

The Flight Line



MARCH 11TH, AMELIA ISLAND - WHO'S GOING?

At the last Saturday meeting, we passed around a listing for people to sign up IF they were going. Look who's going:

Thomas Darlington
Regina Buell
Robert Fleming
Henry Warner
Alan Steinberg
TJ Wagner
Earl Douglass
Hamilton Upchurch
Pat Hale
John Wright
Dan Holiday
Scott Smith
Marty Martindale
Wayne George



SAAPA Is DOING SOMETHING ABOUT HIGH AVGAS PRICES AT SGJ

The February 10, SAAPA meeting held at the St. Augustine/St. Johns County Airport Authority was very informative related to the on going and future development at the airport. Mr. Wuellner discussed the tower, ILS, runways, taxiways, intermodal transportation concept, etc. During the meeting the membership talked at great length about the high cost of the FBO's AvGas. After considerable discussion, it was decided SAAPA should make a formal request to the AA to investigate the possibility of another source of AvGas at SGJ (self service, another

Arrival - The parking for the show is at the airport and shuttles to the show. You should plan on arriving to be at the FBO to take the shuttle at 10 AM together and maybe plan where to meet during the show.

Food - I have made reservations for 10 for lunch at the Ritz-Carlton, Cafe 4750 for 12:30. They were reluctant to take additional reservations for more. Consequently, you might want to make your own reservations. Their number in Jax is 904-277-1100 and ask for Cafe 4750 reservations.

The food situation is supposed to be a buffet at the golf club house where everyone takes a seat outside wherever they may be comfortable. Also, there are supposed to be food vendors out on the fairways around a lake with tables (we tried to get a table for pilots to no avail). The Ritz Cafe 4750 is just a step ahead and where you can

FBO) To that end, Wayne George submitted the following presentation at the Feb. 26th AA Meeting. Mr. Michael Slingluff (new Aerosport President) responded by giving various reasons for the pricing and their new fuel discount policy to base customers.

Result: The AA voted unanimously to have Mr. Wuellner investigate alternative sources of providing AvGas at SGJ. He and the staff will look into the possibilities presented and we expect a report at the March 19th AA Meeting. We will keep you informed.

actually sit and eat. Also there is a pool grill at the Ritz.

Conclusion - Might as well come on out (drive or fly). If you're not there everyone will talk about you.

We have some members that need a ride if you fly. Contact me if you have any seats available for a couple. Wayne (Buzz) George MWGeorge@AOL.com or 808-1205

SAAPA FLY-OUTS 2001

Whenever possible, fly-outs are planned for the third Saturday of the month so that last minute details can be discussed at regularly scheduled meetings. This timing will also be after the publication of our newsletter, which will further serve to remind members of these events who were not able to attend the meeting.

Note to all SAAPA members- if you need a ride to any of the fly-ins listed and have made prior arrangements, please be at the clubhouse one half hour prior to "wheels up" time.

See schedule on this months insert for Fly-out dates and times.

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AA MEETING REPORTS

There were several action items discussed and approved at the meeting. In addition, the AA attorney gave an update on the legal situation of Mrs. Barbara Bosanko. SAAPA President made a presentation related to AvGas fuel prices at SGJ (see article "SAAPA is doing something about high AvGgas prices at SGJ").

AA Membership: Ms. **Cindy Bartin** (AA attorney) stated a notice of appeal has been filed for an expedited review (ER) of the case. They have not yet received a granting of the ER and she expects it will take about 2 months for the issue to be resolved.

Action Items: Mr. **Wuellner** presented the following:

Resolution 2001-01 -

Supplemental JPA with FDOT for the Expansion of the FBO Building - This is a second supplemental for an additional \$225,000 of state money for this project. Approved 4/0.

Policy 2001-01 - Airport Authority Meeting and Conduct -

This policy formalizes the process for conducting the four types of AA meetings. This will be done under Roberts Rule of Order. Approved 4/0.

Supplemental Agreement with Earth Tech Consulting, Inc. - North East Corporate Hangar Development - The agreement would provide for engineering services for infrastructure for 6 different hangars on nine acres. The cost of \$71,700 was approved 3/1. Mr. **Ciriello** raised the question why isn't it possible to get one blanket approval for projects underway and save funds by that process. Mr. **Wuellner** replied he had tried that approach but permitting agencies (i.e. Water Management District) will not provide permitting that way.

