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2021 Education & Training Summit
Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista
October 27-29, 2021

Registration is Open for the 2021 Education & Training Summit!

The Covid-19 pandemic kept FAC members from in-person meetings throughout 2020. Thankfully, it appears Florida is on the leading edge of the power curve and heading back to normal.

The 2021 E & T is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27th thru Friday October 29th at the Embassy Suites, Orlando, Lake Buena Vista. The Summit will feature sessions hosted by the Environmental, Facilities, General Aviation, IT, Noise Abatement and Community Affairs, Operations, and Training Committees.

The schedule will feature great speakers and panels discussing topics that are timely and relevant to the current state of our industry.

General Sessions will cover several important statewide topics:

- *FDOT Airport Licensing Standards and Inspections* – FDOT's David Smith, Inspections and Safety Manager will provide an important update from the DOT's perspective
- *Legislative and Governmental Affairs* - Ever wondered how politics plays a role at your airport? This session will leverage the expertise of Ms. Gina Evans from TPA and Mr. Eric Prutsman from Johnson & Blanton to provide insight on how the legislative process works in Florida and how it relates to the aviation industry.
- *Human Trafficking* – A statewide perspective and the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, Blue Campaign - Human Trafficking occurs in everyday life and happens more often than you think at transportation facilities, like airports. Mr. Michael Carnal from the Department of Homeland Security will provide an overview of human trafficking, its connection to commercial and general aviation, and actions airport employees can take to combat the crime.
- *FAA Orlando ADO Update* – Hear directly from our Orlando ADO office regarding important issues and updates from the agency.



The FAC Committees have programmed a series of workshops and sessions on important topics:

- ◇ Environmental Committee – PFAS Update, Airport Resiliency and Sustainability, and FL Stormwater Update
- ◇ Facilities Committee – Airfield markings and FAA certification, and airfield electrical workshop
- ◇ GA Committee – Approach surfaces management and obstruction mitigation options
- ◇ IT Committee – Identity and authentication management, the “digital twin”, and IT professional skills training
- ◇ Noise Abatement/Community Affairs Committee – Focus on General Aviation airport noise issues and methods to educate and communicate with your community
- ◇ Operations Committee – Tabletop exercises during Covid-19 restrictions and introduction of a UAS program at your airport.

Visit the [FAC Website](#) for all the information you need to know about the program, speakers, hotel accommodations including their Covid-19 protocols and registration.

We hope to see you there!

Thank You Sponsors & Exhibitors!



More E&T Sponsorship Opportunities available...[Click here!](#)



Join FAC movers and shakers in Tallahassee October 19th

FAC has been advocating for the issues that matter most to our state’s publicly owned and operated airports and airport/aviation businesses since 1969. We hope you will join the FAC Board of Directors and other key airport managers and staff to “walk-the-halls” of the State House and Senate to promote Florida airport legislative priorities. Our power is in our numbers – and we need your voice to help bring attention to FAC’s legislative properties. Please plan to join us – [Click here](#) for the schedule and to register.

State Fly-In



Thank You Fly-In Sponsors!



AROUND THE STATE

Rafael Cutié named Miami International Director



Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava announced the appointment of Rafael (Ralph) Cutié as the new director and CEO of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.

Cutié has acted as interim director of the aviation department since June; prior to that role, he served as assistant director for facilities management and engineering. ***Congratulations Rafael!***



FAA—\$100 million awards towards developing technologies that reduce fuel use, emissions and noise.

FAA said it has awarded more than \$100 million for companies to help develop technologies that reduce fuel use, emissions and noise. The award is part of a series of steps President Biden is taking to coordinate leadership and innovation across the federal government, aircraft manufacturers, airlines, fuel producers and more to position American aviation to work toward net zero emissions by 2050. "Across the country, communities have been devastated by the effects of climate change – but, if we act now, we can ensure that aviation plays a central role in the solution," said DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "These awards will help America lead the world in sustainable aviation."



SRQ breaks 12-month passenger record in eight months (Source: *Youobserver.com*)

Youobserver.com)

Traffic through Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport surpasses a record set in 1990.

The year still has three months and change remaining – including the all-important holiday travel season – but SRQ is already celebrating a 2021 to remember. The airport by the end of August set a 12-month record for passenger traffic, breaking the old mark set in 1990.

