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Much in store for FAC as new decade begins

The Florida Airports Council celebrated a major milestone in 2019 – our 50th anniversary.

The new year and beginning of a new decade provides many opportunities to improve our business and how we serve Florida airports and the aviation industry. The Board of Directors has initiated several projects that will set the stage for the continued success of the association. Stay tuned to future Airmail issues for updates on the status of each project.

FAC Strategic Plan Update

As part of our continuing review of the Council's goals, activities and direction, we are in the process of updating our Strategic Plan. The Board selected Sachs Media Group to assist with this process and work began last year. A working group of Board members was established at the August 3rd Directors meeting to help guide the effort. The group includes the Executive Committee - Parker McClellan, Luis Olivero, Roy Sieger and Nina MacPherson, and Directors Chad Rosenstein, James Furioli, James Parish and Mark Kistler.

On October 4 and November 14, 2019 FAC members were invited to participate in a survey to gather useful insights to help shape the direction of our organization over the next 50 years. A total of 73 members responded – 40 airport members and 33 corporate members. About equal portions have been members for 1-4 years (25%), 5-9 years (16%), 10-19 years (29%), and 20 or more years (30%).

The working group will draw on the information gathered to evaluate potential changes to our business purpose, mission and vision statements, and to develop strategic goals, timeframes and measures of success.

The working group began reoccurring monthly conference calls in December and will also meet face-to-face at important milestones. The Board hopes to have the updated Strategic Plan ready for member review and consideration at the July 20th General Membership meeting during the 2020 Annual Conference in Orlando.

*Our **CURRENT MISSION** is to develop common positions on the varied interests of Florida's airports and communicate them to the legislative and executive branches of state and federal government, the media, and the public; to increase governmental funds allocated to Florida's airports and private sector investment, where possible; to increase the awareness of the importance of Florida's airports to the state, national, and global economy; to provide our members with timely, useful information on a wide-spectrum of airport issues; and to enhance and promote the professional development of our members through annual conferences, meetings, seminars, and training programs.*



*Our **CURRENT VISION** is to be the **Voice of Florida's Airports** before the Florida Legislature, U.S. Congress, state and federal government officials, and the general public - influencing government regulations, policies, and funding through the collective strength of our members.*

FAC Website Rebuild

The FAC website is an important component of our business communication strategy. The website should be easy for members and the public to access, information should be presented in a clear and concise manner including our home page, Education Foundation page, members only section and more. Staff is currently forming a committee to support this effort, to include FAC Directors and representatives from the IT, Education and Facilities Committees. The schedule for this project aims to launch the new site in time for the July 2020 Annual Conference.

2020 Conference Schedule Changes



The 51st Annual Conference and Exposition will be held at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Hotel in Orlando, July 19-22, 2020. Orlando Sanford Intl., Daytona Beach Intl., and Kissimmee Gateway Airport are co-hosts. FAC Vice Chair Luis Olivero is leading the conference planning team and they are working hard to make

this an outstanding event. The Broward County Aviation Department and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport set the bar very high last year!

Watch for some changes in the 2020 schedule. At the request of the planning team, the Board approved some modifications to the order of events, designed to enhance our delegates

experience and add value to attending the conference. A more formal and final agenda will be made available as early as possible. Here are the highlights:

→ Early Fishing and Golf Tournaments – Fishing, Golf and the airport tour will be scheduled for Sunday morning, opening day of the conference. Some committee meetings normally scheduled during this time will be programmed for Tuesday afternoon. We hope this will reduce the odds that these events will impacted by bad weather. Golf and fishing in the cooler morning hours will certainly be more comfortable. We hear lake fishing is much better in the morning!

→ More time with Exhibitors – Exhibitors invest important business development dollars in our conference – we aim to increase the time we spend together and the time available for our exhibitors to promote their business. Exhibit Hall hours will be extended through Tuesday afternoon and a Lunch with Exhibitors will be added. Business sessions are planned in the morning and afternoon on Tuesday.



New this year...watch for an announcement opening Early-Bird registration for Exhibitors. We will blast an email to all members and include an announcement in a future Airmail when the registration opens.

