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# AIRMAIL '18



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## *A message from 2019 FAC Madam Chair, Nina MacPherson . . .*

*Dear Members of the Florida Airports Council:*

*This is going to be the year to remember! FAC is celebrating 50 years of FAMA/FAC. It's amazing how far we have come. It all started in 1969 when a few airport managers gathered around a table in south Florida to talk about how airports could work with the newly formed Florida Department of Transportation, to secure funds to support airport capital improvement programs, including the establishment of an aviation fuel tax ... They gathered forces and went to Tallahassee so their voice could be heard, and in the end formalized the Florida Airport Managers Association.*



*It's 50 years later and FAC is the largest State organization in the Country, and we are bringing the celebration home to where it all began! We are almost 900 Members strong representing 76 airports and a total of approximately 250 corporate, educational and affiliate members and student chapters. This year we will celebrate our achievements over the years in advancing aviation and airports in Florida and what has made the Council so successful – YOU!*

*Active FAC members and committees are the cornerstone of our organization. Our committees work together to address common challenges, share information for the betterment of all members, and are key to achieving FAC's professional education and training mission. This year and throughout the 2019 Annual Conference and Exposition, we will celebrate the contributions of our outstanding committees. Also, in an effort to elevate the FAC message to State Legislative staff and elected officials, we will engage a special media consultant and work hard to achieve the priorities of the Council in the 2019 legislative session.*

*At the Federal level, we will continue to make our voices heard in the halls of Congress alongside our national and international association partners, and it is with your continued involvement and support that we will be successful. We are going to fine-tune the organization, review our processes and embrace the opportunity for changes that will continue to highlight a diverse, all inclusive, multi generation organization of aviation professionals.*

*In 2019 the training committee will present the Florida Airport Certification Program. The certification is unique to Florida. This will bring opportunities to our current and emerging leaders in the State. The program will take one year to complete with modules, projects and Airport site visits. Embracing and leading the next generation of Florida aviation leaders!*

*I consider it a privilege and honor to serve as your Madam Chair this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the FAC staff for assistance.*

*Nina MacPherson*  
**FAC Chair of the Board**



**AROUND THE STATE**

**Northwest FL Beaches International Airport resumes operations**



According to Parker McClellan, Executive Director of the airport, ECP is back to normal operations during daylight hours ONLY due to the curfew currently in place in Bay County.

American, United, and Delta Airlines have resumed flight operations during daylight hours. Southwest Airlines will resume operations beginning later this week. SheltAir has been operational since Friday and has been handling relief flights in and out of the airport since then.

**Taking flight: New terminal coming to Ocala Airport**



Groundbreaking for the new \$6.1 million general aviation terminal at the Ocala International Airport will be held October 29<sup>th</sup>. The city of Ocala will mark the beginning of construction on a new airport terminal with a groundbreaking ceremony in late October.

The new general aviation terminal at the Ocala International Airport, at 1770 SW 60th Ave., will serve as a great first impression to aviators and guests, airport director Matt Grow said in a news release. The \$6.1 million terminal is predicted to take about a year to construct and has an estimated opening date of December 2019.

Plans show the 17,500-square-foot terminal will include office space for Sheltair Aviation, the airport's fixed-base operator, airport administration and future tenants. It also will have a large restaurant with meeting rooms and three car rental service areas.

Funding for the construction of the terminal was made possible through grants from the FDOT and FAA, airport funds, and the City of Ocala's partnership with Sheltair Aviation, the release noted. A prior Star-Banner story about the proposed terminal states that the airport spans 1,500 acres, has a 7,400-foot runway, a \$3 million

tower and 25 private and airport operated hangars. The airport replaced the airstrip that once was located where the Ocala Target store now sits.

