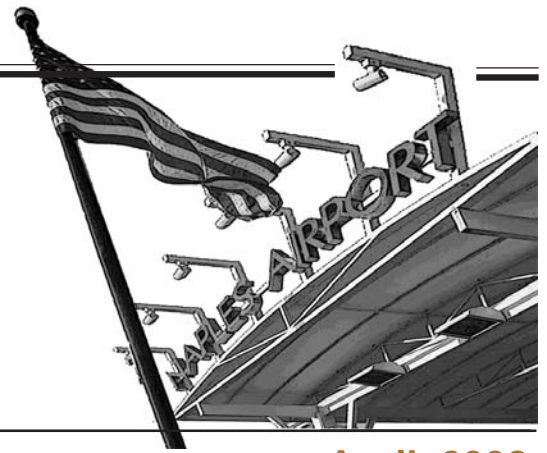


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Naples Municipal Airport Tenant Newsletter

April, 2008

Exciting developments in airport development

Watch for new activity on the airfield, coming soon! While many of our friends and tenants here at the airport will be going away to points north and west over the next few months, there will be no shortage of action right here at home. With Wilma repairs behind us, the staff can start pushing forward again with some of the many essential planning and engineering projects so critical to a safe airfield operation.

Continued uncertainty about FAA funding puts a kink in the works for nearly all things aviation-related, including our much-desired Taxiway B realignment. Even where funding has already been granted, efforts are tied up because of lack of spending authorization in Washington.

One FAA official described it as "having the money in the bank, but no checks in the checkbook." Still, it is coming out in dribs and drabs as Congress approves each temporary continuing resolution for FAA operating funds, so other work is moving ahead:

- The Contractor for the five-year Airfield Pavement Project is on board and the scope of the project is in the developmental stages. We have a very ambitious long-term project ahead, but with our expert team from Kimley-Horn and Associates, and our in-house engineer, Erv Dehn, we can all look forward to new runway, taxiway and ramp surfaces over the next five or six years.
- Taxilane Echo extension is nearing completion.
- The Airfield Marking Project is expected

to be completed before the end of April and will bring the Naples Municipal Airport into compliance with all new FAA marking regulations.

- South Florida Water Management District permits have been granted for the South Quad Hangar and Taxiway B Realignment projects. While the hangar project work can begin now, as noted, we are still awaiting funding for Taxiway B.
- Our Consultant Selection Committee has selected the architectural firm of BSSW to plan and design the addition to our passenger waiting areas and administrative offices in the General Aviation Terminal, and we look forward to alleviating the standing-room-only situation found in the GA terminal on any given winter afternoon!

This is only a test!

You don't get all the details--no one does--but we want to let you know there will be a lot of unusual activity around the APF airfield on April 29. Do not be alarmed! In fact, be reassured! This time, it's only a test.

The airport's triennial mass-casualty incident drill is coming up at the end of the month. Working together with the County's various first responders in law enforcement and emergency medical teams, along with our area hospitals, the Dept. of Homeland Security, and other critical stakeholders, we will be testing the planning and response skills that we'll need to use should there ever be a true mass-casualty incident caused by terrorism, accident or natural disaster. We don't know particulars, as the point is to test everyone's preparedness and responses, but we know it's coming. Now you know, too.

We've got your number

But we may not have your email! Whenever you have changes in your contact information, please keep us informed, whether it's new email addresses, new phone numbers, new aircraft, or new staff contacts we should be conducting business with. Send your updated information to Pam at leasing@flynaples.com.

Need a hangar? Got one? If you have hangar space to sublet, or you are looking for same, Pam may be your matchmaker! Email her or phone 643-3773, and see if she can get you hooked up!

And finally, on those leases... When cancelling your hangar or tie-down lease, please provide us with 30 days written notice so that you are not billed in error. You can email your termination info to Pam at leasing@flynaples.com, or fax it to 239-643-4084.

Administration: 643-0733
Operations: 643-0404
Leasing: 643-3773
Noise: 643-1140



April 10 Town Meeting : *Airport issues up front again?*

Your Naples Airport is on the agenda of the next Naples Town Meeting. Resident groups have been engaged in a successful series of "town meetings" where they get together and talk about what grieves them, what pleases them, and what they'd like to improve about living in Naples.

Our public opinion poll last year showed clearly that they value this airport, and they'd like to improve the level of commercial air service! And while it was less of a concern than one might expect, concerns about aircraft noise persist, though we're proud to have made Naples the national leader in noise abatement achievements.

Yet much misinformation remains and continues to be promulgated about your airport. It's easy for wrong information to spread and become entrenched as "conventional wisdom." When misinformation gets repeated, especially publically, it takes hold.

That's why it is important that airport stakeholders, particularly Naples residents, attend the Town Meeting on April 10, at 6 p.m. in the Norris Center at Cambier Park. Come, stand up for your airport and your interests, and be counted among those who value the airport! Your opinion counts, your voice should be heard!

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it in**

Regular dates worth remembering

NAA Board Meeting is conducted the third Thursday of every month, except August, at 9 a.m. in City Council Chambers. Airfield businesses have an opportunity to appear before the board and promote their business, not only to our commissioners, but to the whole community. Call Karen at 643-0733 to get on the agenda.

Naples Pilots Association meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Pilots' Lounge from 7 to 9 pm.

Civil Air Patrol – Cadets meet every Monday at 7 pm, and the Seniors meet every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Civil Air Patrol.

EAA Chapter 1067 meets the first Wednesday of the month from 7 – 9 pm at the Pilots' Lounge. Pancake Breakfasts are held the second Sunday of the month from 8 – 11am.

Junior Achievement and aviation: both need your help!

Aviation is aging! From pilots to air traffic controllers, to bureaucrats at the FAA, the entire industry is seeing a "graying" of the workforce, and there are various initiatives in place to help stimulate youth interest in aviation again! What better way than to be a personal representative of the industry, while lending your guidance and mentoring skills to just the sort of young people we want to attract to the skies!

Here's a perfect way to do it: Junior Achievement is a national organization for mentoring promising youth. Their mission: to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be work-force ready! Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida is in need of new volunteers to help with this important mission, which dovetails nicely with the needs of the aviation community today. General aviation moves business, and aviation in general needs ambassadors to help people understand that, not just here, but everywhere! Our young people can be our greatest asset, if we help them help us!

Junior Achievement is seeking new volunteer classroom consultants to work with local teachers and their classes to make business education fun. You would conduct thought-provoking discussions and activities following lesson plans provided by Junior Achievement, and relate the class activities to your own business-world experiences. You would work with the same class, about one hour each week.

What's required? Enthusiasm, commitment, and basic knowledge of the values, freedoms and responsibility of the United States' business system! You also need good communication skills and a desire to improve the economic education of our community's young people.

Please, do yourself, your community and your investment in aviation a favor! Volunteer to help Junior Achievement, and carry the message that aviation is critical to the business of our nation!

There is some training involved, so call now to be ready as soon as possible. Contact Stephanie Schultz of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida at (239) 225-2590, or reach her by email at SSchultz.JA@sfwdb.org.