AROUND THE STATE

RSW reports record-breaking November

(Source: Fort Myers Weekly)

During November, 876,703 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, an increase of 8.2 percent compared to November 2018. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 8.7 percent compared to last year.

The traffic leader in November was Southwest with 150,697 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta Air Lines (143,832), American (116,238), United (108,331) and JetBlue (101,029).

Southwest Florida International Airport had 7,810 aircraft operations, an increase of 7.7 percent compared to November 2018. Page Field saw 11,685 operations, a 25.7 percent increase from November 2018.

Southwest Florida International Airport served nearly 9.4 million passengers in 2018 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com.



A decade of environmental traumas hurt Florida industry (Source: Tampa Bay Times)

One major lesson of the past decade is this: In Florida, the environment is the economy. If you mess up one, you mess up the other. Floridians learned that lesson in a big way in July 2010, when weathered oil from the Deepwater Horizon disaster off Louisiana first showed up on Panhandle beaches. As the sugar-white sands developed a bad case of thick, brown acne, tourists canceled hotel reservations all over the state. No charter fishing trips. No beach weddings. Ultimately BP agreed to pay Florida \$3.2 billion for its losses.

Then, in mid-2013 came an algae bloom so severe that it became known as Toxic Summer. It started in Lake Okeechobee, spread to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and later the St. Johns River, driving away tourists.

An algae outbreak as thick as guacamole followed in 2016. It took over the waterfront in Stuart, producing a smell one resident described as "death on a cracker." The beaches shut down for the Fourth of July and killed local tourism.

Two years later, toxic algae blooms erupted all over Florida, from the St. Johns River to Lake Okeechobee, as well as on both coasts. Blue-green algae plagued some parts of the state. A Red Tide bloom lingered for 16 months, killing manatees, dolphins and other marine life. Voters were so angry at then-Gov. Rick Scott for rolling back environmental regulations — including required inspections of septic tanks — that they chased him away from a campaign appearance.

Then a pair of hurricanes named Irma and Michael, fueled by the warmth of climate change and aided by rising seas, clobbered the state.

Newly elected Gov. Ron DeSantis has vowed to take on toxic algae and climate change. The next decade will show whether he succeeds.

FIVE INDUSTRIES HURT BY FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENTAL TRAUMAS

1. Tourism. Although the statewide tourism industry is in good shape, in part thanks to repeat business at the theme parks, some segments suffered devastating losses from the oil spill, hurricanes and algae blooms. Last year the state's tourism marketing arm, Visit Florida, launched an \$8.89 million marketing campaign to counteract the public relations damage done by Hurricane Michael and the algae blooms.

2. Charter boats and other rentals. A 2018 Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council survey of 12 counties found that Red Tide caused 626 temporary and permanent layoffs among charter boat operations and other waterfront rentals.

3. Timber Hurricane Michael tore up an estimated 2.7 million acres of timber, toppling trees that were the basis of the economy in several North Florida counties. One estimate of the monetary damage is more than \$1 billion.

4. Seafood. Gulf Coast shrimpers, oystermen and seafood processors claimed the BP oil spill cost them more than \$1 billion. The company fought that claim for two years, then surrendered.

5. Waterfront real estate. A study of home sales along the coast in the wake of the BP oil spill found values fell an average of 15 percent as a direct result of the spill. Four years ago the Florida Realtors Trade Association analyzed property values in the counties hit most often by algae-laden waters from Lake Okeechobee and found that the disaster had suppressed property values by as much as \$428 million annually.

DATES TO REMEMBER

(New ←)

	Location	Date
CFASPP Steering Committee Meetings	Various Click here for additional information	February 18 - March 5, 2020
FAC Federal Affairs Washington, DC Fly-In and Reception	<i>More information coming soon</i>	March 4, 2020
FAA 2020 Southern Regional Airports Conference	Atlanta, GA Click here for additional information	April 13-16, 2020
2020 Education & Training Summit	Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista <i>More information coming soon</i>	April 22-24, 2020
51st Annual Conference & Exposition	Orlando, FL Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress	July 19-22, 2020

Please email lisa@floridaairports.org with calendar updates.



