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50th Anniversary FAC Annual Conference and Exposition plans taking shape

The Council is approaching a major milestone – the celebration of 50 years of service to improve and sustain airports and aviation in Florida. This is an important and exciting achievement and we plan to celebrate all who contributed throughout the years and the Council's many accomplishments.

Think about it...Members of the Florida Airport Managers Association, and later the Florida Airports Council, have been instrumental in building the airport system that millions of visitors and thousands of general aviation operators enjoy today. The association was active from the very beginning of the FDOT and aviation offices responsible for the improvement of state aviation resources and the aviation grant program. During the early years, the association provided much needed education for elected officials and staff to help move important legislation through the process and to support the first statewide aviation system plan. After the September 11th terror attacks, Council leadership participated on important State and Federal safety boards and commissions to provide expertise relating to airport safety and security needs.

The Council has also played an important role educating and training upcoming professionals. The Education Foundation scholarship and internship program, which began in 1990, continues to produce outstanding young professionals, many of whom were hired by Florida airports after graduation. FAC is becoming even more influential as our numbers grow!

We hope you'll be excited about our plans for our Golden Anniversary Year. Check out the projects and plans below and plan to get involved!

COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY POSTER CONTEST

Watch for an invitation to participate in this contest that will challenge our airport and corporate award-winning communications, marketing and public relations staff teams to design a commemorative poster that will be used to accompany all events and conferences, giving all entrants recognition and awarding special distinction to the top winner.

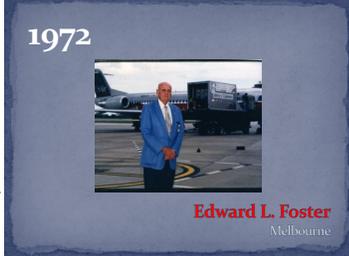
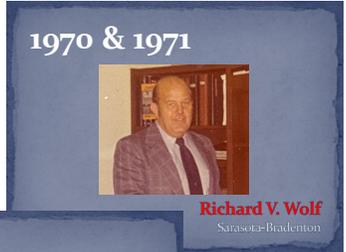


50TH ANNIVERSARY FAC LEGACY BOOK

FAC has a history that deserves recognition. A historical benchmark will be important to our progress as an association. We are working on a Legacy Book that offers members the opportunity to feature a page(s) of the yearbook showcasing the history of their airport, contributions to the community, historical milestones, awards, etc. The Legacy Book will be formatted to highlight the history of the Council, contributions of leadership and committees, achievements of the Education Foundation, and future leaders. We will need your support in the promotion of your airport history.

2019 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION

The conference schedule will include outstanding presenters, topics and panel discussions on topics important to the Florida aviation industry. In addition, several special events are planned to commemorate our Golden Anniversary: An Ice Cream Social is planned for families, featuring fun activities and create your own ice cream sundae bar. Plan to arrive in-style for a Leadership Banquet, honoring past and future leaders of the Council. And watch for an announcement to learn how you can participate in the conference community service project targeting a local service in need of FAC's support.



AROUND THE STATE

Gov. Rick Scott announces nearly \$30M in awards for Florida Job Growth Grant Fund projects

On October 30th, Gov. Scott announced eight awards for \$28.6 million in funding from the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, established by Gov. Scott and the Florida Legislature last year, provides funding for improving public infrastructure and enhancing workforce training in Florida. Since this July, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has received more than 90 proposals requesting more than \$531 million in funding. Today's announcement reflects a total of more than \$113 million in funding awarded to 41 communities across the state since the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund was established. In total, through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, more than \$39 million has been awarded to 15 rural communities. Projects awarded benefiting airports and aviation include:

⇒ **Columbia County** (\$10.2M) for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant serving the North Florida Mega Industrial Park, Florida Gateway

- ⇒ Airport and other areas east of Lake City.
- ⇒ **Indian River State College** (\$1.53M) to address the workforce gap in the marine and aeronautical manufacturing sectors by implementing successful training models and providing students with on-the-job training that aligns with the current supply and demand of jobs.
- ⇒ **Melbourne Airport Authority** (\$4M) to design and construct an enclosure structure at MLB to serve as a noise barrier for aircraft engine testing, attract new clients within the aviation industry and meet the needs of current airport tenants.