“It is amazing to see us break our annual passenger record only eight months into the calendar year,” said Rick Piccolo, the airport’s president and CEO in a prepared statement. “While this incredible growth has resulted in added revenues that resulted in a continued decrease in costs for our airline partners, it has created the need for a number of significant capital improvements that the airport is moving on as quickly as possible.”

In the first eight months of 2021, 2,034,538 passengers passed through the airport, eclipsing the record of 2,010,304 set 31 year ago. In August, passenger traffic reached 247,900, 83% higher than the pre-pandemic levels of 2019 and more than three times the passenger traffic of August, 2020. Ten airlines – Delta, United, American, Southwest, Allegiant, Jet Blue, Sun Country, Elite, Frontier, and Air Canada – operate to and from 50 destinations from Sarasota-Bradenton International.

In large part to the arrival of Allegiant and Southwest Airlines, traffic at Sarasota-Bradenton International has driven record-setting passenger gains in recent years. Between the two carriers, 48 destinations have been added since 2018.

Over the next decade, the Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority intends to add more commercial, hotel and office space to the property it owns in north Sarasota, particularly on land along University Parkway. On July 21, representatives for the airport authority appeared before the city’s Development Review Committee for a preliminary

meeting about plans for the future of 96.5 acres that are part of Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport. In documents filed with the city, the airport said it will be submitting a series of development applications to facilitate changes on the site.

As part of those applications, the airport will ask the city to rezone 24.5 acres from government zoning to the intensive commercial district, which would accommodate the development of commercial properties for long-term leaseholders. To make room for future development on land dubbed the SRQ Gateway Centre, the airport intends to eliminate existing rental car space along University Parkway and concentrate those uses in a centralized facility to the north.



AIRPORT MEMBERS ... Are you interested in hosting the 2024 55th Annual FAC Conference and Exposition?

This is the largest event of the year for the Council and is always well attended. The conference hosts over 700 delegates representing airports, state and federal agencies and aviation businesses. This event also brings notable economic impacts to the area due to the expenditures of participants for hotel accommodations, dining and entertainment, and corporate events that are planned during the week of the conference. Occupied hotel room nights for the four-day event are forecast at over 1,500. An estimate of the economic impact of our 50th Annual Conference in July 2019, using an Economic Impact Calculator (EIC) developed by the Destination Marketing Association, Inc. valued the total economic impact for the FAC event at \$1.3 million.

Contact lisa@floridaairports.org if your interested.

Boca Raton Airport Authority contributes \$25,000 to the Boca Raton Airport Scholarships Fund

On September 8, 2021, the Boca Raton Airport Authority proudly presented a \$25,000 contribution to the Boca Raton Airport Scholarship, administered by the George Snow Scholarship Fund.

The Boca Raton Airport Scholarship was established in 2017 and is awarded to Palm Beach County students pursuing careers in aviation and aerospace. "For the fifth year in a row, the Board unanimously approved the annual contribution of \$25,000 to the endowment," said the Boca Raton Airport Authority Executive Director Clara Bennett. "We are honored to make a positive impact on deserving local students in our community."

The scholarships will be awarded next year during the George Snow Scholarship Fund Annual Awards Reception in June 2022. The Boca Raton Airport Authority has contributed to the scholarship fund each year since its inception. To date, twelve students have received the Boca Raton Scholarship and are attending several universities including the University of Florida, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Florida Institute of Technology. The average GPA of these high-achieving students is 3.53.

The George Snow Scholarship Fund, a Boca Raton-based 501(c) 3 Public Charity, provides educational grants to some of the areas brightest and most deserving young scholars. These scholarships are four-year commitments and are designed to bridge the gap between other financial aid and what the scholar and their families can afford.

Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) submits comments to FDOT re: SIS

In a letter to Assistant Secretary of Strategic Development, Brad Thoburn, the leadership of the SEFTC recommended several policy changes to the SIS as a key policy goal of the unanimously adopted *2045 Regional Transportation Plan*. While the SIS has helped to connect Florida's urban regions over the nearly twenty years since its inception, the SEFTC believes policies must change and adapt to current needs. There are a few key areas SEFTC suggests the SIS Policy Team review as opportunities for meaningful positive change: 1) Intercity; 2) Multimodal; and 3) Other as discussed in more detail below.