Lee County Port Authority mourns the sudden loss of one of their own, Abutalib "Al" Gulamali



CPA representatives reported that Al quietly departed this life on the afternoon of December 31, 2019 at his home in Cape Coral. As many know, Al was a kind and warm soul who was extremely considerate and compassionate of other people's needs and interests; always putting them ahead of his own. His witty humor and pun-laden jokes were his unique and entertaining way of disarming people and making them feel welcomed and appreciated. Al was a genuine friend and mentor to many people throughout his 42+ year aviation industry career.

In 1978, Al began his career as an aircraft mechanic in Nairobi, Kenya and in 1988 after obtaining his Master's Degree from FIT in Melbourne, Florida, he took a position with the Jacksonville Port Authority where he served in a number of leadership positions. In 2004, Al joined the LCPA team where he served as the Midfield Terminal Complex Transition Manager overseeing the operational and logistical transition from the old terminal to the current terminal. Al was eventually promoted to Director of Operations & Safety where he had the privilege and pleasure to lead the most competent and qualified Operations staff in the airport industry.



Al was active in the Florida Airports Council and when asked to be the first chairman of the newly formed FAC Operations Committee, Al leaped at the chance and put the initial framework together of the Ops committee that is still in place today.

Al had a unique gift of seeing the best in other people and allowing them to flourish and succeed. He gave many their chance of a lifetime; to enter into the thriving world of airport management and enjoying long and rewarding careers. Al will be remembered for the "Kaizen" influence he had on LCPA culture, and deeply missed from the ranks of the LCPA close-knit work family.

Please keep Al's wife Horuku, son Alykhan, and daughter Fatima in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve their loss and search for comfort during this trying time.

AROUND THE NATION

FAA unveils long-awaited proposed rule on UAS Remote ID

FAA has released a highly anticipated proposed rule that would require unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), with very few exceptions, to be equipped with remote identification (ID) technology. The proposed rule outlines a comprehensive roadmap and framework explaining how the agency plans to ensure widespread remote ID compliance. When implemented, remote ID is expected to help FAA and airports more easily determine the identity and location of drone pilots and mitigate airport operational disruptions caused by drones.

AAAE and the airport community have urged FAA to expedite its publication of this proposed rule. However, the proposed timeframe for full implementation — three years after the publication of any final rule — will likely draw scrutiny from airports and the entire UAS industry.

The full text of the proposed rule can be found in the [Federal Register](#).



INDUSTRY NEWS

The move to upgrade U.S. airports*(Source: CBS News)*

The world's largest indoor waterfall welcomes you to an oasis of amazing shopping, world class dining ... and your next flight? Consistently ranked the best in the world, Singapore's Changi Airport is one of the busiest on the planet. But it has plenty to keep you from complaining about crowds; there are movie theaters, gardens, even a rooftop pool and hot tub with runway views.

"We realized that passengers would like to have a happy start to their journey," said airport executive Tan Lye Teck. While amenities get all the attention, Teck said that what really makes Changi stand out is the passenger experience: "An airport should be more than just, you know, someplace where you go to check in and drop your bag and board a flight."

Sabina and Hannah Douglas-Hill were stretching their legs after a seven-hour flight from Australia, and were standing in the airport's two-story butterfly garden. "It's amazing!" Sabina laughed. Hannah said, "Maybe we should have stopped longer and hung out in the pool for a bit. There's a lot of things in the Singapore airport that we don't know about, 'cause it's a pretty big airport. So, pretty impressive." But when you're talking about the best airport in the U.S. or North America, you go ... to Indiana.

"Absolutely! Why wouldn't you come to Indiana?" said Mario Rodriguez, the executive director of the Indianapolis International Airport. For seven years in a row, it has been ranked North America's best by the Airports Council International. Opened in 2008, Indianapolis is the first airport terminal in the U.S. designed with post-9/11 security in mind. Its high ceilings and large windows let in ample natural light, which better illuminates the local restaurants and global artwork. There's even live music on Fridays.

*Indianapolis International Airport*

"We've been desensitized, and we've been trained to think that the airport experience is horrible," Rodriguez said.

