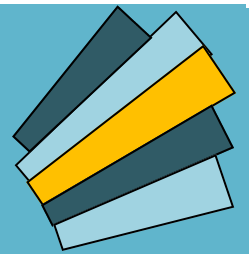


FMFC FLYER

The Fort Myers Flying Club NEWSLETTER



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September, 2011

The FORT MYERS FLYING CLUB

President's Message

by Eric Graham

We find ourselves in the fall of 2011 and another year is almost 75% gone. I am happy to report that the club is weathering the storm of a poor economy by holding its own and maintaining our presence at Page Field thanks to all of you our members. Soon it will be time to elect a few members to the board of directors and I encourage all of you who can find the time to run for a seat at the table. It is always a pleasure to get involved and become part of the management team of any organization but especially our flying club.

In reflecting back over the year thus far, the club has adopted a new name "The Fort Myers Flying Club" which is more descriptive of what are and what the club does. We have changed the bylaws to enable new members to be flying within a shorter period of time. We have trained several new pilots and had some members obtain their instrument rating. We have taken outings to the Bahamas and offered safety presentations at our meetings. Thus far the club has had a pretty good year. However, we did have an oops

with the 172 which will be discussed and followed up on to determine if we need further procedures to avoid such an incident. All in all though we have had a very safe and uneventful 10 years of flying thanks to everyone's attention to detail and safety mindedness.

It is my sincere desire to have as many come to our October dinner meeting as possible. Please impart your intentions to Jim Meyersburg or Dean Martin as to whether you will be in attendance so they can properly plan the place and size for the meeting. I want to thank those of you that responded to the survey so that the club can better respond to your needs.

The board is constantly looking for better ways to provide the best possible member experience within its means. Ideas are what makes an organization develop and grow so do not hesitate to present any and all ideas you may have.

Remember to treat the aircraft as your own because in a sense they are partially yours as being part of the club and it helps keep the maintenance costs down. Also fly when you can as gas is not getting any less expensive.

I is a pleasure working with such a group and look forward to seeing more participation in upcoming events. BTW a GPS seminar is coming your way as soon as we can put it together.

Sincerely,

Eric S Graham, President FMFC

Eric

AUGUST STATS

Aircraft hours:

3521Q	32.5
944CC	19.9
9490X	8.8

Top Flyers for August:

Robert Willaford	8.3
John Patrikas	6.9
Frank Trujillo	6.2

General Meeting

- * General Meeting
Tuesday, September
13th 7:00 PM, RSW
Training Center
- * Guest Michael Den
Hartog * The Young
Eagles Program *
- * Informative and fun
for everyone!
- * See you there!

"BASE OPS" Our New FBO!

by Sherrie Lorenz

Page Field has a proud new FBO that is now open for business!

The new 2-story 22,613 sq. ft. terminal building is modern and cutting-edge, but steeped in it's rich military history. The new FBO is called "Base Ops," which is where WWII pilots checked in after landing.

Large black and white military photos adorn the walls, and a full-size replica of a P-51 Mustang hangs from the ceiling.



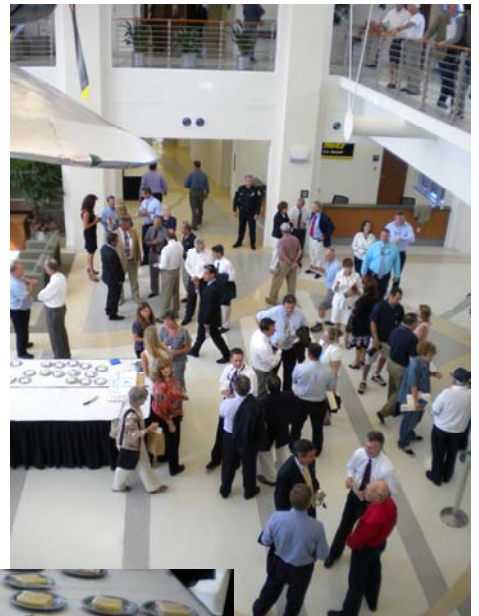
Antiquing in Arcadia (con't. from page 1)