[Click Here](#) to read the letter submitted by SEFTC plus attachments.



Only a few left!

2021 Virtual Fun Run challenge medals are still available for purchase. Join the race now by clicking [HERE](#).



July traffic pushes MCO past total passengers for all of 2020

With more than 4 million passengers traveling through Orlando International Airport (MCO) in July, the total number of passengers so far this year has exceeded all of last year. The summer travel season of 2021 continues to rival the record summer of 2019 at Florida’s busiest airport. The total number of passengers for all of 2020 was 21,617,803. With the July numbers added in, MCO already has 22,052,110 passengers for the first seven months of the year.

In fact, this year, MCO broke previous July records for the number of domestic travelers with 3.9 million, a nearly 142 thousand passenger or a 4.4 percent increase over the previous July record set in 2019. Once again, the lack of transatlantic international visitations had an impact on overall numbers. While significantly more than 2020, international traffic remains down approximately 70 percent from July 2019 pre-pandemic levels. Driving the increase in domestic traffic, almost every airline operating at MCO added seats to Central Florida. An additional 257 thousand seats were added into the market in July with Spirit, United and Southwest leading the way.

July 2021 Statistical Data—Domestic passenger traffic reached a new July high with 3,940,191 departures and arrivals at MCO. Despite the lack of transatlantic air travel, international traffic recorded a major rebound over 2020 with a dramatic 1500 percent increase and 208,559 international arrivals and departures. Combined, overall traffic was up 249.84 percent for the month, with a total of 4,148,750 passengers at Orlando International in July.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Event	Location	Date
<u>2022 State Fly-In</u>	Tallahassee, FL	Oct. 19-20, 2021
<u>2021 FAC Education & Training Summit (In Person)</u>	Embassy Suites, Kissimmee	Oct. 27-29, 2021
<u>CFASPP 2021-3 Meetings</u>	Various	Oct. 10-Nov. 4, 2021
<u>Statewide CFASPP Meeting</u>	MCO	Dec. 8, 2021 @ 1pm

Please email lisa@floridaairports.org with calendar updates.

FL DOT Aviation Office hosts DEF workshop

The Florida Department of Transportation announces a workshop to which all persons are invited.

- DATE AND TIME: October 5, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- PLACE: Virtual via Go-to-Webinar
- GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: During the 2021 Florida Legislative session, CS/HB 77, Diesel Exhaust Fluid, was passed and signed into law, creating Section 330.401, Florida Statutes (FS). This bill requires public airports to require a diesel exhaust fluid safety mitigation and exclusion plan for certain fixed-base operators (FBOs) and for these plans to be made available during Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) inspections.

Subsection 330.401(3), FS says FDOT shall convene a workgroup of public airport representatives by November 1, 2021 to develop uniform industry standards based upon the requirements of paragraph 330.401 (1)(b), FS. This Workgroup will be held virtually on October 5, 2021, 2:00 p.m. ET – 3:00 p.m. ET via Go-to-Webinar.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Mr. David Smith at (850)414-4515. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Mr. David Smith at (850)414-4515. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice). For more information, you may contact: Mr. David Smith at (850)414-4515.

Sheltair and SUN 'n FUN agree to multi-year partnership supporting future aviation professionals

In early August, Sheltair proudly announced that it has agreed to a five-year partnership extension with SUN 'n FUN, aiming to elevate the guest experience of those attending the internationally acclaimed Aerospace Expo. The agreement further strengthens the future of young aviation professionals by pledging year-round support to the Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE). Sheltair will continue its role as the official fuel provider of the famous Lakeland airshow and expo while also supporting the recently established Holiday Flying Festival that will take place each December. "Extending this partnership was an obvious and easy decision," stated John "Lites" Leenhouts, President & CEO of SUN 'n FUN/Aerospace Center for Excellence. "Sheltair has consistently provided excellent service to our SUN 'n FUN guests, setting the industry standard for FBO performance. With our growing relationship and alliance, we can ensure the support for our Aerospace Center for Excellence continues to grow and reach even more young people." Since ACE's opening in 2014, SUN 'n FUN's proceeds have supported the non-profit aerospace organization whose mission is to engage, educate, and accelerate the next generation of aerospace professionals. For this reason, Sheltair has pledged a yearly in-kind contribution, as well as continuing to donate \$0.10 per gallon on all SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo and Holiday Flying Festival event uplifts to ACE's Project Skylab, a STEM learning center **opening this August** designed to provide hands-on activities for the next generation of aviation professionals.