Greg Donovan, MLB Airport Executive Director said, "As indicated by this grant, Governor Scott has a unique understanding of the strategic infrastructure required to support and grow aviation and aerospace industries jobs here at Orlando Melbourne International Airport (MLB). The GRE will serve many companies already here on the Space Coast, and attract even more. Recent job announcements by airport tenants Harris Corp., L3, Rockwell Collins and Embraer Executive Jets are votes of confidence that investments in MLB pay great dividends for this state and this region."

All proposals were reviewed by DEO, Enterprise Florida (EFI) and chosen by Governor Scott based on their strong return on investment to the state and to meet the demand for a robust workforce or infrastructure needs. Return on investment was calculated to determine the best projects for the state and economic development in the regions. For full listing of funded projects, click [here](#).

Hurricane Michael update



Florida's CFO reports \$1.2 billion in insured losses after Hurricane Michael

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis is reporting more than \$1.2 billion dollars in insured losses after Hurricane Michael ravaged the Florida Panhandle.

Patronis says close to 98,000 insurance claims have been filed following the hurricane, and he expects that number to grow. He also says more than 3,000 claims have been filed with the non-profit Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. Teams from the CFO's office are joining with representatives from Florida Insurance Commissioner Dave Altmaier in 10 of the hardest-hit counties to help those seeking information.

FDOT to help fund GIF projects



The Winter Haven City Commission voted 5-0 to fund a pair of grant agreements with FDOT that will put the city on the hook for only 20 percent of the total costs. FDOT will pay the remaining 80 percent. "What a deal," Commissioner William Twyford said.

The first of the two projects is to add 10 hangars at the airport. FDOT would pay nearly \$700,000 for the project while the city would be on the hook for less than \$175,000. The other unanimous vote of the commission as it related to the airport was for refueling trucks. The cost will be \$320,000 total, but only \$64,000 will be paid by the city. The other \$256,000 will be funded by FDOT.



DATES TO REMEMBER		(New ←)
	Location	Date
Florida Aviation Professionals Academy (FAPA)	Click here for course flyer	November 14-15, 2018 8:30 a.m.
2019 FAC State Legislative Fly-In "SAVE THE DATE"	Tallahassee, FL	February 2019 (date TBA) ←
2019 Washington, DC Fly-In "SAVE THE DATE"	Washington, DC Hotel information forthcoming	March 19-20, 2019 ←
Education and Training Summit "SAVE THE DATE"	Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate 1500 Masters Blvd., Championsgate, FL 33896	May 22-24, 2019 ←
2019 FAC 50th Anniversary Conference & Exposition "SAVE THE DATE"	Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa	August 4-7, 2019 ←

Please email lisa@floridaairports.org with calendar updates.

Did You Know....?

A new estimate released this week by the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research puts Florida's population at 20.8 million residents as of this past April. Up almost 11% in the past eight years.



The estimate shows that Florida has grown by 2 million residents since the last decennial Census in 2010. The decennial Census is used for drawing new congressional and legislative districts.

The U of F research bureau arrives at its estimate using utility customers, homestead exemptions and building permits. The US Census uses births, deaths and migration in its calculation and places Florida's population at 20.9 million residents as of July 2017.

Florida is the nation's third most populous state, trailing only California and Texas.

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FDOT ASO accepting nominations for statewide awards



Each year FDOT presents awards honoring superior achievement in the categories of Aviation Professional of the Year, General Aviation Airport of the Year, Commercial Service Airport of the Year, Commercial Service Airport Project of the Year, and General Aviation Airport Project of the Year. FDOT also awards individuals for distinguished aviation service. Any airport official, local or federal government official, consultant, contractor, industry partner, or FDOT staff who wishes to nominate a person, airport, or project may submit a nomination to the attention of the Aviation Development Section. All nominations must be received by FDOT no later than May 31, 2019 to be considered. FDOT will honor each recipient at a ceremony on Saturday, August 3rd, immediately prior to the FAC 50th Annual Conference and Exposition in Fort Lauderdale, August 4th – 7th, 2019.