Ocala International Airport is owned and operated by the city of Ocala. An Airport Advisory Board is appointed by the Ocala City Council. The airport serves general aviation, corporate aviation and the air cargo industry, and accommodates flight training. General aviation means the airport provides services of a traditional airport except scheduled commercial flights. The airport oversees about 65,000 landings and takeoffs a year, with about 100 large charter planes annually, such as Boeing 727s bringing in horses for sale at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company across 60th Avenue and Boeing 757s carrying people. That does not include large private jets.

Demands on the airport are expected to increase as more businesses such as FedEx, AutoZone and Chewy Inc. set up distribution centers or manufacturing here.

The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. October 29<sup>th</sup> at the airport. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. To see renderings of the new terminal, click [here](#).

**By air, sea, truck and rail, connections drive business**

*(Source: Florida Trend feature article)*

Greater Fort Lauderdale offers three unique airports to the flying public: general aviation North Perry Airport (HWO); Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE), which serves corporate jets conveniently from just north of the city's downtown; and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL).



A \$2.3-billion expansion program at FLL, the nation's fastest-growing airport, has included lengthening the south runway to 8,000 feet, the addition of a concourse and US Customs Inspection Facility and proposed plans for up to 95 gates and a new intermodal facility.

Carriers ramping up service here include JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, home-grown Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, Allegiant Air, Silver Airways, Air Canada, Alaska Airlines (formerly Virgin Airlines) and Emirates, which offers a daily non-stop flight between Fort Lauderdale

and Dubai. Located less than two miles from Port Everglades, the airport is a vital link to the county's cruise industry. Click [here](#) for the full story.

**Allegiant refunds tickets for an entire flight at St. Pete-Clearwater Int'l Airport to celebrate its 40-million<sup>th</sup> FL passenger**

Allegiant has made its name as a low-cost airline, though not for cutting the price of a ticket to zero. Yet that's what the airline did Thursday at St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport for one planeload of lucky travelers. Everyone on Allegiant Flight 856 to Nashville got a refund for their round-trip tickets, seat assignment fees and baggage fees as the company celebrated its 40-million<sup>th</sup> Florida passenger.

"Thank you to each of you for helping us to reach this milestone," Allegiant government affairs director Eric Fletcher told the 166 passengers waiting to board Flight 856. "You're the reason we were able to keep growing in the state."

No one looked happier to get the news than Amy Hunt of Plant City. The second-grade Knights Elementary School teacher threw her hands up and head back when she heard the announcement. "Oh my gosh, it was the best news ever. So unexpected," said Hunt, who paid \$275 for her round-trip ticket. "The flights from here are such a great price to start with. It beats anything leaving out of Tampa or Orlando."

And St. Pete-Clearwater airport wasn't the only place where Allegiant made this gesture. It also gave refunds to one flight at each of the other six airports it serves in

Florida: Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers-Punta Gorda, Jacksonville, Orlando-Sanford, and Sarasota-Bradenton.

Allegiant, based in Las Vegas, began Florida service in 2005 with four routes out of Orlando, and a total for that year of 109,000 passengers. It has carried a total of 80 million passengers in its history, and more than half have flown into or out of Florida.

Since 2006, Allegiant has brought more than 12.3 million passengers through the St. Pete-Clearwater airport, where it is the dominant airline, employing 523 people at the airport and serving 55 destinations. Nashville is among the newest.

**Student pilot who tried to steal jet from Melbourne airport to be deported to Trinidad** *(Source: FloridaToday.com)*

The Florida Institute of Technology senior accused of attempting to steal an American Airlines jet at Orlando Melbourne International Airport will be deported to Trinidad, placed on America's "no-fly" list, and barred from returning to the United States. In a Monday plea deal, Nishal Sankat pleaded guilty to burglary to a conveyance, a third-degree felony. Prosecutors dropped charges of trespassing and grand theft.

The 22-year-old part-time Florida Tech student, who was studying aviation management, was sentenced to 12 days time served at the Brevard County Jail Complex. He must also pay \$909 to cover the cost of the Melbourne Airport Police Department investigation.

