

The Flight Line

MAY 2002

EXCURSIONS & FLY-OUTS

This year's first week-end excursion was to Grand Bahama Island on the last week-end of April. Bob and Jane Thousand held a meeting mid-month providing information which made the procedures and paper work much smoother for all involved. After a weather check and filing flight plans, the crossing from Ft. Pierce was less effort than flying down the coast with hazy but stable conditions all the way over. It's recommended to fly high for safety and better radio reception. Freeport Intl on 118.5 guided us in between commercial flights without a hitch. With Jane's help, Customs on arrival was a breeze. Landing fees are required as Freeport is privately owned. Once on the island we had a great time fishing, cruising the island and relaxing while researching the local rum products. Foreign investments have

done remarkable development along the beachfront in the Lucaya area and tourists here made to feel welcome. A short drive gets you to the International Bazaar, Casino and Government Center. A little further and you're out of the tourist district and into the "hinterland"... good navigation is recommended here.

On departure the facilities for weather brief and filing flight plans are available but seem to require "clearance at the desk" to perform normal functions. Customs and additional fees are requested at this time but be wary as some are not officially required. You can activate your flight plan on Miami Radio 126.7 or 122.4. They will assign a squawk to clear you through the ADIZ. The flight to Ft. Pierce takes a little more time than getting yourself out of that airport and

before long you've crossed the Stream and standing at the Customs desk back home. Our Customs people are seriously understaffed at this time yet they seemed to go out of their way to be helpful and efficient. this was really a fun trip and we look forward to returning to the Bahamas. Many thanks again to Bob and Jane for providing their yacht and so much help and information to make it easy! Information packets are still available for those of you thinking about doing this trip in the future - just call 829-9733.

We are now posting the Jerry Rooks list of flying events on the clubhouse bulletin board. There's usually several events going on every week-end and sometimes during the week. Let's make good use of the last of this spring weather!



AA MEETING APRIL 15, 2002

PROCEEDINGS -

AA Attorney Mr. George McClure administered the oath of office to new AA member Suzanne W. Green. Later in the meeting the other AA members welcomed Ms. Green.

All issues that required AA approval passed unanimously. There was discussion of several items and explanations by either Mr. McClure or Mr. Ed Wuellner: current status of construction of terminal building at the airport (now the responsibility of the bond holder), county commission agenda item of aircraft landing field, fuel charges by M. Slingluff and F-5 flight test operations by Grumman's Mr. John Leslie.

8A - Tentative Award - Taxiway B - Staff was recommending a tentative award of the contract subject to the receipt of the grant from the FAA. The award would go to Sloan Associates not to exceed \$1,385,644.05. The project is 90% Federal, 5% State and 5% Local.

8B - Tentative Award Hangar #7 - The project has changed in size and scope. As a result, the total project for hangars 5, 6 and 7 exceeds the available grant

funds by \$500,000. By some substitution of some capital line items, Mr. Wuellner feels the project is feasible. Mr. Slingluff raised the question of impact on projects underway (i.e. rehabilitation of the bulk hangar, etc.)

8C - Policy 02-01 Self Fueling Pricing - There is a need to establish the retail price of the AA operated aircraft self fuel operations at SGJ. Fuel prices will be compared at six other airports: Herlong, Flagler County, Kay Larkin, Keystone Heights, Fernandina and Ormond. The facility construction is coming along well and is expected to be turned over to the AA by the end of the month (give or take a day or two.)

8D - Scope and Change Proposal - Eastside Corporate - There was a need for a fair amount of value engineering which included the SK project on Hangar #5. As a result, Earth Tech is requesting an additional \$17,000 for the design services. That would bring the total design figures to \$83,106 for Hangar 6 and 7.

8E - Project Updates -

1) AMTRAK - This is a Federal Government funding issue.

(2) Air Traffic Control Tower - Construction is on schedule and within budget..

(3) Master Plan - Part of a FAA letter indicated they intend to fund the plan and have funds set aside.

(4) ILS - Power is on and a formal request has been made to have the FAA ground check the system.

Compensation of the Executive Director - The AA recommended and approved a 9% increase that was within budget. There was public comment by a Mr. Kile about the increase

PUBLIC COMMENT -

(1) Mr. Harvey expressed concern about community input into the master Plan proposal.

(2) Mr. Russ Miller - Squadron Commander of CAP St. Augustine Squadron #173 made a presentation highlighting the mission of the CAP and its involvement in the community.

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NEXT SAAPA MEETING SAT. MAY 11, 2002 9AM

AIRPLANE PROFILE -

Come and learn about the 2001 Cessna 172 S stationed at SGJ with the CAP Squadron #173. Squadron Commander and SAAPA member Russ Miller will provide information about the planes capabilities, avionics, etc. Learn about the mission of the CAP and the role you can play as a CAP member.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE FLIGHT SURGEON'S DESK

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

What is the FAA requirement for blood pressure?

The average blood pressure while sitting should not exceed 155/95 for all classes. If an aviator has developed hypertension since his last aviation medical and now takes medicine for control, he must provide a current cardiovascular evaluation. A resting ECG and lab work will be required. Specific mention should be made of presence or absence of side effects.

What medicines are allowed for blood pressure control?

Medications acceptable to the FAA for treatment of hypertension in airmen include all FDA approved diuretics, alpha-adrenergic blocking agents, beta-adrenergic blocking agents, calcium channel blocking agents, and direct vasodilators. Centrally acting agents such as methyl dopa and reserpine are usually not allowed. The AOPA website has a discussion of medicines that may be helpful if you have want further information.

What is the current requirement for hearing?

You should demonstrate hearing of an average conversational voice in a quiet room, using both ears at 6 feet, with the back turned to the examiner or you must pass an audiometric test.

When must I have an electrocardiogram? (ECG)

The ECG is not normally required for class 2 or class 3. It is required for class 1 at age 35 and again at age 40 and annually afterwards. If the examiner had a question about the cardiovascular status he may require an ECG for other classes as well.

Must I list my social security number and do I need any identification at the time of my exam?

You are not legally required to list your social security number, although the FAA does request you give it for identification and control purposes. You should bring a government issued photo ID such as a driver's license or passport.

What medical records should I bring in for my aviation medical examination?

If you have a significant medical history, take prescription medicines, or have had surgery which might have an effect on flying safety you should bring records and a current status report from your treating physician. Each case must be evaluated on its own merits and it is much easier for the aviation medical examiner to evaluate if you have complete records available for his review.

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If you have any questions you would like answered in future columns you may e-mail them to me at phale175@aol.com

Recent Event at Fiddlers Green



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

MAY 11TH

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