[Click here for more information...](#)

AROUND THE NATION***Small airports have big impact on local, regional economies throughout***

US (Source: AviationPros.com)

Some tend to overlook a significant economic driver for many less-populated areas of the country – regional general aviation airports. While these airports are small compared to those found in major cities, their economic impact is extremely significant.

In fact, the general aviation industry generates \$219 billion in total economic input and contributes \$109 billion to the nation's gross domestic product. The airports support 1.1 million jobs and allow America's smaller communities to attract business and tourism.

Many of the nation's 5,000 general aviation airports will benefit from a funding boost after the signing of the FAA Act of 2018. The statute provides aviation funding over a five-year period and a new airport infrastructure grant program with \$1.7 billion that will be allocated to southeastern states facing airport damages from Hurricane Florence.

The bill continues annual funding of \$3.35 billion through 2023 for Airport Improvement Program grants. More than \$1 billion has also been set aside for airport infrastructure projects. The new statute requires at least half of the grant funding be directed to small and non-hub airports. Contracting opportunities will be abundant in this industry sector.

General aviation airports serve corporate aircraft and airplanes owned by individuals, universities, organizations and businesses, emergency medical transports, the movement of products and law enforcement. More importantly, they provide access to small and remote communities. The FAA notes that three of every four takeoffs and landings at US airports are by general aviation aircraft and most occur at general aviation airports.

Because of the growth of these smaller airports, the construction of new terminals, hangar upgrades and runway expansions are ongoing year-round. And, while these projects typically have strong support from local

and regional leaders, the federal funding is absolutely critical to ensure that sustainability. [Continue Reading](#)

[Uber planning fleet of food delivery drones](#)

Uber is hoping to launch a drone-based food delivery service by 2021, but the ride-hailing company cautioned that the project is still in its early stages, The Wall Street Journal reported last week. The newspaper cited a since-deleted job posting on the Uber website that sought an operations executive to make delivery drones functional as early as next year.

The job posting also referenced work for UberExpress, which is the internal name for the drone operation at UberEats. The proposal would likely need to clear a number of regulatory hurdles before being implemented. When the newspaper asked Uber about the posting, it was removed. "We are excited about the progress and potential of Eats drone delivery, which is currently in the experimental phase of the FAA's Integration Pilot Program," Uber spokesman Matt Wing told The Hill in an email. "However, the job description that was posted did not fully reflect our program, which is still in very early days."

You can't fix Stupid....Drunk baggage handler falls asleep in hold, flies to Chicago -

Police say a baggage handler told them he was drunk when he fell asleep in a cargo hold and flew from Kansas City to Chicago. American Airlines says the Piedmont Airlines employee was working AAL Flight 363 on Saturday when the Boeing 737 left Kansas City International Airport with the handler in a heated and pressurized cargo hold. Chicago Police says he was found when the flight landed about an hour later at Chicago's O'Hare airport. The spokesman says the handler told police he was intoxicated and had fallen asleep. No charges were filed, and he was sent back to Kansas City. American says it is grateful the handler wasn't injured and it's reviewing what happened.

[Delta CEO Ed Bastian pushes for permanent jet fuel tax exemption](#) *(Source: ajc.com)*

With Georgia legislators set to convene a special session in November where they could support or reject a tax break for Delta Air Lines, the carrier's CEO said a permanent jet fuel tax exemption would make Georgia more competitive with other states.

At an event for the 10th anniversary of the merger between Delta and Northwest, Delta CEO Ed Bastian on Monday said he'd like to see the jet fuel tax "permanently go away so that we can have a competitive tax environment here in Georgia similar to the states that we compete with around the country." "We're also going to be able to use the investment dollars that it gives us to grow more service here in Atlanta," said Bastian said.