Bid Award - Tree Clearing - The submitted bids were evaluated and all were in excess of allocated funds. Mr. **Wuellner** recommended that AA reject all bids. The staff will repackage the project and send out a re-bid of a future agenda. The AA rejected the bids 4/0.

Presentation of Strategic Plan - Mr. **Wuellner** and staff presented the 10 goals and objectives of the AA Strategic Plan developed in 1996. The AA objected to the wording of goal 1, Item E. This deals with construction of buildings for revenue enhancement. It should be restated to add aviation related.

Capital Projects Update

Control Tower - Mr. **Wuellner** has met with the successful bidder and reduced costs to 1.4 million. He was given approval by the AA to seek additional funds from FDOT on a 80/20 basis.

FBO Corporate Hangars - Mr. **Wuellner** will try and obtain additional FDOT funding so they can move toward Phase II. By doing this, it is possible to eliminate \$20,000 in Phase I.

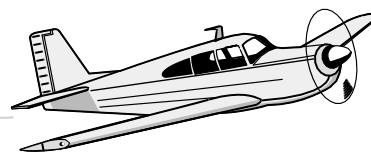
Future AA Meetings - Monday, March 19th, April 16th - Review the 1996 Strategic Plan, Change May meeting from 21st to 14th (conflict)

EDITOR'S NOTES

Get involved - Attend the March 19th AA meeting (4pm) and show your support for SAAPA's effort to get reduced AvGas prices at SGJ.

For items you want to have in the Flightline (e.g. For Sale, Events information, Aviation related articles, etc.) contact me at (904) 824-2111, 3111 Harbor Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Future featured articles - "Patty Wagstaff" by Sue Upchurch, "Bird 1 Alan 0" by Alan Steinberg



JET FUEL MEANS REVENUE FOR AIRPORT, COUNTY

by Linda Burchette
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The Jefferson Post

With the awarding of a contract to provide equipment for jet fuel at Ashe County Airport, expansion of the facility and a significant increase in tax revenue for the county is expected.

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners at last Monday's meeting awarded a contract to Double Check

Company of Kansas City, MO., to provide a 10,000 gallon Jet-A-Fuel Tank to the airport. The winning bid of \$38,630 (the lowest of five bids) is the first step to acquiring the jet fuel long requested by customers of the facility.

In addition to the tank provided by the Missouri company, the county will provide a concrete slab for placement (\$1,000), fuel testing equipment (\$702.65) and electrical hookup (\$1,650). Total cost for the project is \$41,982.65

Jet fuel will be purchased by Marvin Stump, Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the airport. The county will receive 3 cents per gallon from sales with any additional profit going to the FBO.

According to Patty McMeans, county emergency management coordinator in charge of the jet fuel bid process, Stump has begun preparing the site for the concrete slab and will coordinate with Double Check Company for installation of the tank.

SAAPA CHALLENGES FUEL PRICE HIKE

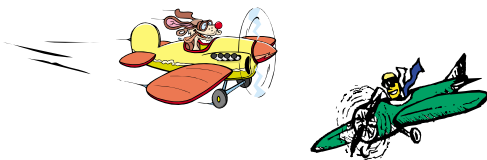
As I hope you are aware, the membership at the 2/10 Saturday meeting voted for SAAPA to take a stand on the high avgas prices (\$2.95 at Aero Sport).

We did at the Airport Authority Board meeting 2/26. See the attached letter. We basically asked for an investigation of another fuel option - a self-service pump and the authority to plan for facilities for another FBO on the field in the next 5 year plan update.

The board instructed the Ed Wuellner and his airport administration staff to resurrect the last feasibility study on a self-serve facility and update itself on the present situation. They will be reporting back at the board meeting on Monday, March 19th at 4PM. We need a good showing of "concerned citizens" so please show up.

PIREPS

The AOPA Safety Foundation is sponsoring a series of seminars in Florida during the month of March. The subject is "Collision Avoidance". The closest location for us is the Daytona Beach, Embry Riddle, Monday, March 19, 2001 presentation. The time is 7-9 pm and it will be held in their Instructional Center Auditorium, 600 S. Clyde Morris Blvd. At our March SAAPA meeting maybe we can talk about getting a group together to go to Daytona on the 19th, have supper and attend the seminar.



SAAPA CLUBHOUSE

Ladies Ladies Ladies

We're looking for your advice. We want to re-do our clubhouse to make it more attractive and functional for our get-togethers and would like to have your input. Please call **Vic Martinelli @ 285-4409** with your ideas.

