

The Winged Gazette



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Jack Scoggins—FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot

If you missed it, our own Jack Scoggins was front page news in the Valdosta Daily Times on March 10, 2010. Jack Scoggins recently received the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot award. The Wright Brothers **Master Pilot Award** recognizes pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation ex-

perience by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years. Jack of course has nearly 60 years of safe flying under his belt! I am sure most of you know Jack better than I do and realize that he is a true aviation pioneer. In visiting with him about this award he had some amazing stories to tell about his adven-

tures over the years. While reading over his application and letter submitted on his behalf for this award, I was certainly impressed with his accomplishments and the respect he has garnered through the years from his peers.

Stay tuned, I will share more of Jack's story in future editions.



Jack Scoggins with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

3rd Annual "Free, Cheap & Easy" Event

In April we will be hosting our 3rd annual "Free, Cheap & Easy" event to be held in conjunction with Sun 'n Fun. We will be providing lunch for those traveling to Sun 'n Fun as well as offering discounts on fuel

during the event. Our scheduled dates and times are April 12—19 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM each day.

If you would like to participate as a sponsor of this event or volunteer to help, please con-

tact Patti at 333-1833 ext 21 or at pclark@flyvaldosta.com or let Billy know at 242-3175.

Remember it is "Free" food, "Cheap" fuel and "Easy" access at VLD!

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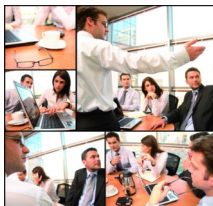
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New hangar project site



Never let an airplane take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier



Town Hall Tenant Meeting to be scheduled soon!

Airport Project News

The utility extension project is ongoing and is nearing completion. We know that the project has caused some inconvenience to our t-hangar tenants. The contractor has attempted to contact tenants as the work impacted the hangars, but sometimes we know that is not possible. If you find issues with your hangar that you were not contacted about, please email Tim Register at

tregister@flyvaldosta.com or call him at 229-563-4877. We do appreciate your patience with this project!

The airport lighting and signage project is complete. We will be conducting the final inspection soon to closeout this project. If you have not flown at night maybe it is time to check out our new LED lighting and improved signage. Again, we under-

stand the project may have inconvenienced your routing on the airfield. However, the benefits of this project are many including reduced maintenance costs in the future, lower electrical use and most importantly improved safety for all flight operations.

TSA Proposed Civil Penalties

The Airport Authority members wanted to let everyone know that TSA is very serious about the ID requirement on the airfield. As you know we implemented the new security system with proximity cards last year to meet the TSA mandated changes. The compliance date was June 1,

2009 and on June 10, 2009 two TSA inspectors visited the airport and asked several tenants for AOA IDs. At that time we did not have the system installed and IDs issued yet so we were non-compliant with the regulation. TSA informed us of the violations in July 2009 and

conducted an investigation. Long story short, TSA has issued a proposed civil penalty of \$11,000 to the Airport Authority for this violation. We are working with TSA to hopefully mitigate this issue. **Bottom line, TSA is adamant about compliance with security regulations.**

Tenant Meeting

The Airport Authority members are listening....to you! Based on the response from last summer's tenant meeting we are planning on holding another Town Hall style meeting in the near future. Our plan is to have the meeting in the early summer after the appointment of new Airport Authority members in

May. So look for an invitation from us for the June or July timeframe.

This newsletter is intended for our tenants and friends of the Valdosta Regional Airport! Our purpose is to provide you with pertinent information and news regarding the airport. We intend to

make this a monthly publication at this time and will adjust that schedule as warranted. If you have information that you would like to see in the newsletter, please let me know by email at pclark@flyvaldosta.com or give me a call at 229-333-1833 ext 21.