Earlier this year, the Georgia General Assembly was considering a tax break on jet fuel worth \$40 million annually to Delta. But then, amid a debate over gun control after the Parkland, Fla. high school shooting, Delta discontinued a discount for National Rifle Association members traveling to their national convention.

Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, who is president of the state Senate and at the time was a Republican candidate for governor, vowed to block the legislation. The tax break, which Gov. Nathan Deal had supported, was killed. Deal called for a special session to be convened Nov. 13. State law requires the General Assembly to take up executive orders signed by the governor since the previous session. Last week, both Republican Brian Kemp and Democrat Stacey Abrams said they supported the jet fuel tax exemption.

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FAC NEWS

Leadership Development for Airport and Transportation Professionals class convenes in Melbourne



The 11th Leadership Development class was hosted by FAC and FDOT at the Orlando Melbourne International Airport on October 15-17, 2018. Attendees included professionals from the Boca Raton Airport Authority, Lee County Port Authority, Orlando Melbourne International Airport, Palm Beach County Department of

Airports, Sebring Airport Authority, Suwannee County Airport, and Tampa International Airport. Corporate members in attendance were from AVCON, INC., Blue Wing Environmental, Montgomery Consulting Group, Sheltair, and Stellar Partners.

AIRPORTS - Internship grant period is now open

Each year, FAC awards internship grants to member airports to help provide work experience for students interested in pursuing careers in airport management and to provide a talented workforce for Florida's airports. This program issues grants at an 80/20 match, up to **\$4,000**, to recipient airports to use toward compensation for an intern. ***This year, there are 12 internship grant opportunities available.***

To apply, you can access the Internship Grant Application [here](http://lisa@floridaairports.org) and send it by email to lisa@floridaairports.org, with a copy to gina@floridaairports.org. Applications are also accepted by mail at:

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AIRPORT MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Page Field's Erin Croop named one of NBAA's Top 40 Under 40

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) unveiled its 2018 Business Aviation Top 40 Under 40, which recognizes young professionals working in business aviation for their career accomplishments and dedication to the industry. "At a time when the aviation community is as focused as ever on attracting and keeping tomorrow's leaders and visionaries, NBAA is honored to have this opportunity to shine a spotlight on these outstanding young people, who are changing our industry in innovative and profound ways," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen.



Erin Croop
Marketing Coordinator
Base Operations
Page Field

Over the past five years, Croop has helped grow operations and revenues for this FBO, which is located at Page Field (KFMY) in Fort Myers, FL. Her passion is educating the community about the economic and social benefits of general and business aviation. Croop organizes Aviation Day, a community event that draws an average of 5,000 people annually. She is also responsible for hosting STEM-focused school and camp tours at the airport throughout the year to expose youth to potential careers in aviation. Croop's promotional strategies have helped her team earn high rankings in several industry pilot surveys. "I thrive on challenging work and finding new ways to approach things, and this industry provides me with opportunities to do so. The best thing about working in business aviation is the people. They are always willing to help and teach each other." [Read More...](#)

These are the airports you might not mind getting delayed in this holiday season (Source: MiamiHerald.com)

The holiday travel season is about to begin and one thing you can count on is you'll spend plenty of time at the airport if you're flying between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. The travel site Orbitz has taken some of the pain out of holiday travel by compiling a Top 15 list of

the best domestic airports to get delayed in this holiday season.

The list looks at things like the airports' number of shopping outlets (the more, the better, so they say), dining outlets, WiFi speed (so you can Facebook post how annoyed you are to be stuck at the airport), and lounges. The rankings also take into account the percentage of flights leaving on time and how many are canceled. Why?

Seems the Atlanta airport, the busiest in the nation and a major connection hub, has the most shopping outlets (221). There's also a virtual forest underground walkway between Concourses A and B where you can imagine you're in a "peaceful grassy meadow under a canopy of trees," according to Orbitz.

