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Sebring Airport Authority

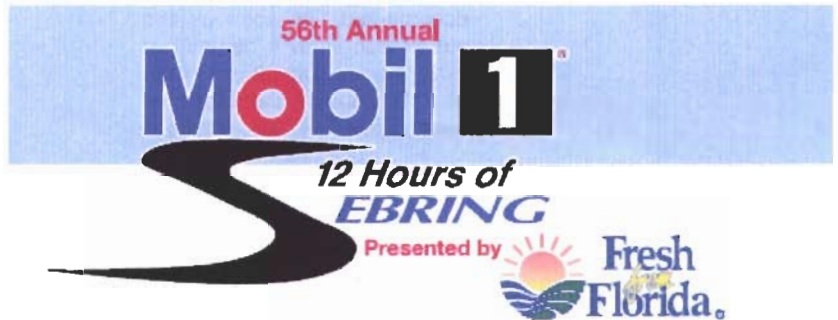
Porsche Wins for the first time in 28 years at the 12 Hours of Sebring

The 56th running of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh Florida took place on Saturday, March 15th. America's premier sports car race kicked off the 2008 American Le Mans Series season.

Audi, Porsche, Acura, Corvette, Ferrari, Mazda, and many other of the world's best sports car race kicks off the 2008 American Le Mans Series season. This year's events included:

Driver's Autograph Session-

On Friday afternoon, all the drivers in the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by "Fresh from Florida" were in the



Paddock at the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) for an Autograph session. In addition, a special ALMS Fan Forum took place Friday at the Spring Brake Party Zone, where fans were able to ask drivers and officials questions.

Midway Displays, Vendors, Concessions

Sebring's famous Midway featured a variety of food, beverages and souvenirs, plus manufacturer displays, carnival rides and helicopter rides.



Special points of interest:

- Sebring International Races
- Project Updates
- SAA Staff

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Fuel Farm

A recommendation has been made to award the design-build contract to E.O. Koch. Funding for the construction phase of this project is dependant on the FAA re-authorization bill that is currently tied up in Congress. This bill is not expected to pass until FY 2009. As a result, only the design portion of the con-

tract will be given NTP at this time, and the cost will be funded through the existing FDOT grant.



Second Phase



Runway 18/36 Extension

Runway 18-36 Extension

The FAA has reviewed the Justification Report for the extension of Runway 18-36. This report included pilot surveys and letters from aircraft owners which documented the operational need for a longer runway. While the report itself is acceptable, the back-up documentation does not show the required 500 annual operations needed to justify the extension. Currently, only 283 annual operations are documented. As soon as the airport can show a demand of 500 annual operations from aircraft requiring the additional length, the FAA will authorize

moving forward with the Environmental Assessment. As for the documentation, any additional information is good, but the FAA would prefer letters from businesses/aircraft owners instead of pilot surveys. These letters should include stage length information and how the length of the runway would effect operations.

Security Fencing Phase II

SAA staff met with FDOT District One staff last week to discuss the next phase of the security fencing project that will protect and secure the airfield. This portion of the project is of particular importance as we would like to provide security infrastructure for future commercial service activities as well requirements that may be imposed because of per-seat-on-demand services like DayJet.

Per-seat-on-demand services are beginning to bring business travelers to community airports that have never used their local airport facility before. Our thought is to avoid (as much as possible) traditional approaches like gates and fences. We have proposed to the FDOT that we do a research project that would combine the talents of a world-class engineering, security, and consumer products

research company that would work together to find a new approach to the security issue.



Runway 14-32 and Taxiway A-4 Rehabilitation

Last December the FAA formally recognized Runway 14-32 as a dedicated crosswind runway, which made it eligible for AIP funding. A grant application was submitted to the FAA in January requesting that 2008 Entitlement money be used to pay for the design of this project. It is anticipated that the grant will be issued in late June and design will begin in July. The FAA has stated that once

the re-authorization bill has been passed, they will look into discretionary funding of the construction/rehabilitation of Runway 14-32 and Taxiway A-4 in FY 2009. Due to the age and poor condition of the pavement, a rehabilitation of this runway is a high priority with the FAA.



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Brainstorming on Long-term Scale, Economics, and Key Actions

The Sebring Airport Authority convened a brainstorming session of experts in the airport terminal on November 26, 2007 to address long-term economic development planning for the airport property. In preparation for the session, participants were provided with background resources on the airport property and adjoining parcels of real estate. The 5 ½ hour session was convened to draw on the knowledge and creative skills of experts to ensure that all realistic avenues to

promote, grow, and fund the airport asset were identified and considered. In order to promote the concept of brainstorming, participants were provided with overviews of existing assets, adjoining properties, existing industries and infrastructure, and plans for future infrastructure including runway extension and expansion. A number of meeting participants were provided the opportunity for an aerial fly-over of potential acquisition and expansion areas contiguous to the airport

property. The environment for discussion was opportunistic and candid. It was not a policy session. However, the experts did reach a consensus on the framework for a long-term, 20-year strategy that promotes prosperity for the region, extends capabilities to expand target industries and value jobs, and funds the core business of airport customer services and infrastructure. Extension of the airport's footprint is required as a matter of community stewardship and, potentially, to grow

new enterprises and capabilities.

Don Upton, with Fairfield Index Inc., will be on hand at The Authority's meeting in April to discuss the process and findings.

GPS Approaches (Erik)

This story can fit 100-150 words.

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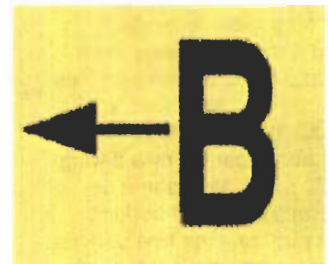
rial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.



Taxiway Bravo

Design of Taxiway Bravo was completed in 2006. Plans and Specifications have been "on the shelf" awaiting funding. Since this project is ready to bid at a moment's notice, the FAA has placed it on the top of their list for discretionary "fall out" money at the end of the 2008 funding cycle. All FY2008 grants will need to be issued before the airports may not be properly prepared and there is a

strong possibility for "fall out" money. The FAA has noted that Taxiway Bravo Phases I and II are ready to go and can be repackaged, advertised and bid within 30 days.





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Meet Our Staff

Vicky Stewart...

Assistant Project Coordinator

Knowing Vicky, you would never believe she has only been with the airport for one year. Coming from the cold north of New York, she moved to Lake Placid, Florida eight years ago. She has many years of experience in the business arena focusing primarily in accounting and office management.



Vicky was seeking a new career direction when she was notified of an opening here at the airport. She interviewed and began a career as Assistant Project Coordinator. Her responsibilities include: overseeing all airport CIP Projects; maintenance supervision; coordination with governmental agencies, along with many others in support of airport operations.

Vicky enjoys golfing, camping and is a recreational vehicle enthusiast who enjoys traveling throughout the state. She has two children, Farrah and John and is the proud grandparent of Nick, Marissa and Jessica. When asking Vicky what she likes most about working at the airport, she smiles and says "variety". That speaks for itself as you can never find Vicky sitting still for long.

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year's race hosted 108 vendors and thousands and thousands of spectators.

Next year's race is scheduled for March 18-21, 2009.



"Sebring International Raceway continues to emphasize fan-friendly policies and entertainment for the entire family," stated Sebring Raceway President and General Manager Tres Stephenson. "As always, children 12 and under are free when accompanied by a paying adult". In addition, some Sebring fans can avoid parking fees by utilizing the free parking and camping area located adjacent to the front entrance. This