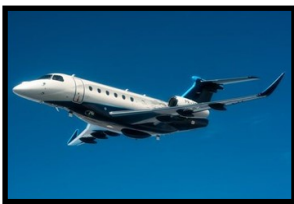
<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>		( New ← )
	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Florida International Air Show</b>	<b>Punta Gorda Airport</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> for additional information	<b>October 19-21, 2018</b>
<b>"Laws and Ethics" Course for Professional Engineers</b>	<b>GAI Consultants</b> 618 E South Street, Suite 700, Orlando, FL 32801 Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information	<b>October 26, 2018</b> 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
<b>Florida Aviation Professionals Academy (FAPA)</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> for course flyer	<b>November 14-15, 2018</b> 8:30 a.m.
<b>Education and Training Summit</b> "SAVE THE DATE"	<b>Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate</b> 1500 Masters Blvd., Championsgate, FL 33896	<b>May 22-24, 2019</b>

Please email [lisa@floridaairports.org](mailto:lisa@floridaairports.org) with calendar updates.

"The plea was part of an agreement reached after an extensive investigation by Melbourne Police, Melbourne Airport Police, Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the FBI found Sankat acted alone and was suffering from depression and mental health issues when he boarded the American Airlines jet on September 20, 2018," the State Attorney's Office wrote in a news release. Investigators said Sankat left his red Toyota idling at the passenger terminal about 2 a.m., climbed a perimeter fence, and boarded an American Airlines jet parked on the tarmac outside the STS Mod Center. Two STS Mod Center employees helped airport police apprehend Sankat. Sankat had no prior criminal history. The Federal Aviation Administration is revoking his pilot's license, state attorneys reported.

The September 20 incident triggered an airport security lockdown for hours. Sankat was jailed on a suicide watch. He had petitioned to graduate from Florida Tech in 2019.

***Embraer to assemble two new classes of business jets in Melbourne***



Embraer, yet again, is enlarging its footprint on the Space Coast. The Brazilian aircraft manufacturer on Sunday said it will begin assembling two new lines of business jets at the

Orlando Melbourne International Airport. The midsize jets are called the Praetor 500 and Praetor 600, which the company says will "introduce unprecedented range into their categories." The name Praetor — pronounced pree ter — was the title of a high official in ancient Rome. Embraer says the Praetor 500 will be the fastest midsize aircraft capable of reaching Europe from the west coast of the U.S. with a single stop. The Praetor 600, the company says, will be the farthest-flying super-midsize business jet, allowing nonstop flights between London and New York.

The Praetor jets are currently under development with two Praetor 600 prototypes in flight tests, as well as one production-conforming aircraft and one production-conforming Praetor 500. The Praetor 600 is expected to be certified and will begin flying in the second quarter of 2019, followed by the Praetor 500 in the third quarter of 2019.

"The Praetors are aircraft, certainly in keeping with their name, leading the way in redefining the characteristics of what a midsize and super-midsize aircraft deliver to the market," said Michael Amalfitano, president and chief executive officer of the Melbourne-headquartered Embraer Executive Jets.

"The introduction of these aircraft support our vision of fascinating our customers and providing them with superior value and the best experience in the industry," he said.

The aircraft was introduced Sunday at Orlando Executive Airport, a day before the opening of the National Business Aviation Association convention at the Orange County Convention Center. More than 25,000 people from 90 countries are expected for the two-day event.

[Read more....](#)

***Operation Airdrop sends planes with supplies to people affected by Hurricane Michael***

It wasn't Dylan Leoni's first time flying supplies out to stranded residents because of a hurricane. Leoni was 19 years old when he first volunteered to fly into LaBelle, Florida, to bring supplies to those affected by Hurricane Irma with Operation Airdrop, a nonprofit aviation charity based out of Texas that aids with hurricane relief.