Travelers can also rent a private room that features a convertible sofa bed and a TV in Concourse B. And Hartsfield-Jackson has the fewest canceled flights of the Top 15 airports, with nearly 85 percent taking off in time and the third-fastest free Wi-Fi service (Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, which ranks No. 2 overall, has the fastest free WiFi).

So how did Florida airports do? MCO and MIA made the Top 15 list. Orlando is ranked No. 9 overall and Miami is No. 12.

Orlando does well in terms of its retail and dining options. There are 74 shops and 67 restaurants to choose from, according to Orbitz, along with 17 bars and eight coffee shops, including the ubiquitous Starbucks. Orlando's airport also has a noted art collection. Duane Hanson's tired "Traveler" sculpture has been in its collection since 1986 and gets much social media attention. But Orlando's MCO gets some knocks in the category of flights leaving on time — just above 78 percent, which puts MCO at fourth worst in this category.

As for MIA, the range of retail and dining options at MIA is "impressive," according to Orbitz. There are 70 shops and 65 different restaurants at MIA, plus 22 bars and 10 coffee shops. Both Orlando's MCO and MIA rank among the Top 5 for shopping outlets.

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Opportunities



ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF NAPLES AIRPORT AUTHORITY

AIRCRAFT DATA COLLECTION AND OPERATIONS REPORTING SYSTEM

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 November 30, 2018 at 2:00 PM local time for Aircraft Data Collection and Operations Reporting System. The full RFP package may be downloaded [here](#).

GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PROCUREMENT FOR W-396 Virtual Ramp Control (VRC) ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, all interested firms are invited to submit Statements of Qualifications to provide a Virtual Ramp Control system and perform any and all services as required for **W-396 Virtual Ramp Control** at the Orlando International Airport.

Pre-Submittal Conferences will be held on November 15, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., and November 16, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. local time, at the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Carl T. Langford Board Room located at One Jeff Fuqua Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827-4399 to present the Scope of Work, the SOQ Submission Requirements and other procurement and contracting requirements, as well as to address questions regarding submissions may be asked at the conference.

Documents and information related to this project may be obtained by clicking [here](#) and going to the "Construction Opportunities" tab.

Position: Professional Engineer
Salary: \$74,907 - \$122,769.92 Annually
Closing: Continuous



Professional and administrative engineering work in administration, design review, inspection, supervision and coordination of airport construction projects at all four County owned airports for the Department of Airports. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Position: Emergency Management Specialist, Senior
Salary: \$57,549.65 - \$91,849.68 Annually
Closing: Continuous



Broward County Aviation Department is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Emergency Management Specialist, Senior. This is administrative and supervisory work directing and coordinating functions of the Airport's Preparedness and Response programs. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Position: Executive Director, Tri-Cities Airport Authority
Salary: \$150,000 - \$185,000 Annually
Closing: November 14, 2018



The Executive Director reports to the Airport Authority Board and is responsible for general administrative leadership of all Airport employees with direct supervision over the executive management team of the Authority. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Position: Assistant Manager - Airport Properties & Development
Salary: \$22.62 - \$52.01 Hourly
Closing: November 9, 2018



This is professional administrative, supervisory and technical work providing direction in the areas of aviation lease management, properties management, business development, tenant relations, aviation industry research, program development, contract development, compliance monitoring, marketing, communications, public relations, communications and advertising; assisting in the day-to-day direction of the division and serving as division manager in his/her absence. Click [here](#) for additional information.



Position: Oracle Financial Systems Analyst

Position: Systems Analyst/Administrator
MAXIMO

Both position are open until filled

This position provides IT development and support services for Oracle eBusiness Suite and other applications to various Aviation Authority business units.

This position is responsible for the analysis and development of process automation concepts and options, assessment of associated costs & benefits, preparation of automated systems and components acquisition documents or design and test documents, selected software development, and user training and support.

Visit www.orlandoairports.net for more information

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