"Sheltair and SUN 'n FUN have enjoyed having a close relationship for the last seven years, serving thousands of guests attending the airshow," commented Andy Castro, Sheltair's Director of Special Projects and KLAL General Manager. "This partnership allows us to work even closer, looking to propel the growth and success of both ACE and SUN 'n FUN. Sheltair always looks forward to continuing to serve the airshow, but further, we are excited to align our goals to inspire the next generation of

aviators." As in years past, pilots flying to Sheltair Lakeland for SUN 'n FUN will continue to receive triple **Avfuel** AVTRIP Points for an even more rewarding experience. Sheltair will also offer its streamlined services using new technologies that allow invoicing right at the refueling truck for simplified operations and an elevated customer experience. "SUN 'n FUN is very excited about Sheltair's year-round partnership. Flight operations during SUN 'n FUN are complex and require the utmost care, planning, and coordination," remarked Malonie Ayers, Business Development Manager. "Partnering with Sheltair compliments our commitment to preserve and enhance the future of flight through world-class events by always offering on-time and accurate deliveries, exemplary service, and years of experience. We couldn't ask for a better partner!"

Sheltair traditionally serves upwards of 4,000 aircraft movements during SUN 'n FUN's six-day event in April of each year. Customers enjoy a full array of services and benefits, including U.S. Customs, award-winning customer service and ground support, hangar space and tie-downs, on-site Hertz rental cars, catering, shuttle services, crew cars, complimentary refreshments and snacks, a flight planning/weather room, and a pilot's lounge. The extended agreement will also see Sheltair providing the same high-level support for SUN 'n FUN's Holiday Flying Festival and Car Show held every year on the SUN 'n FUN Expo Campus. "The formula for success is already in place, so this is a logical continuation of our partnership," continued Mr. Castro.



SHELTAIR

Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation accepts Recycling Champion Nominations

The Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation is seeking nominations for its 2021 Recycling Champions Awards that will recognize companies, organizations, governmental entities or individuals that have made a significant impact in recycling. The group is also looking to recognize and celebrate new innovative programs in water reuse and recycling, energy efficiency, sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Nominations are now open and self-nominations are welcomed. Suggested Award Categories include:

- Communication and Education
- Waste Reduction, Reuse and Recycling
- Water Reuse and/or Recycling
- Energy Efficiency
- Environmental Stewardship
- Innovation and other
- Recycle Market Development

Applicants can be a non-profit; large business (over 100 employees); small business; governmental entity; or educational organization.

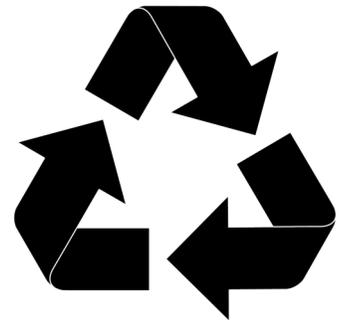
Applications can be found on the Florida Recycling Partnership website – www.flrecycling.org and the deadline to submit is October 1, 2021.

Notification of award decisions will be made in November, with the awards presented during Florida Recycles Week scheduled for November 15 – 19, 2021.

Last year five awards were presented, and the winners included Anheuser-Busch, DAR PRO Solutions, Florida State University, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful and Sarasota County Solid Waste.

This year’s judges will include Deans and students from the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship - Master of Science in Entrepreneurship, Social and Sustainable Enterprises Program. Last years winners included Sarasota County Solid Waste, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, FSU, DAR PRO Solutions and Anheuser-Busch. The Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation is a coalition of leading Florida companies and associations with the mission to educate policy makers, business leaders and the public about the importance of recycling.

Questions? Contact Keyna Cory at keyna@flrecycling.org or 850.728.1054
The fee is \$125.



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Great News

Interested in purchasing a 50th Anniversary FAC Legacy Book?

Keep a lookout on the FAC website on the home page for a link to purchase these wonderful books.



FAC Operations Committee surveys airports for COVID-19 policies & vetting airfield drivers

The FAC Operations Committee recently created and executed two surveys for Florida Airports regarding COVID-19 Social Distancing policies in place and to gather information on different vetting practices for persons requesting Driver Training at airports.