On Saturday, he volunteered again. This time, he flew to help those affected by Hurricane Michael. It was rewarding for Leoni, a now 20-year-old Florida State University



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exercise physiology junior, to go into the stranded town of LaBelle and hand out supplies to local residents. For this reason, Leoni felt the pull to help people in Apalachicola, Florida. “It was really rewarding to do that and see their reaction,” Leoni said.

On Saturday and Sunday, Operation Airdrop delivered about 27,000 pounds of essential supplies such as nonperishable foods, water, batteries, bug sprays, diapers and toothpaste with more than 50 private planes from the University Air Center, at 4701 NE 40th Terrace, said Trey Thriffiley, a board member of Operation Airdrop.

The nonprofit is still asking for many of those supplies to be donated. Supplies can be taken to the General Aviation Entrance of the Gainesville Regional Airport on Waldo Road. Operation Airdrop will be operating out of the former Silver Airways Hangar, located at 4505 NE 40th Terrace. The goal of the operation was to help those who couldn’t receive supplies because of blocked roads from the effects of Michael, Thriffiley said.

***Gear up for larger jets at your airport facilities*** (Source: AviationPros.com)

In the US, general aviation aircraft fly over 24.8 million hours, of which two-thirds are for business purposes. In addition, the industry generates \$219 billion in total economic output, supports 1.1 million total jobs and contributes \$109 billion to the nation’s GDP.



These statistics, provided by the General Aviation Aircraft Manufacturer’s Association (GAMA), demonstrate the important role that airports play in providing a place for business aircraft to serve critical transportation needs and promote economic opportunity.

As aircraft manufacturers invest millions of dollars and create thousands of jobs in local communities, their activities have a ripple effect throughout the U.S. economy. In fact, \$23.9 billion in new aircraft were

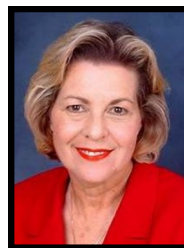
delivered in 2017, representing a 1.3 percent increase in business jet deliveries over the previous year. A major driver of this growth was the introduction of several new aircraft models into service.

As the general aviation aircraft fleet continues to expand worldwide, buyers of private jets who want to fly long distances are welcoming new, larger models. For example, the Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) is approximately 65 percent taller than luxury jets such as the Global Express or Gulfstream V. With a tail height exceeding 40 feet, the BBJ is required by National Fire Protection Association regulations to be housed in a more expansive “Group I” hangar with a more expensive fire suppression system. The aircraft’s extra weight also requires thicker concrete in the hangar floor and apron area.

While not as large as the BBJ, other business aircraft recently introduced to the market include the Gulfstream G650 – which spans approximately 100 feet wide, 100 feet long and over 25 feet high – and the Bombardier Global 8000 – which spans over 104 feet wide, 102 feet long and 27 feet high.

Is there Room on the Ramp? [Read More...](#)

***Remembering Senator Dorothy Hukill, Florida aviation advocate***



The Florida Senate announced the passing of Senator Dorothy Hukill October 2, 2018.

Dorothy was a strong and passionate advocate for her community, serving in several positions in local government and for eight years in the Florida House before her election to the Senate in 2012. Dorothy had a passion for education and was proud to serve as Chair of the Committee on Education, in addition to other committees. She worked closely with Senator Galvano, Senate leaders, and many others on the Senate’s legislation to expand the Bright Futures Scholarship.

Her commitment and dedication to teaching financial literacy in Florida schools will not be forgotten. Senator Hukill was a sponsor of the FAC General Aviation Caucus and strong supporter of Florida airports and aviation.

## AROUND THE NATION

### NASA celebrates 60 years of space exploration *(Source: FloridaToday.com)*

October 1<sup>st</sup> marked 60 years since the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or NASA. Sixty years later, Americans have the Kennedy Space Center, we have been to the moon, and we are planning human missions to Mars. Walking down Bob Sieck's hallway at his home in Viera is like going through the history of NASA.

