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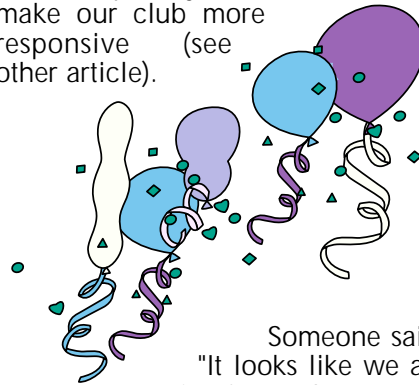
JANUARY 2002

## HOLIDAY HANGAR PARTY

The SAAPA Holiday Hanger Party came off without a hitch in spite of a little rain. 60 - 70 members, spouses and guests enjoyed a feast fitting of Kings. Even Santa made a quick stop to sparkle the evening.

Many thanks to Bruce Moore of Top Gun, the war birds organization, for providing us some great raffle items. Vic Martinelli was the lucky recipient of the grand prize - a ride in the A6 Texan war bird as part of the missing man formation that was used in the St. Augustine parade. Vic is still talking about that trip (and the g's he had to withstand).

The general membership portion of the meeting approved some changes to the by-laws that hopefully will make our club more responsive (see other article).



Someone said, "It looks like we are moving forward". We are.

We're updating how we function to better serve our membership. The changes will give us a larger base of members from which we can pull support for club functions.

Many thanks go to those that helped out with the party - Len Tucker, Billy Pacetti, Buzz George, Vic Martinelli, Pat Hale, Alan Steinberg, etc. Getting involved helps us all get to know each other more and really does exemplify one of the reasons we have a club. Special thanks go to our chefs for their culinary talents. A great time was had by all.



# AA MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2001

## Acting Items -

A. Tenant Request Fly By Cafe - Mr. Wuellner indicated he and Mr. France had discussed alternative methods to reopen the restaurant. The one presented to the AA was: 1. Purchase the lease hold improvements for \$58,800, charge \$250 per month above base rent, the financial damage due to construction would be mitigated until April 1, 2002. After that there would be a new lease cost and the restaurant would re-open by mid January.

The AA members had several questions involving the ramifications of the recommendation and the original lease. Chairman Rose : What are the improvements? Answer: All

things built into the bare shell. Mr. Lassiler questioned the mitigation damages (no rent for several months) based on the original lease clause stating the AA is not liable for risk and is "held harmless" if problems develop beyond their control. Mr. France had been given a \$30,000 credit for his improvement investment. Mr. Ciriello - Asked the AA attorney about the government role in causing loss of income in similar circumstances, also would the approval of staff recommendation establish a legal precedent? He also wanted to know about inquiries by others related to the restaurant space. The recommendation by staff was defeated and and additional AA

meeting set for 9a.m. December 27, 2001 to finalize the issue.

Pay Plan - The staff job descriptions have been done with a recommendation to bring salaries within range of other county government agencies.

Performance Review - Airport Executive director - The chairman, Mr. Rose and other AA members feel Mr. Wuellner is doing a good job but they would like to be kept more aware of on going issues.

Next meeting - January 8, 2002 - (Organizational)

Next regular meeting - February 1, 2002 4p.m.



# AA MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2001

## REPORTS -

1. County commissioner Jon Bryant suggested he sit in the audience in the future rather than in front with the AA members. His role is a liaison with the county and not an elected AA member.

2. Mr. Slingluff - Aerosport - Made comments about the recent (November 10) accident, concerns about the very slow progress on the terminal building construction and pleased about the work started on the tower. He also mentioned Aerosport fuel prices have declined and they have proposals for a self serve av gas system.

