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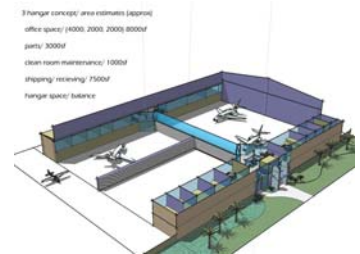
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BUILDING 60 OPPORTUNITIES

Louise England and I have been brainstorming regarding the use of Building 60. As you know, she and the EDC Board have championed an incubation project that has been recommended to be located at the airport. The Economic Development Administration was to be used to provide significant funding for this project; however, as the grant is currently written, it may not be competitive for funding. The State of Florida, through The Governor's Office, is administering a pool of resources that may assist with this project. The pool is to be used by communities that were impacted by the hurricanes for economic development, job retention and creation. We are advised that to be

considered for this funding, the facility has to be an existing building. We have discussed dividing the structure as shown and adding a second floor to the western end and also the mezzanines on each side of the building. With this layout, landside and airside incubation could occur in the facility simultaneously. The second floor could house office space for both landside/airside occupants, together with common use areas such as conference rooms and the like. The depicted graphics are just a rough sketch of the idea.

Let me know your thoughts and ideas regarding this concept and I will act accordingly.



Building 60 in a three bay configuration.



Upper level conference room.

SAA Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life in South Central Florida by providing quality opportunities for aviation, auto racing, commerce, employment and recreation

COMMERCE PARK RECEIVES ADDITIONAL \$150,000

On November 20, 2004, the U.S. House of Representatives gave final approval to funding that Congressman Mark Foley (R-FL) sought on several projects important to Highlands County. These projects were included in the final appropriations bill for FY '05.

"In a year in which money is tight, I am grateful to see we were able to secure funds for many of the projects that are important to Highlands County," said Foley.

This is the fourth congressional earmark received for this project.



Commerce Park

SMALL AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The SATS program, as we have known it, will end in May with the national "Proof of Concept" demonstration in Danville, Virginia June 5th-7th 2004. A new consortium is being formed to research, support and assist efforts to develop new technologies that enhance aviation economics, convenience, safety, security and operations. In support of this purpose, the new consortium seeks to

develop airport and aviation-related technologies for the next generation of general aviation airports, thereby enhancing the value of these facilities to their respective communities. Also, the encouragement of early adopters to use Florida as their test-bed and initial operating area and to enhance general public awareness of the economic value of the state's aviation system. The new

group will liaise with private sector companies, all levels of government and appropriate agencies and other not-for-profit institutions in ongoing research, technology development and awareness campaigns.

I have attached an interesting article regarding the new "micro-jets" and the impact that this technology could have on transportation.



SATS conceived "Air Taxi" could revolutionize access to small communities

T/COMMERCIAL HANGAR PROJECTS

As mentioned in my last report, the original scope of the project was to construct one new commercial hangar and ten t-hangar units. The geometry of the layout will change because of the destruction of the older t-hangars. The new units will begin slightly east of the old t-hangar site and run easterly toward Building 60 (see attached map). The build-out scenario will include 40-50

units with 20-30 being constructed in this phase as funding allows. We are also evaluating the economics and marketability of shade hangar construction. Based on our preliminary discussions, it does not appear that shade hangars can be constructed at a cost that would allow them to be rented at a price point much below a regular enclosed standard t-hangar. We spent a day last

week meeting with t-hangar building system manufacturers to get their inputs and ideas. One of the many things we learned is that prefabricated metal building systems have increased in price upward of 40%!

"Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught".

Winston Churchill

HAYWOOD TAYLOR BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION

Construction of Haywood Taylor Boulevard has recommenced and County crews are working on the intersection of Haywood Taylor and Kenilworth Boulevards. The intersection has been closed to traffic for well over a week so that the area could be de-watered and excavation of a deep cut for

storm-water infrastructure installed. We are hopeful that the work will be completed this week and the intersection re-opened. Once the intersection piping is installed, de-watering on the main section will begin and pipe installation will follow. The installation of the storm water pipe is the wildcard

regarding the project schedule; once completed, the work should move quickly.

Progress Energy is moving power poles along the roadway that will interfere with construction activities. The work seems to be proceeding at a pace that should not hinder the overall progress of the project.



Dewatering and pipe installation

HURRICANE DAMAGE

We have been working with Bill Lutrick and his team at PBS&J to develop a set of simple performance-based plans and specifications to effect the repairs and rehabilitation of storm damage properties at the facility. The affected buildings are as follows:

Airside Center-

- Roof and trim repairs

Building 60-

- Roof and trim repairs

Commercial Hangars-

- Roof and trim repairs

Building 727 (SCT)-

- Trim repairs

Building 735 (Global Star)-

- Roof, trim and siding

Work is also progressing on a project at the WWTP to remedy effects of the storm that

exacerbated problems with controls and piping. The backup electrical generation project is in the works for the Airside Center, Fuel farm and WWTP.



Building 60 roof and trim damage

AVON PARK AIR FORCE RANGE

As reported last month, fueling operations at the Avon Park Air Force Range have increased in the last several months and it is apparent that this will continue.

The C130 operations during early December totaled \$17,838.73 in fuel sales.

The schedule is still a go for continued C130 operations in January, February and March with reservists out of Youngstown, Ohio.

I have also had inquiry from the Massachusetts International Guard for A10 operations in May.



BOMBERS TO RETURN TO SEBRING REGIONAL

Nothing new to report on the B17 and B25 Bombers Tour.

Arrival will be Monday, February 28, with departure set for Wednesday, March 2.

Staff continues to work with Alan Jay, Enterprise and Hertz for courtesy vans for the B17/B25 Crew as well as The Chateau Hotel & Spa for

complimentary or reduced rates for rooms for the crew.

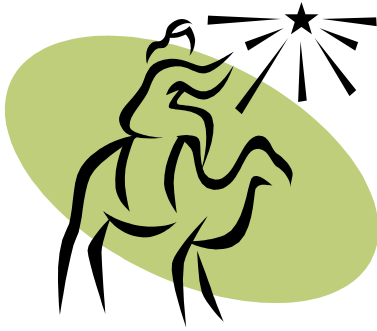
We look forward to the arrival of the bombers as there is a lot of local interest and draws crowds to the Runway Café.



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Christmas 2004!...jingle bells...joy to the world....dashing through the snow....to grandmother's house we go!! Parties, celebrations, the joy of giving and drawing our loved ones close to our hearts, whether near or far away!

As we celebrate the joys of Christmas, let us not forget the true spirit of Christmas. Let us also remember those less fortunate and pause to give thanks for our troops in faraway lands defending our rights we so often take for granted and pray for their safety and safe return home.

Peace to all in 2005!



CHRISTMAS 2004 AT SEBRING REGIONAL AIRPORT



Sebring Airport Authority staff and Board of Directors, Runway Café staff, AeroGraham Aviation and Hobby Hill Airside will gather together to enjoy the Spirit of Christmas at a reception in the Galleria on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Chef Leone, of the Runway Café, is preparing meat balls, crab bites, chicken wings, and raspberry brie. Also on the menu to quench our hunger and thirst, will be assorted cheeses and crackers,

“munchies”, beer, wine, punch and eggnog.

All, of course, are fat free and have NO CALORIES!,

There will be drawings for wonderful door prizes, compliments of Hobby Hill Airside, AeroGraham Aviation, Esperante at The Chateau Élan Hotel and Spa, The Runway Café and Lockwood Aviation.

A local benefactor has graciously sponsored the reception. A heartfelt THANK YOU from Staff.