Sieck started just as the space agency was getting started. He began with the Gemini program, tasked with figuring out how to get an astronaut's health vitals in space transmitted back down to Earth. "Today when you go in a hospital and you see a nurse or practitioner watching a dozen patients at a station remotely, you can thank the space program for that," said Sieck.

In the Apollo program, he worked on the spacecraft that would send the first men to the moon. Then he would become one of ten to serve as a space shuttle launch director, giving the final go for launch. "The only number that's important is the number of landings, I'm thankful is the same number of launches," said Sieck.

Sieck has seen the highest highs and lowest lows at the space agency. Now that he has retired, he is concerned NASA is too worried these days about making mistakes. "The probability of launching back when I started, being a spectator, was one in three: You'd either launch, scrub or blow up, really," he recalled. "Nowadays, a test flight has got to go perfectly or it's portrayed as another failure."

However, he believes the men and women at the space agency will be able to take America farther into the stars. "It's optimistic from the standpoint that whatever mission or task they're given, they'll get it down," said Sieck.

Space lovers have to wait a long time for the next big NASA mission. Next year, humans will once again launch from Florida's Space Coast on commercial

rockets, with the aid of NASA.

In addition, the space agency is currently developing the spacecraft and systems that will be able to return humans to the moon in the next decade and to Mars in the 2030s.

### President Trump signs 5-year FAA/TSA Reauthorization Bill



Federal Aviation Administration

A bill to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration for five years, including a new airport infrastructure grant program and also an initial \$1.7 billion to help southeastern states recover from Hurricane Florence is now on the books. President Trump signed the measure on October 5<sup>th</sup>, two days after it won final congressional approval when the Senate passed it on an overwhelming 93-6 vote. The House approved it on September 26<sup>th</sup> by a strong 398-23 vote.

Besides the FAA authorizations and the post-Florence funds, the legislation also has provisions directing the Federal Emergency Management Agency to put more emphasis on pre-disaster planning, by requiring FEMA to devote part of its overall relief funding to early mitigation work.

It also contains the BUILD Act, which will combine several existing US international development programs into a new US International Development and Finance Corp.

Current FAA authorizations were set to lapse on September 30<sup>th</sup>. But Trump signed a one-week extension on September 30<sup>th</sup>, which gave the Senate a bit more time to vote on the five-year FAA measure.

In one of the bill's major construction provisions, it holds authorizations for FAA's core Airport Improvement Program infrastructure grants at their current level of \$3.35 billion per year, through 2023.

But it also has a multi-year authorization for a new airport infrastructure program composed of discretionary grants.

[Read more...](#)

## **FAA relaunches \$500 ADS-B rebate program**

The FAA is relaunching its \$500 ADS-B rebate program, effective immediately through Oct. 11, 2019. The agency is making \$4.9 million available under the rebate program, which will fund 9,792 ADS-B Out installations. As of Jan. 1, 2020, aircraft flying in airspace where a transponder is currently necessary will be required to be equipped with compliant ADS-B Out technology. More information can be found on the FAA website.

## **AIRPORT MEMBER NEWS**

### **Wishing Ellen Lindblad a Happy Retirement!**

Ellen Lindblad, Director of Planning & Environmental Compliance for the Lee County Port Authority, retired September 28, 2018 after serving the Lee County Port Authority for more than 11 years. During her tenure, she ensured the daily success of complex planning and environmental permitting and compliance activities for both RSW and FMY including: airport master plans; noise studies; zoning, comprehensive plan and land development code amendments; tall structure permits; obstruction removal; sustainability; environmental assessments; mitigation land management; hazardous wildlife management plans for both facilities; and many more critical efforts.

