



# SUN n FUN

AEROSPACE EXPO

APRIL 14-19, 2026  
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Engagement in this event supports  
Aerospace Education at the

AEROSPACE  
Center For Excellence





## Gene Conrad

- Born in Oshkosh, WI where my father was Airport Manager of Wittman Regional Airport for 12 years
- Volunteered at EAA AirVenture for last 36 years
- Over 20 years of airport management experience – CMH, DAY, BBG, LAL
- Airport Director at Lakeland Linder International Airport for 12 years
- Took over as President and CEO of the Aerospace Center for Excellence and the SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo in April 2022



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## SUN 'n FUN 2025 By The Numbers...

- 210,000 attendees
- 18,000+ cars parked on Saturday
- Over 80 Countries represented
- 561 exhibitors
- 500+ Forums and Workshops
- 702 media representatives
- 600+ port-a-potties
- 24 comfort stations/shower houses
- 19,000 App downloads
- 3,000+ airplanes
- 6,000+ aircraft operations in six days
- 3,500 volunteers
- 1 Concert



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# Community Impact

- Annual Economic Impact of \$150 million
- Net proceeds from SUN 'n FUN go back into year-round educational programming at the Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE) - \$3 million

**Mission – Engage, Educate, and Accelerate the next generation of aerospace professionals**

- Annually, ACE reaches over 20,000 students and teachers
- World-Class Campus
  - Central Florida Aerospace Academy
  - Lakeland Aero Club
  - Skylab Innovation Center
  - Florida Air Museum
  - Traviss Career College Airframe and Powerplant Program

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# Communication, Coordination, Complexity

- **When you have seen one airport, you have seen one airport...**
- **General Aviation Airports vs Commercial Service Airports**
- **It is “Yes” it’s just how we get there...**
- **Communication / Coordination with event organizers**
  - **Start early**
  - **Meet often**
- **Complexity of the event**
  - **Footprint on the airport, pavement closures, fireworks and pyro**
  - **FAA coordination - NOTAMs, TFRs, Waivers, Ground Ops Plan**
  - **Aerobatic boxes**

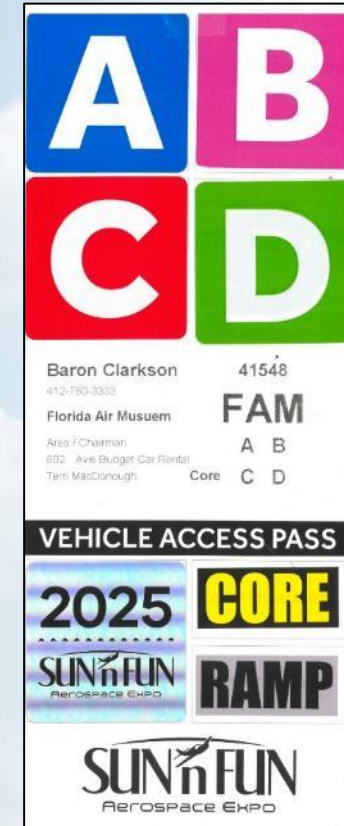
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# Security, Logistics, Tenants...

- **Security**
  - Security programs / TSA
  - Guest and vehicle access
- **Logistics**
  - Aircraft parking
  - Vehicle parking
  - Vendors
- Tenant coordination– Airlines, Air Cargo, FBO's
- Protect Through Agreements
  - Leases and Use Agreements
- Peer Communication
  - Don't need to reinvent the wheel
- Sustainability of the Aviation Industry
- Plan for the Future...



**VEHICLE MOVEMENT  
AUTHORIZED FOR EXPO  
OPERATIONS ONLY!**

**GATE ACCESS  
ZONES**

- A** Camper Registration #150A | Rocky Rd. #136
- B** Rocky Rd. #136 – Core Access - Sticker Req.
- C** Rocky Rd. #136 | Airside #31, #38 & #44
- D** Rocky Rd. #136 | Airside #31, #38 & #44  
Operations South of Access Road Only! Ramp  
Sticker Required from the corner of Vintage Way  
and Foxtrot north to the Warbird Ramp.