Full-size P-51

A dedication ceremony was held in August 25th for a selected group of about 250 invited guests. Among those esteemed attendees was a retired Air Force Lt. Col. who flew more than 50 combat missions in WWII (and donated a large portion of the medals on display). Also in attendance was a former fighter-pilot instructor at Page and 13 local residents who have received the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of aviation's highest honors. The ceremony was topped off by a fly-over by Cmr. Al Armstrong in a real P-51 Mustang.

Outside the main building sits a fully restored T-6 Texan training aircraft, known in it's time at the "Pilot Maker."



The new building boasts all the latest amenities: there's a well-stocked gift shop called the "Base Ops Exchange," food vending area, conference rooms, a flight planning/weather briefing station, pilot recreation room (with billiard table), and a 'quiet' room for weary flight crews to get some rest between flights. The upstairs level has multiple display cases that feature military memorabilia, speaking to the roots and history of Page itself.

Outside features a large accommodating ramp area, 24,000 sq. ft. hangar, and brand new fuel farm.

Page Field was named in honor of Capt. Channing Page, a local resident, WWI veteran and flying ace. He was the first Floridian to receive a commission into the Army Air Corps. And it was here in Fort Myers that Jimmy Doolittle and his crew did some of their most intensive training before leading a squadron of B-52s into combat from the desk of the USS Hornet on April 18, 1942 during the first bombing raid on Tokyo.

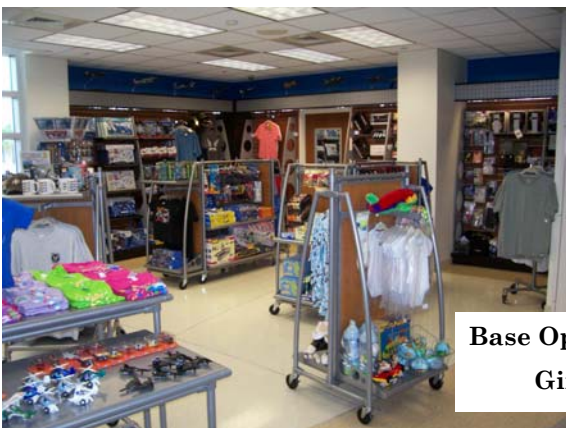
So as Page Field steps into the future, it also gives a hearty salute to it's past.

Welcome to Base Ops!



Dedication ceremony for 250+ honored guests

Fully restored T-6 Texan trainer



Base Ops Exchange Gift Shop



FMFC CALENDAR

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

FMFC General Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th, 2011

RSW Training Center, 7:00 PM

"Coffee In The Hangar"

Saturday, September 17th, 2011

Page Field, 9 - 11 AM

Alpha Hangars—Skylane

Enjoy a brief presentation on pre-flighting the 182

October Dinner Meeting!

Contact Jim Meyersburg (239) 272-5494

or Dean Martin (239) 848-2069

OTHER EVENTS

Wings Over Miami Fall Fly-In

Sat-Sun, October 29th-30th, 2011

Kendall Tamiami Executive (KTMB) Miami, FL
Air Museum! Oldies, Warbirds, Classics.

Meet the pilots too!

Food, Fun stuff for the kids, Gift Shop

For more info visit: www.WingsOverMiami.com

Fantasy of Flight's Roar-N-Soar

Sat-Sun, November 12th-13th, 2011

5th Annual gathering of classic racing machines, thrills from land, sea and air! Enjoy high-energy excitement along with awesome food and entertainment. Fun for the whole family!

For more info visit:

www.FantasyOffFlight.com/roar-n-soar

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

New signs will be posted in the hangars reminding pilots to please RECORD ANY OIL BEING ADDED TO THE AIRCRAFT. Pilots should note the addition of oil to the planes in the on-board log book.