Ellen represented the Port Authority on all environmental & planning issues before regulatory agencies including the FAA, FDOT, SFWMD, USACE, DEP, USFWS, and others; and through these efforts maintained compliance with environmental regulations and accomplished goals across programs such as air quality, water quality, waste management, wildlife protection, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, and noise. Some of her more notable accomplishments include land stewardship for the airport's award winning off-site 7,000 acre Mitigation Park which was the recipient of the 2008 Florida Airports Council Environmental Award, as well as holding the seat of Chair of the Environmental Committee for the Florida Airports Council.

***Congratulations, Ellen!***

## **Business and Employment**

### **Opportunities**

#### **NOTICE**

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF NAPLES AIRPORT AUTHORITY LAND LEASES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF N QUAD LAND PARCELS 1 AND 2**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Naples Airport Authority will receive sealed responses to a Request for Proposals ("RFP") at Naples Municipal Airport, General Aviation Terminal, Second Floor Reception Desk, 160 Aviation Drive North, Naples, FL 34104 on or before October 30, 2018 at 2:00 PM local time for Land Leases for Development of North Quadrant Land Parcels 1 and 2. Prospective Respondents may download the full RFP [here](#).



#### **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CITY OF NAPLES AIRPORT AUTHORITY PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES GA TERMINAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

In accordance with Florida Statute 287.055, the City of Naples Airport Authority (NAA) is interested in acquiring Statements of Qualifications for professional architectural and building systems engineering services for the Naples Airport General Aviation Terminal (GAT) office and operations areas expansion. Services to be provided will include all elements of the project from project formulation through final design, bidding, award of construction contract(s) and construction phase services. The actual construction of the project shall be determined through a separate competitive solicitation. Essentially, we are seeking one firm to take charge of this program from concept development through close out and be completely responsible for its successful and timely completion. The development and application of an integral Safety and Security Plan and Maintenance of Daily Airport Operations Plan is crucial. A copy of the detailed RFQ may be obtained [here](#).

**INVITATION TO BID  
ATCT RENOVATIONS PHASE II**



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that Boca Raton Airport Authority will receive sealed bids from General Contractors or other qualified contractors, at:

Boca Raton Airport Authority  
903 NW 35th Street  
Boca Raton, Florida 33431  
Attn.: Travis Bryan, Operations Manager

Until the hour of **2:00 PM**, Local Time, on **November 6, 2018** and said bids will be opened and publicly read immediately thereafter in the conference room, at the above address, on the same day. For additional information, click [here](#).

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION FOR  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING & CONSULTING  
SERVICES TO CONDUCT A BOUNDARY SURVEY**



The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA) is seeking professional land surveying services to provide topographic, aeronautical, boundary, title research, and other surveys necessary to support the Master Plan Update that will be developed concurrently. For additional information, click [here](#).

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**Position: Superintendent-Airport Facilities Management**  
**Salary: \$25.48 - \$58.52/hourly**  
**Closing: October 19, 2018**



This is administrative, professional and managerial work directing the upkeep, preventative maintenance and repair of all facilities and grounds belonging to the City and situated on the 2,800 acres of land occupied by the Tallahassee International Airport. The incumbent manages staff that includes professionals, licensed trades workers, technicians, and service/maintenance personnel, and ensures that all work is performed in adherence to standards set by state and federal regulatory bodies, airport administration, and contractual obligations. Duties also include serving as liaison with contractors and bidders on minor repair and maintenance contracts. For additional information, click [here](#).

**Position: Manager, Security Contracts**  
**Salary: \$25.48 - \$58.52/hourly**  
**Closing: November 2, 2018**



Manage the development, implementation, and activities of airport security contracts, including but not limited to: City of Orlando Police Department/Airport Police Division contract, employee-screening security guard contract, vehicle screening and airport property patrols contract and maintain compliance with regulatory requirements. Provide project management and program coordination on construction projects that require direct input from the Aviation Authority's security department. Assist in implementing and executing requirements of 49 CFR Part 1542 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Airport Security Program. Click [here](#) for additional information.