

THE BEACON

News, updates and goings-on at the Orlando-Apopka Airport [X04], Central Florida's newest old airport.

A New Publication For a 'New' Airport

This is the premier issue of *The Beacon*, a publication to promote the enjoyment of our Orlando-Apopka airport community.

Although Orlando-Apopka isn't really a new airport, we think that everyone will agree that the changes that have taken place over the past 3 years are dramatic enough that nobody would recognize it as the old Orlando County airport. In light of these improvements, we've decided to publish this newsletter to keep the owners, residents, and surrounding community up-to-date on all the good things happening at X04.

We hope to publish this newsletter quarterly with contributions from readers like you submitting your trips, events, business profiles and listings of "stuff" to swap or sell.

This is an active community with people of many diverse interests including aviation, boating, fishing, travel and car collecting. This newsletter is a means of sharing all of our interests with each other.

The primary purpose of this newsletter is to provide a central forum for news, progress, growth and special events at OAA, which we hope will help foster a spirit of community and cooperation as we build one of Central Florida's foremost aviation communities.

If you have comments, story ideas, or news to share with the OAA community, please send us an email to: news@OAABeacon.com.

Be sure to include your phone number, so we can contact you for further details.

Owner Projects

The key to successful tinkering is keeping all of the parts...

There are a number of homebuilt and experimental projects underway across the airport. These are clearly people with attention spans much longer than the average Joe.

Jim Fanning is building a RV8, **Bob Jackson** is working on a Velocity and **Al Aden** has been test flying his 172 modified with a Corvette engine (you will know it when you hear it!)

If you have a project, be it a plane, car, motorcycle or boat, let us know so we can follow along.



Bob Jackson, an engineer by trade, has been working on this Velocity on-and-off for nine years. He is adding a turbo charger to the IO 550 engine.

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Hurricane Season

Help a neighbor; tell a friend!

If your neighbor has rental space available, spread the word to your friends who are still tying down during hurricane season that there is room for them at X04! You will be doing them both a favor.



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Restaurants Near The Airport

Wow! If you have ever tried to eat near the airport you have found yourself with a tough task. Over the years some places have proved to be a safe bet but we are always looking for something new. Even harder is finding a good place close by to take a client to lunch. There are some hidden gems around if you know where to look.

L'Elegant Gourmet has just opened behind Jalopy Joes on 441 at Jones Ave. Unlimited by its name, this gal can cook a "down home" meal with the best while offering gourmet items to boot. The owner, Della, has been offering catering service for corporate aviation for years, proving herself to many of us with her high quality food. There is a great selection of sandwiches and salads. The most expensive meal is \$5.75! Call ahead and it will be ready for you (407-375-8280). This is a wonderful addition to our lunch landscape, please support this new restaurant!

For your next quick lunch try **La Fiesta** located in the Winn Dixie plaza on 441. They offer a Mexican buffet or you can order off of the menu. This is the second location

for this family owned restaurant. The buffet is simple but good and you can carry on a conversation. The lunch buffet costs \$5.99. You will probably have to ask for chips and salsa, I don't know why it doesn't just hit the table like most Mexican places, but its not too big of an inconvenience for an otherwise good value.

For a business lunch, head for **The Captain & the Cowboy**. It is located at the split of 441 and 436 on the south side. This week we had lunch with clients here and they were all impressed by the atmosphere and food. Again this is a place where you can carry on a conversation without yelling, the parking is ample and the menu has a good selection. Lunch will be at a slower pace and cost a little more than average. When you leave head out the rear of the parking lot if you need to turn left; the 441 exit is right turn only and watch for the peacocks that roam the grounds!

Do you have a favorite local restaurant or watering hole? Let us know about it, and we'll share it with the OAA community! Email us the name and contact information at: news@OAABeacon.com.

Beg, Borrow or Steal -- Swap Shop

A random collection of items needed to buy or sell. Parts for hangars, boats, airplanes, cars, motorcycles and other toys are welcome to list for free.

Think of it as a swap meet on paper! Because we don't want anyone undercutting their hangar-neighbor's rentals or sale, we won't include any airport "dirt" for sale or rent. *Email us details at: news@OAABeacon.com.*

FOR SALE: Humidifying Fans - 2 sizes – great for cooling a hot hangar. Call Mike Seamon: 407-402-1040 or mseamon@hotmail.com.

NEEDED: a small amount of faux stone for front of Hangar 32, anyone have some leftovers to sell? Call Ron Henderson at 352-267-4071 or email ron@chandellerealty.com.