"Glad You Asked!"

Members Forum

MEMBER QUESTION: *"On a recent flight, my return was delayed by bad weather. Due to that, I returned the aircraft several hours late and the next pilot was rather upset. What should I have done?"*

ANSWER: *"That's pretty easy. CALL THE NEXT PILOT if you know you are going to be delayed. Always take the phone number(s) of the next pilot with you.*

The Club's policies regarding late returns outline the process for managing that situation and minimizing the inconvenience to everyone. That said, you should understand the Club's Rules & Regulations Section III, D., "Late Departures>Returns." Delays happen, and most – not all – will result in no penalty for the late return. Take a moment to review this Section. You'll be glad you did.

***** Thanks, and We're Glad You Asked!"**

Board Meeting Synopsis by Bill Schulte

The officers and board of directors met on August 24, 2011 at 6:12 PM in conference room at the Page Field Aviation Center.

Below is a synopsis of the business discussed at that meeting:

Treasurers Report: Financials reviewed. Total aircraft hours were 52.8, down from over 84 last month. Total membership 131. Club to pursue aircraft trust buying out 1 outstanding share, and projects to buy out another 2 shares by year end. Maintenance: Discussed aircraft hours and TBO for 4CC and Overhaul vs Factory remanufactured engine was debated. Factory reman appears to be direction to pursue. Membership: 1 new member was approved by the Board. Activities: Club survey has been out for a week, not enough data feedback yet. Voorhees to send email reminder to all members. Sherrie Lorenz developed 2 promotional brochures for the Club, and presented them for selection and/or approval. Board voted and brochure will be circulated for printing. Other business: Bentley noted that the Chief CFI position will be put on hold until such time that the Board and the Club's Legal Advisor agree on the concept and the parameters of responsibility. Voorhees noted that availability date for WiFi in the Club office is uncertain. New FBO 'Base Ops' dedication ceremony will be August 25th. Voorhees and Schulte to incorporate new member induction procedures into Club's Rules & Regs and audit Rules & Regs by end of August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

The board meeting will be held on September 21, 2011 at 6:30PM in the conference room as Base Ops. Any club member having concerns or questions about club operations should contact any board member.

Maintenance

by Charlie Carroll

3521Q:

Prop Strike

Engine tear down/

Hope to be back in service between Sept 30-Oct15

944CC:

Landing Light

Retainer Ring

Dent repair left wing

9490X:

Annual

Report to follow

Please take advantage and fly somewhere.

— Charlie

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION CLASSES

* *Private Pilot Ground School*

Tuesday Nights 6-9 PM

Ida S. Baker High School, Cape Coral

8-23-11 through 12-6-11 Fee \$135 + Text

Contact Ed Fink, CFII at 239-489-0443



* *Private Pilot Ground School*

Thursday Nights 6-9 PM

Cypress Lake High School, Fort Myers

8-25-11 through 12-8-11 Fee \$135 + Text

Contact Ed Fink, CFII at 239-489-0443

* *Instrument Rating Ground School*

Monday Nights, 6:30-9 PM

New Page Field Aviation Center

9-12-11 through 12-12-11 Fee \$125 + Text

Contact Ed Fink, CFII at 239-489-0443



“IN-FLIGHT” PHOTOS

Archer 944CC on a long left base to Charlotte County (KPGD)



944CC at 7,000 feet near Lakeland

Got an in-air photo from one of our Club planes that you want to share with other members? Send it in!

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Meetings
 Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30PM @
 Page Field Base Ops Conference Room
 General Meetings: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00PM @
 RSW Training Center

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*** OUR AIRCRAFT ***

Cessna Skyhawk 172 N3521Q
 \$ 65 per hour + 10 gal fuel per hour



Piper Archer 181 N944CC
 \$ 65 per hour + 10 gal fuel per hour



Cessna Skylane 182 N9490X
 \$100 per hour + 13 gal fuel per hour