"Why should that be? That only happened just recently. You know, before it was the miracle of flight; traveling was exciting!" **Keep reading.**

No relief for non-compliant ADS-B transponder equipment *(Source: General Aviation News)*

So you have ADS-B installed in time for the mandate that took effect Jan. 1, 2020, requiring ADS-B Out in certain controlled airspace. But are you sure it's working properly? The mandate requires aircraft owners to use equipment meeting the requirements of FAR Part 91.225 and 91.227 when flying in what the FAA is calling "rule airspace."

The technical requirements that establish the performance requirements for ADS-B equipment were finalized by the FAA in 2011. In 2018, the FAA developed "Exemption 12555," which addresses performance requirements of some GPS receivers used to support ADS-B equipment. Unfortunately, for some aircraft owners, the performance of their GPS receivers falls below the requirement stated in the rule.

The good news? The FAA is allowing continued use of this GPS equipment to meet the rule requirements when backup FAA surveillance is available, according to officials with the National Business Aviation Association.

This exemption, which expires on Dec. 31, 2024, "is not a time extension for compliance with the ADS-B rule for aircraft, nor a general relaxation of the rule performance requirements," NBAA officials advise.

"In other words, this exemption does not extend the compliance date for ADS-B transponder equipment meeting current standards," they explain.

A small number of aircraft with pre-2011 ADS-B equipment — or "Version 1" — will need to use the FAA's ADS-B Deviation Authorization Preflight Tool (ADAPT) to seek permission on a flight-by-flight basis to operate in rule airspace.

This resource is also available for aircraft owners who haven't had a chance to equip yet — or who don't plan to, but want to make a flight requiring they enter rule airspace.

Exemptions will be granted online at FAA.gov/NextGen/EquipADSB/Adapt. That page also includes a video that walks you through how to fill out the ADAPT form.

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[Airport Internship Grant opportunities available](#)

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 year, there are 12 internship grant opportunities available.***

To apply, you can access the Internship Grant Application [here](#) and send it by email to lisa@floridaairports.org, with a copy to gina@floridaairports.org. Applications are also accepted by mail at: **Lisa Waters, President/CEO, Florida Airports Council, 5802 Hoffner Avenue, Suite 708, Orlando, Florida 32822**

[Committees: Webinar & Seminar slots are available](#)

Each year, FAC committees host informational and training webinars and seminars provided either FREE or at a reduced cost to FAC members. Slots for webinars and seminars are available so make reservations now. Webinars are facilitated by FAC staff and usually conducted during the lunch hour. Seminars are conducted face-to-face at a convenient location and can be scheduled for up to 4 hours or more. FAC staff will provide all the promotion of these events and can also provide financial support.

Some fantastic training events took place in 2019. The Environmental Committee hosted a well-attended webinar focusing on new FAA AC's related to wildlife and the FAA National Wildlife Strike Database and a

webinar addressing regulatory updates regarding AFFF and PFAS at Airports in Florida. The State Affairs Committee hosted a webinar addressing Florida law about sales tax on rental space at Florida airports. Seminars held in 2019 were on topics including Professional Engineer laws and ethics, airfield electrical and marking, SMS and Trusted Agent Training. The Operations Committee is planning a basic airport safety and operations specialist class for early 2020. ***If your committee would like to take advantage of these training and development opportunities, please reach out to gina@floridaairports.org.***

Business & Employment Opportunities



LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Quote RFQ 20-17LKD
Bullet Trap for the
Southwest Florida International Airport

The Lee County Port Authority ("Authority") invites all interested and qualified parties to provide submissions for the above referenced solicitation.

SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS:

All documents and instructions for submittal may be obtained online at www.publicpurchase.com.

PRE-SUBMISSION MEETING:

No pre-submission meeting is scheduled for this solicitation.

RECEIVING AND OPENING:

Solicitation submissions must be received at the Southwest Florida International Airport Terminal, Purchasing Office, 3rd Floor **prior to 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2020.**

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE:

The Lee County Port Authority will not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. Any person needing special accommodations for attendance at any public meeting should contact the Purchasing Office at least even (7) days before the scheduled meeting.