**AIRCRAFT & PEDESTRIANS ALWAYS  
HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY!**

**IMPROPERLY DISPLAYED PASSES OR  
IMPROPERLY PARKED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED!**

**THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PASS  
MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY  
AND ALWAYS VISIBLE TO SECURITY!**

All vehicle occupants/guests/volunteers must display admission wristbands at all times while on the SUN 'n FUN campus.

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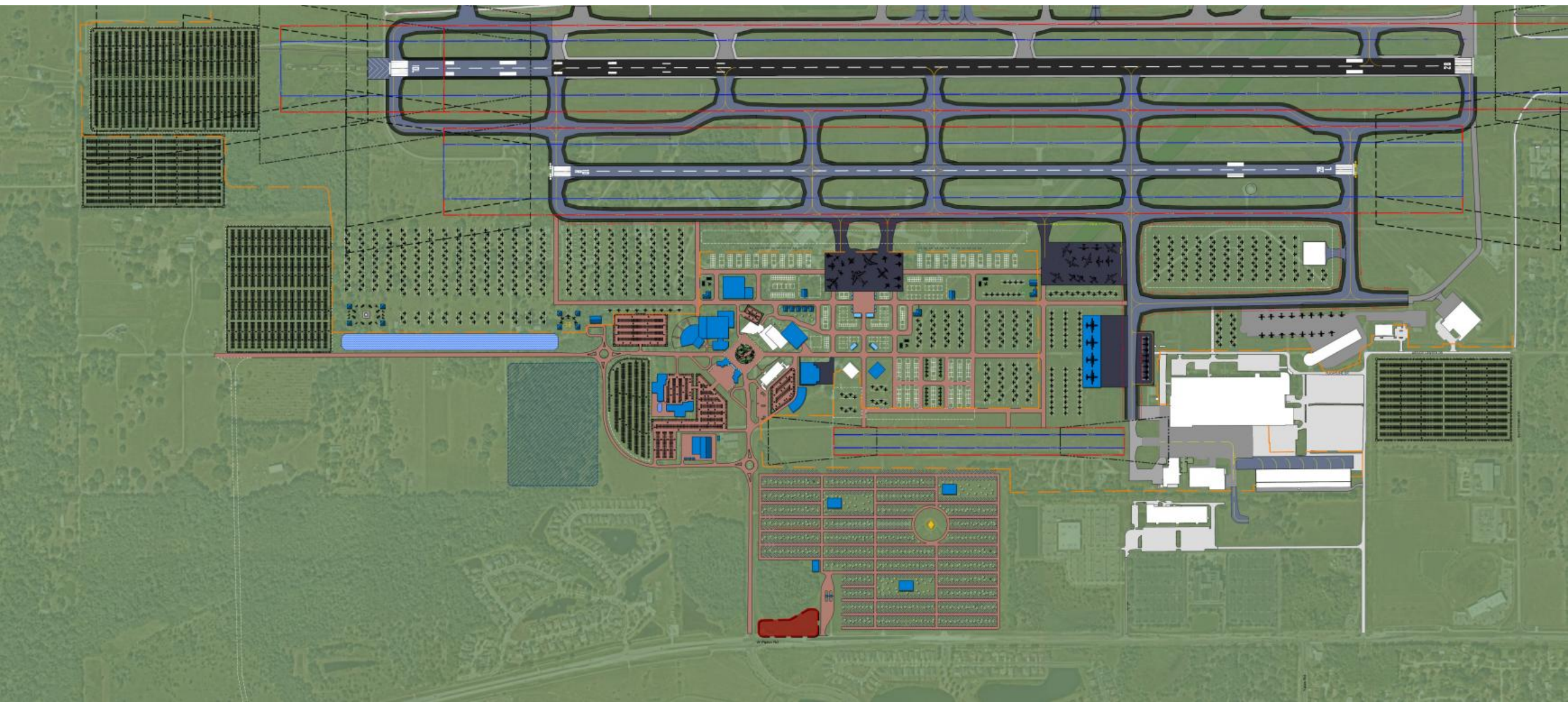


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## **STRATEGIC SITE PLAN**









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The Central Florida  
Council of Governments

Lakeland  
City of Lakeland

Hatch  
Hatch Mott MacDonald



**THANK YOU!!**

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