

The Flight Line



SAAPA AIR AND SEA ADVENTURE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 15TH

SAAPA (and fly-out committee) member **Bob Thousand** has graciously offered the SAAPA membership a day on his motor yacht "Thousand Island", a 49' DeFever trawler. The vessel is moored in Fort Pierce, so we have an opportunity to fly and float on the same day! The day we have set aside for this event is Saturday, September 15th, so please make note and keep this date available.

The plan is for all to arrive at Ft. Pierce St. Lucie County Airport (FPR) at 10:00 AM and proceed directly to the

marina. Transportation will be provided by the club. Bob has a scenic trip planned along the inter-coastal waterway so there is no need to worry about rough waters spoiling the day. Participants should bring picnic lunches. SAAPA will provide soft drinks, ice and cups. Also suggested are bathing suits and towels as there will an opportunity for a swim while at anchor.

As you can imagine, it is very important that your fly-out committee know how many members will be attending so the necessary logistics can

be worked out. All members wishing to attend should so advise **Alan Steinberg** no later than the September 8th general meeting-- sooner if possible. At this meeting final details will be advised.

Many thanks to Bob for this generous offer — we all appreciate it.

Also, congratulations are in order as Bob has recently acquired a Cherokee 6-300 with every imaginable accessory on board.....even radar! We wish you and your family all the best with your new wings.

AA MEETING REPORT JULY 16,2001

I was unable to attend this meeting due to a conflict but I have extracted the following information from articles written by Peter Quinte in the St. Augustine Record. The information deals with the multi model transportation hub and the acquisition of several homes adjacent to the airport.

Multi Model Transportation Hub: The presentation to the AA covered: cost estimate; community economic impact; community growth figures; architectural rendering and flood plan; functions of the terminal and financial aspects of funding.

The cost estimate is \$45.5 million to build but the community impact would result in employment of 1,100 in construction, related trades and transportation. The estimate would be \$62.5 million in community income due to tourism, business activity and tax base.

The hub would involve Amtrak trains, passenger vehicles, taxis, rental cars, limo's, Greyhound and Sunbus connections. Growth in the area is projected to be considerable over the next decade and the hub would help reduce surface road traffic.

Plans call for a 55,000 square foot two story terminal, parking for 300 cars and a pedestrian bridge to link the terminal with the airport main building. The facade would be coquina stone.

At present there is no lead agency responsible for building the facility. By including the airport in the plans the project could possibly be eligible for FAA funds.

The possible percentage funding contributions would be; Federal 28%; state 59%; local 13%. Based on that

projection, the county and city governments would need to contribute \$6.75 million. Mr. Wuellner sought approval of the AA to apply for state Transportation Outreach Program funds. In the past these funds have paid for 100% of this type of cost.

Home Acquisition: In the past the AA has considered acquiring 5 parcels adjacent to the airport to allow for additional hangars and required retention pond. The process would involve outright sale of the homes or use of eminent domain. There was considerable difference in the properties appraisals and counter offers by two of the owners. One and a half million dollars had been budgeted for the land. Two AA members (Mr. Lassiter and Mr. Ciriello) were not in favor of the process so the AA will not pursue the acquisition at this time.



NEW E-MAIL SERVICE PROVIDER

This week, we sent you an email explaining that SAAPA will no longer be using Microsoft Central's "ListBot" service, as Microsoft will be discontinuing the "FREE" version of this feature.