CONTACT: Any requests or questions concerning this solicitation shall be addressed to the Purchasing Office: **Lori DeLoach, CPPB, Senior Procurement Agent**, E-mail: LKDeLoach@FlyLCPA.com, Telephone (239) 590-4555

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Bids (RFB # 20-15MLW)
Purchase of Two Hobart 3400 Bridge
Mounted Pre-Conditioned Air Units (PCA) for the
Southwest Florida International Airport

The Lee County Port Authority invites all qualified parties to provide submissions for the purchase of Two Hobart 3400 Bridge Mounted Pre-Conditioned Air Units (PCA) for the Southwest Florida International Airport.

A copy of the Request for Bid and instructions for submittal may be obtained online at www.publicpurchase.com.

There is no Prebid Meeting is scheduled.

Receiving and opening of Request for Bids is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., January 22, 2020, in the Amelia Earhart Room, 3rd Floor, Southwest Florida International Airport Terminal, located at 11000 Terminal Access Road, Suite 8671, Ft. Myers, Florida, 33913-8899.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE: The Lee County Port Authority will not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. Any person needing special accommodations for attendance at any the public opening should contact the Megan Wilson, Purchasing Agent, Lee County Port Authority, at least even (7) days before the scheduled meeting.

Any questions concerning this request shall be addressed to: **Megan Wilson, Purchasing Agent**, E-mail: mlwilson@flylcpa.com, Telephone (239) 590-4558

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Position: Assistant Airport Manager

Closing Date: Open Until Filled



The City of New Smyrna Beach is currently recruiting for an Assistant Airport Manager. Under general direction, assists management with supervision and coordination of activities and operations of the New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport. Duties include the day-to-day operations, environmental, safety and administrative aspects of the Airport. The Assistant Airport Manager also assists in coordinating assigned activities, programs, departments and outside agencies; provides administrative and accounting support to the Airport Manager; and, serves as the Airport Manager in his/her absence. Visit our website at www.cityofnsb.com to view the job posting details.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ➔ Bachelor's degree in Airport Management or Business Administration preferred
- ➔ Three years of experience working in an airport related industry
- ➔ An American Association of Airport Executive accreditation is desirable
- ➔ Equivalent education and experience will be considered

LICENCES & CERTIFICATIONS:

- ➔ Valid Florida Driver's License
- ➔ FAA Certification to meet the requirements for handling aviation fuel within one year

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Position: Staff Engineer

Opening Date: December 30, 2019

Closing Date: Continuous

Salary: \$57,549.65 - \$91,849.68 Annually

REQUIREMENTS AND PREFERENCES:

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified candidates for position of Staff Engineer - Aviation Department.

This Job Announcement will remain open until a sufficient number of applications are received.

General Description:

The Broward County Aviation Department, which manages the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) and North Perry Airport (HWO - a general aviation facility), is seeking a motivated and experienced professional for the position of Staff Engineer. This is professional and administrative work with responsibilities for assisting in the management of Airport projects for the County.

Works independently under general supervision, reporting major activities through periodic meetings.

Minimum Education & Experience Requirements

Requires a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in Architecture, Civil Engineering, Construction Management or closely related field.

To view this posting in its entirety, visit <http://www.broward.org/careers>



Position: Airports Operations Officer

Opening Date: January 6, 2020

Closing Date: January 17, 2020

Salary: \$23.11 Hourly

Interprets and enforces Federal, State, Local rules and regulations applicable to airport operations; responds to emergencies; compiles/monitors flight schedules and coordinates them with air carriers; monitors aircraft operations. Performs airfield, terminal and landside inspections as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); ensures Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and lease agreement compliance; responds to tenants/public inquiries and complaints; prepares related reports; works under the general direction of the Manager of Airport Operations, and is reviewed via personal consultation, written reports and conferences.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Management or closely related field; minimum of six (6) months of airport operations experience at a Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 139 Commercial Service Airport. Equivalencies: Unrelated Bachelor's Degree or related Associate's Degree AND two (2) years of related experience OR graduation from high school/equivalent AND four (4) years of related experience.

PREFERENCE FOR: Working experience at a medium/large hub airport; knowledge of airports/airfields CFR 139 and airport security CFR 1542; valid Pilot's License (**copy of license must be uploaded to online application or received in PBC HR by 5:00 P.M. on the closing date.**)

Visit www.pbcgov.jobs for job description and to apply online. (No e-mail applications/resumes accepted).