## ACTION ITEMS -

1. Leave - NA Top Gun - A negotiation of a sliding scale first 5 year lease was presented. This is a prospective 15 year renewal. Other concerns of Top Gun have also been addressed. There was extensive public comment from Mr. Bob Cox about the hangars of NA Top Gun and Prestige Refinishing and the the lease agreements. President Bruce Moore of NA Top Gun also spoke. The AA members followed with their comments. Motion was presented and seconded to accept the NA Top Gun lease as presented. Passed 3-1 (Mr. Ciriello opposed the motion).

2. Lease Prestige Refinishing - The lease proposed is a fee based system taking into consideration income and a formula that involves sharing the business risk.

Public Comment - SAAPA and former AA board member Mr. Martinelli made a comment about the arrangement. The AA members made additional comments a motion was made and passed 4-0 to accept staff recommendation of the lease.

3. Tenant Request - Fly By Cafe - Mr. Wuellner presented many details and figures about improvement costs, lease agreement, and possibilities of resolving the circumstances AA members had comments about the space its possible use, value of the equipment, etc. The motion was made and passed 4-0 to not buy the restaurant equipment. Further discussion of the issue was to be put on the next meeting agenda.

4. Interlocal Agreement - Impact Fees - This is a legal issue based on different interpretation by the County and FAA on use of revenue and valorem related to payment of impact fees. Ms. Bloodworth the AA attorney indicated the issue gets filed in Federal rather than State court for resolution. A Motion was made, seconded and

passed 4-0 to approve the pursuit of the interlocal agreement on impact fees.

5. Bid Award - Self Fueling Facility - Mr. Wuellner presented a bid of \$178,395 from Universal Petroleum for the facility. Mr. Slingluff of Aerosport said they had 3 of their own bids for such a turnkey operation. AA members and Mr. Wuellner then discussed Aerosports Comments in relation to the proposal before the AA. Mr. Martinelli then commented about the long history of the issue. Chairman Rose called for action on the bid to authorize the construction. The operation of the facility was a separate item. Motion was made seconded and passed up to accept the bid to start construction on the Self Fuel operation.

## BOARD COMMENTS -

They discussed various aspects of evaluating the performance of Mr. Wuellner (Sunshine Law, the form being used, etc.)

## PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Mr. Slingluff asked about the completion date and occupancy of the new building. He was told December 23, 2001.

Next meeting December 17, 2001.

## CHANGES TO BY - LAWS

At the Holiday Hanger party, the membership was asked to vote on some proposed changes to the basic structure of SAAPA. The following changes were approved by the membership:

1. Create an Advisory Board of all past presidents with the function of providing guidance and direction to the Board of Directors on activity requirements for the coming year. The Advisory Board will elect a chairman from within its membership.

The newly elected Board of Directors will be required to meet with the Advisory Board in January of the new year to present their plan for club activities. The Advisory Board would provide guidance and direction on the

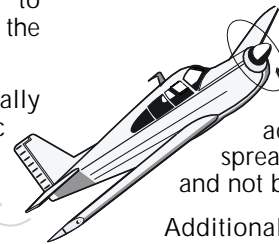
new years activities based on their past experiences with the club.

It is anticipated that this board will provide the Board of Directors with another arm upon which to draw experience and assistance for the coming year.

The Advisory Board will initially consist of: Dan Holiday, Vic Martinelli, Len Tucker, Larry Carnes, Hamilton Upchurch, Rick Lavoie, Buzz George.

2. The Board of Directors of SAAPA has been expanded to eleven (11) members with a mandatory quorum of 5

for decisions. The board will continue to function as previously defined with the addition of the requirement to include the Advisory Board as presented in item 1 previously.



The expansion provides a larger group of members so that the new years activities could be spread over more people and not burden anyone.

Additionally, the membership approved the nominated members for the Board of Directors of 2002. They are: Jim Asselta, Robert Fleming, Van Fuller, Dr. Pat Hale, Billy Pacetti, Tobe Thorpe, Dr. Bob Thousand, Len Tucker, TJ Wagner, Henry Warner, Fred Zimmerman.