For the Vetting Airfield Drivers Survey, responses came from Tallahassee Intl., St. Pete-Clearwater Intl., Daytona Beach Intl., Palm Beach Intl., Punta Gorda Airport, Orlando Sanford Intl., Miami Intl., Sarasota Bradenton Intl., Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl., Naples Airport Authority, and Gainesville Regional Airport. Topics surveyed with majority answers are as follows:

- "Does your airport conduct a driver license checks for valid/invalid licenses on airfield driving applicants?"-**78% Yes.**
- "Does your airport require a driver history report from applicants?"- **85% No.**
- "Are there any offenses in a driver's history that would, per your policies, disqualify an individual from being able to receive airfield driver training?"- **63% Yes (specifics in link).**

- "Who adjudicates whether or not an applicant's driver history report presents too high a risk to allow airfield driving privileges (i.e. training office, Director of Safety, Airport Director, LEO, risk department, etc.)?"- **Some answers included: Director of Airfield Ops., CEO/COO, Airport Manager, ID Office/Trusted Agent, & County Risk Dept.**

Responses for the FL Airport Social Distancing Information Survey came from Southwest Florida Intl., Punta Gorda Airport, Daytona Beach Intl., Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl., Jacksonville Aviation Authority, Sarasota Bradenton Intl., & Tampa Executive Airport. All airports have continued signage about mask wearing, social distancing, washing hands, etc. throughout airport entrances/doors/walls/overhead announcements/digitals. More than half of the airports surveyed have removed or have begun removing decals from floors/seats/etc. Those airports that still have decals have noted that some airlines have requested to have decals in their leased areas removed.

See the full survey responses here:

[-Vetting Airfield Drivers](#)

[-FL Airport Social Distancing Information](#)

AROUND THE NATION

Bill introduced to end diversion of aviation security fees

Sens. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) last week introduced the Funding for Aviation Screeners and Threat Elimination Restoration Act (the FASTER Act), which would ensure that revenues collected from passengers as aviation security fees are used to help finance the costs of aviation security. AAAE President and CEO Todd Hauptli highlighted the association's strong support for the FASTER Act, stating, "With travelers returning to the skies, Congress needs to end the security fee shell game and redirect scarce resources to staffing, technology, and other critical security needs. We appreciate Senators Markey's and Blumenthal's leadership in doing just that." Since 2013, Congress has diverted one-third of this security fee revenue and deposited it into the general fund of the Treasury to

pay for unrelated government spending. The FASTER Act would repeal this diversion, thereby redirecting billions of dollars back to TSA, and would prevent Congress from raiding these funds in the future. Absent a change to current law, by the end of fiscal year 2027, more than \$19 billion of aviation security fee revenues will have been diverted.

The Senate bill is a companion to H.R. 1813, which House Homeland Security Committee Chair Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), House Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member Rep. John Katko (R-N.Y.), and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) introduced on March 11. The FASTER Act also was introduced in the previous Congress but was not enacted into law.

Business & Employment Opportunities



Employment Opportunity
Finance Manager: Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority
For additional details click [HERE](#)



Request for Proposal 21-81MMW
Development of Skyplex Consultant & Brokerage
Services: Lee County Port Authority
For additional details click [HERE](#)



Request for Proposal No. 2021-BRAA-003
DBE Administrator: Boca Raton Airport Authority
For additional details click [HERE](#)

Request For Proposal (2021-BRAA-002)
Specialized Landscape Services: Boca Raton Airport
Authority
For additional details click [HERE](#)



Request for Proposals DOA 21-11
Airport Planning Consultant Services
(Local EBO Program): Palm Beach County
For additional details click [HERE](#)

Request/Invitation for Bids (PB21-9)
Terminal Roof Improvements: Palm Beach
International Airport
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Request for Proposals
Scheduling Optimization and Staffing
Analysis: Naples Airport Authority
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Employment Opportunity
Operations Supervisor/Wildlife Officer:
Sanford Airport Authority
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Employment Opportunity
Vice President of Maintenance: Tampa Intl. Airport
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Director of FBO Services: ADK via Naples
Airport Authority
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Employment Opportunity
FBO General Manager-Aviation Services:
ADK via Central West Virginia Airport
Authority
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