Trips, Vacations and Destinations

Jerry Ornborg and his wife **Donna** are local residents, friends of OAA and the proud owners of an inn on Cat Island in the Bahamas. They have two cottages outfitted with tropical décor and kitchenettes. They are located on the top of a hill looking down on a sandy beach and bay. Walk the short path down to the beach and hammock chairs welcome you to lounge under the cabanas. If shells are your fancy, walk the beach finding sand dollars and sea urchin shells or swim in the calm waters. Away from the inn, day trips could include kayaking to a deserted beach and a picnicking, a fishing charter or dinner at one of several awesome restaurants.

Jerry and Donna fly their Cessna 182 to and from the island a trip which takes about 3 hours. Cat Island is a port of entry with a friendly staff of agents. Fuel is hit-or-miss here so you need to plan to have enough to make it to North Eluthra or Marsh Harbor if they are out. The best bet for clearing US Customs on your return is Ft. Pierce.

Away from the tourist centers of Nassau and Grand Bahama, this island insists you relax from the moment you step off of the plane, and like me, you will end your trip wanting more.

Check out some pictures at www.FlamingBayClub.com.

Have you been somewhere interesting recently? Tell us your story and be sure to send photos! Email us at: news@OAABeacon.com.

Keep These Numbers Handy

Got a question about something regarding the smooth running of the airport? For development issues, contact Jim Thompson at 407-886-7663.

For Association questions, contact one of these Board Members:

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Randy Somers	352-455-7405
Carol Sugars	407 616 5445
Jim Thompson	407-592-6107

Specialty Management is now handling billing for dues etc. 407-647-2622

New Business at OAA

Ed England, co-owner of **Florida Aviation Interiors**, has opened for business in Hangar 45. The company recently completed a Lear 31 interior as well as a Lance and several collector cars. Their work is top-notch. This is one of the first businesses to open here at X04 since the redevelopment and they are a great addition (as well as nice guys).

Ed and his business partner **Doug Marble** have 40 years of experience between them.

Please welcome them to the airport. Stop by the hangar or call (352) 354-4036.



Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar

Sept 5 - 10

DAYTONA BEACH FALL BOAT SHOW

Ocean Center, Daytona Beach
Phone: 800-693-6423
miafpromotions@boatflorida.org

Sept 8

MOUNT DORA CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Of special interest to Jaguar enthusiasts. For more information contact James Kuhlmann at 407-330-9945 or xkoole@aol.com.

Sept 12, 19, 26

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAYS

Urban Flats
601 S. New York Ave., Winter Park
Cost: \$12 Every Wednesday from 5 - 8 pm several different wines will be featured for a wine tasting. Enjoy the wines, hors d'oeuvres and complimentary valet parking.
Info: 407-539-2220

Oct 12 - 14

33RD ANNUAL MOUNT DORA BIKE FESTIVAL

Attracting 1,000 cyclists, this is Florida's oldest and largest bicycling event! To register, please visit: www.mountdora.com/bikefest/
For more information, please call 352-383-2165.

Oct 20, TENTATIVE

BENTLEY AVIATION FLY-IN AT X04

Grand opening of brand new Bentley Aviation FBO. Call (407) 814-9126 for details.

Oct 20 - 21

SIXTH ANNUAL WINTER PARK CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Celebrating with over 185 exotic cars & motorcycles on elegant Park Avenue. Honor Marques for 2007 include Ferrari, Maserati & Alfa Romeo.

Nov 8 - 11

23RD ANNUAL FALL AUTOFEST

The Zephyrhills Fall AutoFest will include a car & truck show on Saturday November 10 & Sunday, November 11. Lots of terrific musclecars, street rods, classics, antiques, exotics, sportscars, racecars and specialty trucks will be displayed for viewing.

Nov 10 - 11

FLORIDA SPORTSMAN FISHING SHOW

Central Florida Fairgrounds
Orlando

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Progress at Orlando-Apopka Airport



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From the approach end of Runway 15, the increase in the number of hangars in Phase I & II is astounding. There are approximately 12 hangars under construction.



The busiest part of the airport is Phase I, where more than half the lots have a completed or in-progress hangar on them. The old FBO has been torn down, and the new one (top right of this photo) is very nearly ready for occupancy.

Community News

The Apopka Chamber of Commerce is currently forming committees for **Apopka 2025**. The committees are tasked with setting goals for the community of Apopka over the coming years up to 2025. The areas being explored include the environment, housing, transportation, recreation, business, government, healthcare and more. As property owners in the City it is important that we all stay involved and this is an opportunity to do so. Contact the Apopka Chamber of Commerce for more information at 407-886-1441.

*I ask people
who don't fly,
"How can you
not fly when
you live in a time
in history when
you can fly?"*

— William Langewische, 2001

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