## BIG THANKS

2001 was an interesting year. We tried some new things, some worked, some didn't. One thing that did work however was your Board of Directors. Without them, nothing would have gotten done.

**Vic Martinelli** – Executive VP - Always there to fill in. Vic was responsible for Creekside and its great speakers in addition to many other things (i.e., clubhouse redesign layout, self-serve gas pump direction, etc.). He's the guy you call to "bounce things off of". He tells it straight and always adds a positive flare – and knows everybody. Many thanks for your help.

**Len Tucker** – Sec/Treasurer – The backbone of the organization. Len has taken care of our finances for probably 10 years. He contributes hundreds of man-hours of his staff to generate our newsletters (art, layout, printing AND mailing). In addition, his personal hanger is the site of many functions. He even shares the results of Jean teaching him to cook turkeys with us. Need someone to take a trip – count Len, Jean and Julianna in. Len is the guy you "take a ride with" to gather input and direction. GREAT team player. Thanks.

**Marty Martindale** – VP Programs – Saturday Programs – If you want someone to thank for shutting Buzz up at meetings, Marty is the man. His Saturday programs brought us back to the days of old with some fantastically educational programs. It was good to get back to the basics of airplanes and flying. Great job. Many thanks for diving in.

**Alan Steinberg** – VP Adventure & Romance – This guy takes an assignment and overdoes it. Originally, the primary assignment was a day trip here or there. Most of you probably don't know it but Alan had 2-3 trip sites EVERY month. He's probably eaten in every restaurant that is 1 – 2 miles from an airport in ALL of north Florida. It takes a lot of personal time to find out what's going on in north Florida aviation, "check" places out, and present a plan to the group. Alan, you are the man – thanks a ton for your support to SAAPA. You're on every team I'm involved with.

**Robert Fleming** – VP Newsletters – This is the most hated job in the club. Everyone without a doubt would hide when someone mentioned, "do you have a article for the newsletter?" Robert not only took the job but dove into it as if he were going to be a reporter when he grew up. You can thank Robert also for helping keep us in sync with the AIRPORT authority. Robert spends many hours each month going to the meetings and then summarizing what they really said. One of the Airport Authority Board members told me he gets nervous when Robert is not in the audience because he doesn't have the summaries to follow the business (he has to read the court reporters minutes which has each sigh, snore, whisper, etc). Robert is always available for the club – he is involved. Please join me in thanking Robert for great newsletters and for staying with it.

**Dr. Pat Hale** – VP Membership – Pat is probably personally responsible for

90% of the new members we have. While he has you deep into your FAA physical that's when he pops the question – "do you belong to the local pilots association? The question is timed beautifully. If the answer is "no", you will be given an application. Pat has also taken it upon himself to organize our membership roster for a directory WITH pictures. This should help us all to easily recognize who our "family" is. Pat rolls up his sleeves and tackles the thankless things that make us a club. Always ready to pitch in from sweeping, setting up, to Santa shopping. Pat, you are a great asset. Thanks for being with us.

**Billy Pacetti** – Chef - Par Excellence – Billy was not on the Board last year but that didn't stop him from participating. He can be counted on for helping with ANYTHING. Most of you might not know but Billy has become the custodian of our facility (he says everyone stepped back one day and left him out front to volunteer). Be it hamburgers (for which he is famous), propane, napkins, computers, electricity or what ever, Billy is there. All of us should thank him for his interest in the club and his efforts.

I have enjoyed my role at the helm of the club and would like to thank these guys for making it easy. I thank all of you for putting up with new and crazy ideas and will still stay involved. But, after finishing the second year of my one-year term, I look forward to the new Board. They've got some good, solid ideas for a great year for all of us. Give them your support and get involved. Thanks again.

# Meetings

Our meetings are always on the

**second (2nd) Saturday  
of each month at 9:00 a.m.**

at the airport.

Join us for our next meeting

**FEBRUARY 9TH**

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