

PLANE NEWS & VIEWS

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Special points of interest:

- "Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant."

Horace

HURRICANE JEANNE

The devastation that was delivered by Hurricane Jeanne was significant by most any measure. Driving into the facility on Sunday morning after the storm had an almost surreal feel; I really expected Rod Sterling to be present when I arrived at the Airside Center. Haywood Taylor Boulevard was almost impassable because of debris of one kind or another. To my left, I could see that the roofing system of the warehouse at the sod farm had been completely blown away. LE-SCO's fertilizer facility seemed to have incurred major damage to the tower and associated structures. As I continued driving,, entire pods of what was left of the modular T-Hangars could be seen strewn about as if tossed like dice. Building 60 came into view and relatively minor damage could be seen to trim and roof systems. The Airside Center had minor damage to the roof tiles, antenna pods and considerable destruction to the landscaping. Traveling further south, all appeared



Shade Hangars

relatively normal until arriving at the Shade Hangars; they were on the ramp as if they were Lincoln Logs. Turning back northward, I spotted a modular T-Hangar pod near the approach end to Runway 36. I drove down the ramp toward the T-Hangar complex and saw the older units completely destroyed with most of

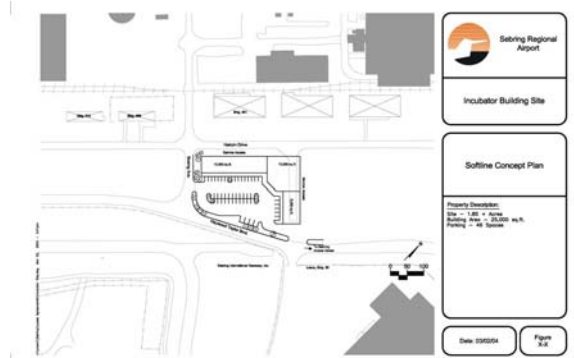
the doors laying across an airplane.

We've learned a great deal about preparing for a natural occurrence such as a major storm or hurricane and those lessons will not soon be forgotten.

INCUBATOR PROJECT

Work continues on this project with Louise England, of the EDC, myself and EDC's consultant, Jim Greenwood. We continue work on the Economic Development Administration's Grant Application and we are in the final iteration and plan to submit the

application within the next few weeks.



BUILDING DEMOLITION

The recent climatic events have brought to the forefront the need to address the demolition of all uninhabitable structures on the facility. The old dilapidated structures are not only unsafe but could



Building 902

pose health challenges as well. A demolition survey that's required to determine whether the structures contains any hazardous materials has been completed. Of course, there's no surprise that asbestos was found in the siding of a few of the buildings. We are meeting with an abatement contractor this week to determine the best action plan regarding the asbestos. The plan is to have a set of bid documents to advertise the job within two weeks. Primary funding is anticipated from the following

sources: FDOT, insurance proceeds and FEMA.

"Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

-Joshua J. Marine

RUNWAY CAFE

Staff has received many compliments and rave reviews for the food now being served at the Runway Café under the management of Michael Leone.

Compliments are from many of the airport tenants that have deserted us for lunch at various locations throughout the area.

The March of Dimes held their annual fund raising auction at the Chateau Elan last Thursday evening and the Runway Café was one of eight restaurants with food tables at the event.

Michael Leone said he had a very positive response from the attendees and that they look forward to visiting the

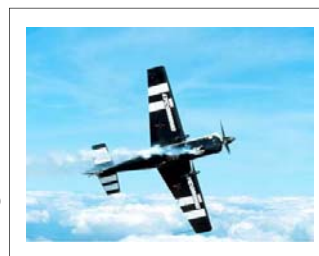
Café for breakfast and lunch. The March of Dimes was able to raise \$25,000 during the auction. Airport participants for the silent auction included Group 44, Inc. Air Operations, Lockwood Aviation in concert with Sebring Airport Authority and, of course, Runway Café with certificates for breakfast or lunch.

