

The Winged Gazette



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Angel Flight Needs You!

I hope that the recent warm weather has gotten you excited and that you are ready to do some serious flying in the upcoming months. If you're tired of boring holes in the sky or need a good reason to do some flying, I have a solution for you. Angel Flight of Georgia needs volunteer pilots in this area for children and adults that need medical treatments all over the south-east. I can assure you this it is the most enjoyable flying you will ever do.

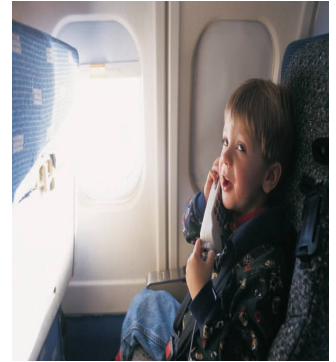
I would like to put a couple of myths to rest right from the start. These are not air ambulance flights, the patients must be

able to sit up in a seat and cannot be on any kind of oxygen etc. The second is that Angel Flight does not call you out of the blue and ask you to take a flight. All of the "missions" are posted on their website well in advance and give you all of the information such as number of people, weights, times and destinations. You can view the site and determine if a "mission" agrees with your schedule, if so you can request that mission and make plans accordingly. You never have to wait for a patient to return unless you want to take the other "mission" back home,

most of them are traveling "to" the first day and "back" the next.

The requirements to be an "approved" pilot are 250 hours total and you must be instrument rated since all flights are conducted under IFR flight plans. You do not have to own an airplane and can rent one for the mission since all of the expenses are tax deductible. By the way, you set the per hour value of your plane and the entire trip is tax deductible.

The website will tell you that you have to travel to Atlanta for an orientation after *Continued on Page 3*



Be an Angel Flight Volunteer and earn your "wings" today!

3rd Annual "Free, Cheap & Easy" Event A Success!

From April 12—19 the airport hosted our 3rd Annual Free, Cheap & Easy (FCE) event in conjunction with Sun 'n Fun activities in Lakeland Florida. Each day from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM a free lunch of delicious barbeque with fixings was offered to pilots traveling through VLD. As well VFS

offered significantly reduced fuel prices for the time period and pilots could take home a FCE t-shirt to mark the occasion.

By all indicators the event was a success as we had about 70-80 aircraft pass through and VFS sold approximately 2800 gallons of fuel. A special THANK YOU

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New Look in the FBO

If you have not stopped in the FBO in a while, do drop by to see the new look that is evolving in the building!

We now have a new paint scheme inside and out. The old wall mural has been updated....sorry we could not find another cockpit photo! As well some new live plants have been added to brighten up the space.

More tasks remain to be done

and we are working on framing some old photos of the airport and terminal from earlier years. It has been a fun project and I know for me it is amazing to see how the airport has changed since the old terminal was constructed.

On that note if you have any historic photos of the airfield, terminal or prominent airport people and would like to share them, please send or

drop them by the office to me. My email address is pclark@flyvaldosta.com. Also if you have suggestions regarding the photos to use or any additional decorating ideas, please let me know.

Remember the Valdosta Regional Airport belongs to all of us and working together we make it a better place for all concerned.

Hangar Housekeeping

Just a few reminders concerning housekeeping in the hangars and being a good neighbor to tenant next to or across from you!

- ◇ Turn off the lights—leaving lights on in the hangar is costly and wastes electricity. Lights left on bring out the bugs in mass this time of year creating a nuisance and dirty airplanes.
- ◇ Always park your vehicle in the hangar or away from the ramp areas.
- ◇ Keep the hangars tidy and eliminate vermin hiding areas. We have lots of critters on the airfield and do not want them taking up residence in the hangars.
- ◇ If you have an issue with your hangar space, let Tim know at 229-563-4877 so we can correct the problem.
- ◇ Remember no wild parties in the hangars after hours....okay, I had to see if you were paying attention!



Now I know what a dog feels like watching TV.

— A DC-9 captain trainee attempting to check out on the 'glass cockpit' A-320

Airport Project News

The utility extension project is nearing completion! 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 all your patience with this project!

Our lighting project is complete and soon we will begin our drainage rehabilitation of the airfield. The drainage project should have little impact on operations, but we will keep you apprised of any issues.

The new hangars are taking shape! The project is moving along quicker now that the weather has relented a bit. Stay tuned for updates.

Angel Flight Needs You! (Continued from Page 1)

approval but I can do the orientation here in Valdosta. Additionally, once you are approved, you are cleared to fly disaster relief. A number of us flew supplies to Louisiana shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit. After the 9-11 attacks, Angel Flight flew medical emergency flights such as blood supplies and transplant organs when everyone else was grounded.

The website is www.angelflightsoars.org and you can download an application from there. You can also view upcoming missions to get a feel for how they schedule them. I also have applications and will mail you one if you need it.

I really have a burden in my heart to establish a network of at least a dozen approved pilots in the Valdosta area. If this can be accomplished, the medical community will then start recommending patients for our service. By the way, the planning is all done by Angel Flight, we just fly the "missions." Thanks to the pilots who have already stepped forward for this worthy cause. If you have not flown a mission or you have not volunteered for one, I can assure you that the satisfaction of helping these patients cannot be measured. Please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Steve Everett 229-503-6000



Final Thoughts

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. At this time, the newsletter is a monthly publication and the schedule will be adjusted as warranted.

We hope you find value in the newsletter and we are always open to suggestions on how to improve the product. As well if you have information, ideas or a story 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.

If you know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter and be added to our email list let us know. While our primary target audience is the tenant population of Valdosta Regional Airport we realize many people in the area have an interest in the airport and welcome the opportunity to share our news with all our "friends." And always feel free to pass the newsletter along to others if you wish.

I think that is all for this month and enjoy the weather.....go flying!

Town Hall Meeting Reminder:

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 time-frame.

