

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,

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Airport Business Operations Supervisor