You have now been added to the SAAPA group at Yahoo! Groups, a free, easy-to-use email group service. To continue sending and receiving email

notices, you do not need to take any further action. You can immediately start sending messages to the group by emailing SAAPA@yahoogroups.com. If you do not wish to belong to the SAAPA email group, you may unsubscribe by sending an email to SAAPA.unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

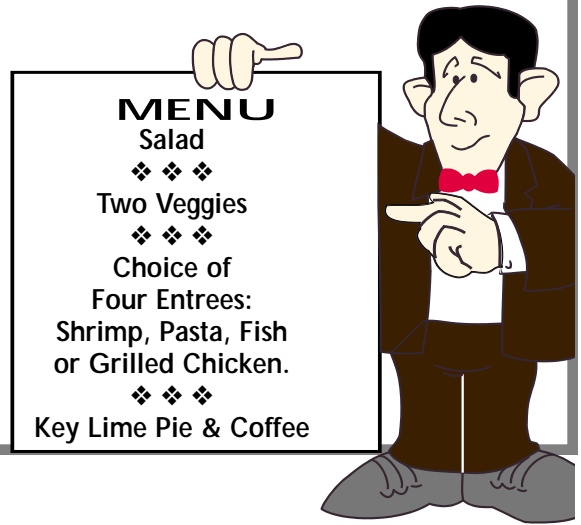
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September 20th Creekside Dinery

Our guest speaker is Clark Alger, retired Chief Operating Officer of Delta Airlines. Clark is a former Air Force B52 driver and was the youngest command pilot in B 52's at the time with over 3000 hours in the bomber. Clark joined Delta in 1966 and worked his way up from pilot to Chief Pilot to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In this position he was responsible for 600 aircraft and 60,000 employees. Clark maintained his pilot proficiency in a variety of aircraft including the Boeing 767 up until his retirement. He retired in 1998 and is now President of E Aviation LLC a worldwide consulting and solutions endeavor. Clark and his wife Alice live in Crescent Beach and have graciously consented to be our guest speaker on Sept. 20th at Creekside.

Cost is \$21.00 per person including tax & gratuity • Cocktails will start at 6:30 pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**



AIR RACES ANYONE?

September 19th to the 23rd is rapidly approaching. Have you made your reservations yet? **TJ Wagner** has 6 rooms left in Reno for the annual air race. In addition to TJ, **Buzz George** and **Dave Binnix**, Nolan Hanson and Bob Inman from Atlanta are going. Should be a lot of fun. Call TJ and get a room in your name quick if you want to go.

TJ has provided us with his notes from last year on how to best cope with the weather and territory.

Here's his survival kit notes from last year at Reno:

- Wear a broad brimmed hat - you will cook without it because of the altitude and no clouds.
- Get a bandanna for your neck and keep wetting it during the day - wish I would have done this last year.
- Take in at least 3 liters of water per person for each day - more if you can carry it.
- Wear only white cotton tee shirts during the day.
- Wear shorts only while at the races - it's BS about how cold it is in the morning.
- Wear white cotton socks.
- Use suntan lotion with an SPF

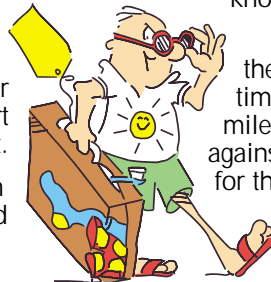
Meetings

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

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rating of 30 or greater.

- Use lip balm - the wind will dry your lips out in about an hour.
- Use a saline nasal spray or Vaseline for your nose (for us high humidity boys that dry air will turn your nasal passages to hard rocks.)
- Bring 2 pairs of dress slacks for the casinos and restaurants and as many dress shirts as you think you will need.
- Binoculars - the Unlimited's get way out there on their course and the Sport class is small and fast.
- Scanner - to listen in to the pits and racers



Reserved seating tickets are not available until Wednesday (at least that's the way it was last year)

Pits are open to spectators Monday through Wednesday at no charge - from Thursday on there is a fee to enter and it's a lot more crowded with less chance to talk to the team members.

The air shows between races are almost the same each day, so save taking pictures until the second day when you know what's going to happen when.

Taking pictures of planes on the back course is almost a waste of time as the planes are about 1-2 miles away from you and hard to see against the mountains. Save pictures for the main stretch and turn #1.

See you at the races!

LAST HALF OF 2001 SHAPING UP!