ALSO, we need some statistics. Could you answer the following questions (previously sent via E-mail) and forward them to Buzz George at HYPERLINK mail to: MWGeorge@AOL.com MWGeorge@AOL.com or 32 ST. Augustine Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32080.

1. How often do you go to one of the outlying airports to buy fuel _____ (#times / month) and how much fuel do you typically purchase? _____ # gallons.
2. With the new fuel prices in effect, how many times do you think you will go to the outlying airports now? _____ (# times/month) and _____ (# gallons) per time.
3. If we install a self-service pump in St. Augustine, how many times per month (_____) and how much fuel each time (_____) do you anticipate buying from the St. Augustine self-service pump?
4. If we have to start a cooperative, would you be willing to make an upfront contribution to join so you could buy fuel through the self serve pump? (Assume we could keep it to \$500 - 1000). _____ (yes/no)
5. Should SAAPA get involved in a self-service avgas business?_____ (yes/no)

Thanks for you input and hope to see you at the meeting.

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Mr. Ed R. Wuellner
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Ref: Soaring AvGas Fuel Prices

Dear Mr. Wuellner:

The St. Augustine Airport Pilots Association (SAAPA) respectfully requests the St. Augustine/St. Johns County Airport Authority investigate the possibility of installing a self service aviation fuel facility at the airport and include in the new 5 year plan an option for a second FBO facility with the same "prime" facility option presently enjoyed by Aero Sport.

We all realize that wholesale fuel prices have probably risen in the last year and that our FBO has to make a profit if they are to stay in business. Additionally though, we feel the Airport Authority is in existence to provide facilities/services that are needed by the St. Johns county public. We are part of the St. Johns county public and we need a more economical option to fuel availability - just like some of our neighboring airports.

SAAPA has in excess of 100 members who probably represent the majority of repeat AvGas purchasers at the St. Augustine airport. The recently published listing "Fuel Comparison" is slanted in an attempt to make the point that Aero Sport's pricing is in line with other facilities (prices average \$2.93). Some interesting points not highlighted:

1. Other "local" airports have a different story to tell regarding 100 LL fuel prices:
 - Palatka - \$2.40 (Full Service)
 - Herlong - \$2.40 (Full Service)
2. Other local airports have a self-service option that provides even lower prices:
 - Ormond - \$2.11 (Self Service)
 - Daytona - \$2.09 (Self Service)
 - Flagler - \$2.06 (Self Service)

This raises the question, are the prices we are being charged due to the fact that we only have 1 FBO and there is no need for "competition" considerations when setting prices? It's probably time to start thinking about where a second FBO will fit into the growth plans of St. Augustine.

Attached for your info are the above referenced "Fuel Comparison" presented recently by Aero Sport and a recent article from Jefferson, N.C. that indicates 10,000 gallon fuel tank facility costs \$41,982.65.

SAAPA wants to continue to support the many excellent additions to our airport but find we need to "take care of family" before we get too ambitious about transients.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

M.W. (Buzz) George
President

Letter sent to
Mr. Wuellner
regarding AvGas
prices.

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SAAPA SHIRTS

We will have all the shirts that were ordered at the March meeting. So if you haven't received yours plan to pick it up then. We have also left 3 catalogs in the clubhouse that you can browse through to order your own customized SAAPA paraphernalia. The folks at The Sports Corner will gladly order anything for you and have it embroidered with the SAAPA emblem.



Contact Mary at
The Sports Corner,
2 Pacific St.,
St. Augustine, FL
to place an order.
(904) 824-5818

SAAPA member Pat Hale, M.D. has moved the location where he conducts pilots medical exams. He can be reached at the following address:

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Meetings

Our meetings
are always on the
second (2nd) Saturday
of each month at 9:00 a.m.
at the airport.