IAC HOLDS 50TH SEBRING CONTEST

The 50th Sebring Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 23 was held on October 14-16, 2004. The regional competition included Primary through Unlimited power categories. Practice and registration began Wednesday, October 13, with the conclusion of the contest on Saturday the 16th. Contest Director, Bob Stark

reported that this was one of the best events ever and that they are looking forward to the Spring contest to be held April of '05. Bob Stark is to be congratulated as he is the new

U. S. National Champion. See related story on Page 3 of this issue.



Typical site over SEF during the contest.

LESSONS LEARNED

After three hurricanes, it has become apparent that backup electrical generation and communications are needed complex-wide. With no power, we were able to maintain service to the WWTP and its systems through the use of pump trucks to keep the individual lift stations from overflowing. This works great until the plant and the effluent storage tank become full and there is no way to pump to the spray field. The Airside Center, Fuel Farm and Airfield Lighting all need backup power so that the facility can continue to operate.

The ability to continue communicating is also a major consideration and needs to be dealt with so that work can continue, even with no power. Satellite communications with external building-mounted antennas that allow cordless handset plug-in are essential to efficient after event operations.



Modular T-Hangar pod near Bldg 60

We have already made grant applications to the following funding sources for the above-mentioned projects:

- Rural Development
- FDOT

Stephanie Murphy and I are attending a funding workshop next week to identify additional sources of revenue for this type of project.

GALLERIA NOTES FROM PJ....

AeroGraham Aviation is expanding operations in the Airside Center Galleria of Shops.

A request will go before the October Board Meeting to approve leasing the space formerly occupied by the SIR Gift Shop.

Leslie Graham is expanding her aviation books selection

and will also sell aviation-related CDs, DVDs and educational videos.

Leslie has also brought in a flight simulator which will allow pilots to practice IFR flight maneuvers.

Hobby Hill Airside is also planning a renovation of their

Galleria shop, adding some new merchandise and changes in the décor of the shop.

Fall is in the air and with Thanksgiving just around the corner, we all have a great deal to be thankful for this Thanksgiving!!

"The problem is not that there are problems. The problem is expecting otherwise and thinking that having problems is a problem."

-Theodore Rubin

HAYWOOD TAYLOR BLVD.

Work on Haywood Taylor Blvd. has come to a standstill. With County crews pulled to work on hurricane debris clean-up and other emergency-related needs, it appears that work will not resume until mid-November, at best. This could result in the high probability that the temporary access road will be used as the primary ingress and egress for the 12 Hour event in March. This scenario is

problematic at best for many reasons. We are working with County staff to see what actions might be taken to insure the use of the roadway, if only for Race Week.



Haywood Taylor Blvd. 10-18-04

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IAC'S BOB STARK PLACES 1ST IN U.S. NATIONALS

Bob Stark, a long time Boca Raton resident and Sebring aerobatic Championship competitor, finished as the U. S. Advanced Aerobatic Champion in the 2004 United States Aerobatic Championship held September 26-30 in Dennison, Texas.

Bob placed 2nd in the U.S. Nationals in 2002 and again in 2003 before achieving the stunning 1st place victory this year. The 2004 competition drew 23 of the best U.S. Advanced level aerobatic pilots to compete for the title of U.S. National Champion. The Advanced category is second only to the Unlimited category in the five category system of competition under the rules of the International Aerobatic Club.

Stark began his flying career in the early '60s. However, as he notes, flying in those days



was limited to basic techniques. "I was introduced to aerobatics by one of Boca Raton's legendary pilots, Bill Craddock, in 1991 and flew my first aerobatic competition 11 years ago in Sebring, said Stark. "I was a beginner doing an occasional loop and

roll".

Stark, 60, flies a 200-hp blue and yellow 2-seat Giles G-202 competitively and has done so for over 10 years.

To prepare for each contest, Stark practices regularly over the edge of the swamp near Boca Raton. "Aerobatics is a great release from everyday stress", he notes. "For me, aerobatics flying has nothing to do with money. I fly because I love it. It releases me from the pressure of life, he says. "I fly for the thrill of competition and to fly better than my peers."