If you missed this month's meeting, you lost out on a lot of fun. After a very informative meeting by the Board of Directors, it was decided that we shouldn't fly but turn to "refreshments." **Billy Pacetti** fired up the grill and we had lunch in the clubhouse. **Ken Yetter** and **Len Tucker** enjoyed it so much they slept on the sofa under the air conditioner while the rest of us formed a grandstand and judged student landings. Great day.

The rest of 2001 will hold many more. Specifically:

Cape Cod Trip - Aug 2nd - 6th, Call **Buzz George** at 806-1717 if you want to go. See the July issue of The Flightline for more specific details.

Reno Air Races - Sept 19th - 23rd, Call **TJ Wagner** at 443-3636.

Quarterly Creekside meeting - 3rd Thursday in September - 20th

Hangar Party - October 20th - Saturday afternoon fly some and eat some.

Olympics or picnic - November 17th, for details contact Alan Steinberg at 285-1942.

Holiday Hangar Party - Fried Turkey, Low Country Shrimp Boil, and Meat Loaf - Thursday, December 13th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAAPA Calendar of Events – 2001

The board of directors who have taken on the responsibility of planning events this year are putting together a very interesting and varied calendar. The committees are:

Saturday Programs and Education

Marty Martindale – 287-3553

Quarterly and Special Meetings

Vic Martinelli – 285-4409

Ladies and Gentlemen – We want to make our quarterly dinner-meetings informative as well as a fun evening for all. So far, the Creekside restaurant seems to be the right place. (Meeting room & food). So, what we need are your ideas for speaker and/or program content. Also, if you have personal contacts with interesting speakers we would like to invite them to address our group. Please call Vic at 904-285-4409 with your ideas.



Family Weekend Trips **Wayne (Buzz) George – 808-1205**

This committee met and decided to start with 2 fully coordinated and planned trips for this year and a few informal, "come join us" trips which will not have a coordinated agenda by a SAAPA representative. It is hoped that from this variety, we can plan the kind of trips that best suit the majority of the members next year.

The coordinated trips will be planned for airport arrival times, transportation to lodging, evening meal, Saturday options for joint activities, Saturday afternoon for self directed activities, Saturday evening meal and outing, Sunday breakfast and transportation back to airport. The trips should be a lot of fun with activities planned if you want to participate. These are not fly together over and back only trips but are group activities designed to let us get to know our fellow members better.

Saturday Trips and Flyouts **Alan Steinberg – 285-1942**

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.

We will be updating the calendar as the year progresses. Please let us know in advance of any event that you would like to know more about and don't forget to check out our web site at www.SAAPA.com for more information as well.

Happy Flying!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Aug. 2-6 Weekend	Cape Cod Trip Massachusetts	Buzz George 806-1717
Aug. 11 (Sat)	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. 15 (Sat)	SAAPA Air & Sea Adventure Ft. Pierce St. Lucie County Airport (FPR) SAAPA (and fly-out committee) member Bob Thousand will host SAAPA members for a day on his 49' motor yacht "Thousand Island."	Alan Steinberg 285-1942
Sept. 19-23 Weekend	Reno Air Races Stead, Nevada	T. J. Wagner 443-3636
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

UPDATE ON SAAPA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Many of you have already given me your current information for the new SAAPA membership directory and I appreciate your help. Those that have not and wish to be listed in our new directory, please complete this form and return it to me. Do it

today! I hope to have a working copy by the next quarterly dinner meeting at Creekside. I plan to have a digital camera available that evening to add a picture of each member and spouse. If you have a picture you would like to use, bring it along that

night or send it on with the form and we can scan it into the directory. We will be accepting business advertisements for the directory soon. If you wish to reserve a space for an ad, let me know. Thanks for your help. Have fun and fly safely!

NAME (& SPOUSE) _____

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (HOME, WORK, FAX) _____

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OCCUPATION _____

AIRCRAFT TYPE YOU OWN (OR FLY) & TAIL NUMBER _____

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