MARCH 10TH

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SAAPA CALENDAR 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
March 3 (Sat)	Model Remote Control Aircraft Flagler County Airport (x47) Model remote control aircraft convention and fly-in. If you haven't seen one of these models, you are in for a treat! Taxi and park near the "tent city" set up at the north end of the field. Food vendors will be on site or bring a picnic lunch. Bring the youngsters for this one- they'll love it. To get an idea of what the models look like, see http://members.aol.com/rsjoma5/floridajets.html Wheels up time: 10:30 am	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
March 10 (Sat)	SAAPA Meeting - Program "Aircraft Engine Differential Compression"	Marty Martindale 287-3553
March 11 (Sun)	Concours d'Elegance Auto Show Fernandina Beach Airport (55j) Concours d'elegance classic auto show (see february saapa newsletter insert). Wheels up time: approximately 9:30 am (aircraft to arrive fernandina at 10:30). Members will meet at that time at the fbo for transportation to the ritz-carlton hotel, site of the event.	Wayne George 808-1205
April 14 (Sat)	SAAPA Meeting - Program "Biannual Flight Review"	Fred Zimmerman
April 19 (Thur)	Quarterly Meeting (Creeside)	Vic Martinelli 829-4409
April 21 (Sat)	Outdoor Arts/Seafood Festival Cedar Key (Lewis) Airport (CDK) Annual outdoor arts and seafood festival. Details to follow	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
April 27-29 Weekend	Interstate Mullet Toss Perdido Key	T. J. Wagner 443-3636
May 19 (Sat)	Visit Navy Seal Museum Ft Pierce (St. Lucie County) Airport (FPR) Visit to local air museum. Details to be announced.	Bob Thousand, DDS 824-6048
June 15 (Fri)	Tour Piper Aircraft Factory Vero Beach Airport (VRB) Tour of Piper Aircraft Factory. This event being held on Friday as tours are only given on certain days of the week. Details to be announced.	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
June 23 Weekend	Family Event Charleston, S.C	Wayne George 808-1205
July Aug 11 (Sat)	Open BBQ and FSAACA Event Haller Field, Palatka, FL (Private airpark) (PVT) Saapa member John Drago is hosting a barbecue. This is a FSAACA event, but SAAPA members are welcome to attend. Wheels up: 10:30	John Drago
Sept. 13-16 Weekend	Reno Air Races Stead, Nevada	T. J. Wagner 443-3636
Sept 15 (Sat)	Fantasy of Flight Museum Winter Haven (Gilbert Field) Airport (GIF) Fantasy of flight museum visit. Details to be announced.	TBA
Oct. 19-20 Weekend	Kings Bay Sub Base St. Mary's, GA (4J6) A visit to the King's Bay Submarine Base. Details to be announced.	Linton and Ruth Broome Atlanta Flying Rebels
Nov 17 (Sat)	4th Annual SAAPA Olympics Jekyll Island, GA (09J) 4th Annual SAAPA Olympics. Wheels up: 9-9:30 am (aircraft arrival by 10:15)	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
Dec	Annual Holiday Party	TBA

FLYING REBELS CALENDAR 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Feb 4 (Sun) 12:30 pm	Lunch Meeting 57th Flying Squadron	Vernon Lemmon
Mar 11 (Sun)	Amelia Island, FL Concours Car Show, Ritz Carlton www.ameliaislandconcours.org	Joint with SAAPA Wayne George Sandy Thomas
Mar 24 (Sat) 6:00 pm	Dinner Meeting TBA	Vernon Lemmon
Apr 8-14	EAA Sun n Fun, Lakeland, FL www.sun-n-fun.org	No sponsor FYI only
Apr 20-22	Lexington, KY Keeneland lunch and racing, horse farms	Sandy and Terry Thomas
Apr 27 (Fri)	Ft. Payne Fly-in School children fly-by & static display	Information: John Harper
Apr 28 (Sat) 6:00 pm	Dinner Meeting TBA	Vernon Lemmon
May 18-20	Savannah, GA	Carol Comer
June 9 (Sat)	PDK, Atlanta, GA Good Neighbor Day, Membership Drive	Sam DiGiammarino
June 16 (Sat)	Pine Mtn, Callaway Gardens Picnic	Jim Clark
July 24-30	EAA Oshkosh www.airventure.org	FYI Only No Sponsor
Aug 2-5	Cape Cod, MA Joint Fly-in with SAAPA	Wayne George Dave Binnix
Aug 25 (Sat) 6:00 pm	Dinner Meeting TBA	Vernon Lemmon
Sept 14-16	Charlottesville, VA Monticello, UVa, Hot air balloon ride	Jim Clark
Sept 22 (Sat) 6:00 pm	Dinner Meeting TBA	Vernon Lemmon
Oct 12-13	Louisville, KY Bowman Field 99's Catbird 500 Air Derby	John Harper
Oct 19-20	Kings Bay, GA Submarine Base, St. Mary's Island	Linton and Ruth Broome
Oct 27 (Sat) 6:00 pm	Dinner Meeting TBA	Vernon Lemmon
Nov 9-10	New Orleans, LA	Jim Turner
Dec	Holiday Party TBA	Dick Lyon