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EMERGENCY FUNDING

The Authority's efforts to mitigate the damage and resulting expenses of the three recent hurricanes continue with staff exploring all avenues of relief and assistance. The following provides a recap of the resources that have been solicited to aid in our recovery efforts:

FAA:

President Bush recently signed into law the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Hurricane Disaster Assistance Act of 2005 that contained a pool of \$25,000,000 that was to be distributed to affected airports. This funding could be used for capital repairs not typically funded by the FAA such as t-hangars and terminal buildings.

The SAA received \$750,000 from this pool.

FDOT:

The State DOT responded with several programs that we were able to levy that included \$274,848 for expenses that were not reimbursable by FEMA nor insurance and an additional \$371,643 to supplement insurance proceeds for t-hangar construction.

State Infrastructure Bank Emergency Loan:

We understand our application for a zero interest SIB loan of \$854,580 has been approved. This funding will allow the SAA to move forward with our projects pending grants and insurance proceeds.



Marshall Space Flight Center file photo

STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK PROJECTS

Until recently we did not know that the State's Infrastructure Bank (low interest loan pool) is available to fund airport projects. We have made application to fund the construction portion of Haywood Taylor Boulevard Extension and the Commerce Park Master Drainage system until the grants for

the projects are available in outer years of the FDOT work program.



Commerce Park

SAA Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of life in South Central Florida by providing quality opportunities for aviation, auto racing, commerce, employment and recreation

EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL GENERATION-COMMUNICATION

We have also obtained an additional \$232,500 from the regular FDOT aviation grant program to provide full back-up generation for the Airside Center, Fuel Farm, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). This project will allow uninterrupted operation of the SAA facilities including fuelling and Café operations in the event of a power outage for

any reason and significantly reduce lost time and opportunity loss.

We have also installed a fixed Global Star Satellite unit that will provide telecommunications without regard to cellular phone towers or traditional landlines. Any phone can be plugged into the unit as well as cordless handsets that will operate within a radius of two miles of the fixed unit.

Of course, we don't want to become fixated upon emergency situations; rather, use common sense to be better prepared.



Onan Commercial LP Generator

T/COMMERCIAL HANGAR PROJECTS

The original scope of this project was to construct one new commercial hangar and ten (10) t-hangar units.

After the last Hurricane and resultant loss of almost 20 units, the project scope and layout has significantly changed. The site geometry will be altered because Building 100 is no longer a design restraint and, accordingly, will allow a more suitable and

efficient layout for the t-hangars. It is hoped with the additional funding mentioned elsewhere in this communication and with insurance proceeds, we will be in a position to accomplish the construction of up to 30 additional t-hangars.

Of course, we are also looking into the construction of shade hangars but, at this point, it does not look as

though shade hangars would result in a wise investment vs. conventional t-hangar construction.

“Emotional Drive” is what counts!

Dale Carnegie

HAYWOOD TAYLOR BOULELARD CONSTRUCTION

As you have probably noticed, construction on the project has not re-commenced as of this date. After meeting with the County, SIR and others concerned with the status of the construction, it was learned that the schedule does not show any activity until the first part of December. As everyone is aware,

construction activity was halted after the first hurricane to allow the County to concentrate on debris cleanup and emergency repairs to critical infrastructure. Together with PBS&J (the project designer), a letter has been sent to the County with recommendations as to how the process might be moved

along at a swifter pace in order to allow the use of the roadway for the upcoming 12 hour racing event.



STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM PLAN

As you will recall, we have been following the activities and providing input regarding the development of the SIS since its inception several years ago. We have learned that beginning with the FDOT Work Program New 5th Year (2010), that 75% of all capacity dollars will be invested in SIS or emerging SIS facilities. This means that the 18 general aviation airports and one commercial service air-

port in District One will be vying for the remaining funding. This pool of dollars includes projects like t-hangars, runway extensions and the like. This is the most serious threat to GA Airports in recent memory and must be addressed. Even more ominous is the conversation that 75% of all airport grant funds will go to SIS or emerging SIS facilities (Southwest Florida International & Sara-

sota in District One). Last week I attend a meeting of the Florida Airports Council and was tasked, along with several others, to work on this issue which will require considerable time and effort. I will keep you apprised.



SIS Funding will be a challenge to Community Airports growth and development

AVON PARK AIR FORCE RANGE

Fueling operations at the Avon Park Air Force Range have increased in the last several months and it appears that this will continue.

each month. Increased activity would, of course, increase fuel use.

The latest schedule calls for fueling at the Range for December, January, February and March and if all goes as scheduled this will mean 48,447 gallons of fuel will be used!! The current schedule calls for 8 days of operations



BOMBERS TO RETURN TO SEBRING REGIONAL

Staff has been in contact with The Collings Foundation resulting in good news! Sebring will be included in the 2005 tour of the B17 and B25 Bombers.

Jay, Enterprise and Hertz for courtesy vans for the B17/B25 Crew as well as The Chateau Hotel & Spa for complimentary or reduced rates for rooms for the crew.

Arrival will be Monday, February 28 with departure set for Wednesday, March 2.

Staff will be working with Alan



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DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant for they, too, have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons for they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in these changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive

for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Be neither cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune; but do not distress yourself with imaginings; many fears are borne of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself; you are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars you have a right to be here. And, whether or not it is clear to you, the universe is unfolding as it should; therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be.

Whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its shame, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful, strive to be happy.

FALL RACING RETURNS TO SEBRING

Alan Jay Automotive Network will present the Sebring Historic Fall Classic November 19-21.

The legendary cars that made history at Sebring since 1952 are returning to America's famed road racing circuit.

Racing automobiles by Porsche, Ferrari, Jaguar, Lotus, Alfa Romeo and many others will compete in a variety of races, showcasing everything from exotic high-tech prototype racers to American muscle cars.....Mustang, Corvette and Camaro.

Three days of vintage racing will allow fans an up close look along with viewing and camping options.

Four Hours of Sebring: A four-hour endurance race will be held on Sunday for vintage, historic, GT and prototype classes.

Rolex Endurance Challenge Series: The 2004 ROLEX Endurance challenge Series started in high gear at the Snap-On Sebring Historic Races with 2 three-hour endures. The November historic Fall Classis is the final for this series including 3 one-hour races on Saturday.

American Muscle Car Challenge: American Muscle Cars to '73 non-tube frame will be featured with a special trophy race sponsored by Gary Jones Motorsports. Featured will be Mustang, Shelby GT 350/500, Camaro, Javelin, BOSS 302, Corvette, Firebird, Cougar, Falcon, Challenger, Trans-Am and other pre-'74 American Muscle Cars.

Track touring: Touring sessions on Saturday and Sunday during lunch breaks.