

# The Flight Line

MARCH 2002

## EXCURSIONS & FLY-OUTS

This season's first excursion to Grand Bahamas is currently scheduled for late April, after Sun & Fun. This is a great time of the year to be in the Bahamas with warm temperatures and less humidity than later in the season. Our initial flight will be to Ft. Pierce for a weather update, filing flight plan and fuel top-off before continuing down the coast and a short hop over to Grand Bahamas Island, landing at Freeport International. Lodging and activities on the island along with procedures and required paper work will be discussed at a get

together in advance of the trip. - This is being set up to be an easy & fun trip so leave room on your calendar if you are interested. Any questions or suggestions just call 829-9733.

The last Saturday meeting (Feb 16) led into a short flight to the recently re-opened restaurant at Flagler Co (X47). We had a good turn out as the weather continued to get better, the restaurant was cheerful and the food pretty tasty!

The weather on the following Saturday looked ominous for a flight to the Little River Fly-in/Benefit but a

phone call to McAlpin reported "sunny & warm" condition's and proved to be spot-on as we flew west below the overcast sky. This turned out to be one of the best organized and fun fly-ins yet! Great BBQ, good live Bluegrass music and all the other trappings of an event run by an active & hospitable group were the rewards for joining in on this one.

Every weekend (weather permitting) we have the opportunity to meet and choose from any number of events & destinations in our area. Particularly this time of the year.



## AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORT

Governor Jeb Bush has appointed Ponte Vedra attorney Suzanne W. Green to the AA to fill Ms. Barbara Bosanko's vacant position. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and will be

active through January 5, 2005. The names of four candidates were submitted to the Governor's office for consideration. Wayne George wants to thank everyone who submitted letters of support on his behalf.



## AA MEETING - FEBRUARY 11, 2002

Prior to dealing with the Action Items on the agenda, Mr. Michael Slingluff of Aerosport Inc. made a report related to the business affect on Aerosport and the businesses at the airport (Southeast Aero and the Flight School) because of the missed deadlines in construction. They are being impacted a great deal financially and he requested the AA go after the bond funds to help the situation.

Action Items -

A. Bid Award - Generator - The AA approved Ring Power as the contractor. Their bid was a little higher than the lowest one submitted, but the opportunity to get local parts and local service was important to the AA. The tower contractor will do the installation.

B. Bid Award - Northeast Hangars 5 and 6 - The lowest bid came from a new company and the AA did not feel comfortable awarding the contract to them based on recent experience with the FBO area construction. More details will be available later.

C. Project Updates:

① Self Service Pump - This is expected to be completed in March. There will be a need for signage at this time. Chevron from Tampa will probably be the supplier.

② Tower - The construction is expected to be completed in May with the electronics installed in June. The Tower plans to be operational July 1.

③ ILS - Ring Power will be involved with the back-up power since it is tied to the generator installation. The approach plates for the ILS are expected to be published in April.

④ Taxiway B - It will run through the middle of the airport and the FAA has set aside \$1.85 million for the project.

D. Multi Modal Center - The State apparently considers this a high priority. As a result, funds have been appropriated for a feasibility study with a portion of the monies going for the St. Augustine area.

Next meeting - Monday - March 18, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.



## MARCH 9 - SAAPA MEETING

**Robert Fleming** will profile his 1965 Piper Cherokee 140, N6962W. The plane has many performance mods including gap seals, Metco Aire wing tips, Fancy Pants wheel fairings and a tuned exhaust. Robert has contacted Mr. Stu Gallond at

Power Flow Systems in Daytona Beach about a facility tour to demonstrate the exhaust and their sister company Laminar Flow performance mod's. Mr. Gallond said he would be pleased to have us visit the facility in the future but it

will not be possible on Saturday, March 9. They are doing some major restructuring within the company that won't be completed by that date. Robert will set up a suitable time and publish the information in a future "Flightline"

## BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors and Council of Past Presidents met recently at the Wayne George home to work on the plans for this years activities. Everyone contributed to the lively discussion involving possible events, direction of the club, etc. The experience of the past presidents of what seems to work and what doesn't was very beneficial. Those present were: Past Presidents - **Vic Martinelli, Rick Lavoie, Wayne George;** Current Board - **Jim Asselta, Van Fuller, Len Tucker, Robert Fleming, Fred Zimmerman, Billy Pacetti, Dr. Pat Hale, Tobe Thorpe, Dr. Bob Thousand, and T.J. Wagner.**



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE FLIGHT SURGEON'S DESK

By N. Patrick Hale, M.D., Senior FAA Medical Examiner

My son is 15 years old and wants to solo on his 16th birthday. When should he take his flight physical?

A Medical Certificate (the white copy) may be issued to anyone regardless of age if otherwise qualified. The combination Medical Certificate and Student Pilot License (the yellow copy) can be issued at age 16 without restriction. It may also be issued within 30 days of the 16th birthday with the restriction: NOT VALID UNTIL (month, day, year of 16th birthday)

I lost my Medical Certificate. How can I replace it?

A Certificate that is lost or accidentally destroyed may be replaced upon proper application provided it has not expired. The request should be sent to: Manager, Aeromedical Certification Division, AAM-300 Federal Aviation Administration, Civil Aeromedical Institute, P.O. Box 26080 Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0080. A check for \$2.00 payable to the FAA should accompany the request. The replacement Certificate will bear the original date of issue. An alternative is to have another medical examination and update the Certificate.

What are the language requirements of an applicant?

An applicant for an Airman Medical and Student Pilot Certificate must be able to read, speak, write, and understand the English language. If an examiner believes an applicant applying for this certificate cannot meet this requirement, the applicant shall be referred to the nearest Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) for a determination of eligibility.

May I wear contact lenses for flying?

Yes, for distant vision but the FAA considers the use of contact lenses specifically for the correction of near vision, either bifocal or unifocal, to be inappropriate. Item 17b. On the medical history sheet asks this question, "Do you ever use near vision contact lenses while flying?" If you check yes and no further comment is made, you will receive a letter from the FAA.

I have been told I have a problem with color vision but I can see traffic signals and navigational lights without a problem. Can I pass a flight physical?

If you fail the color vision test, which the FAA Medical Examiner gives, you may be given a certificate, which restricts you to not flying at night or by color signal control. You can then apply for a statement of demonstrated ability (SODA) waiver. These are usually granted when the medical condition is static and nonprogressive and the airman is found capable of performing airman duties without endangering public safety. Once you have the SODA waiver for color vision, you do not have to take the color vision examination again during later examinations.



## Spatial Disorientation

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## Meetings

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

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