

DeLand Municipal Airport News Letter

"Prop Wash"

A word from the Airport Manager

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Our outstanding staff is here to assist in any repairs or concerns you have.

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Meeting Open to the Public: **Airport Advisory Committee Meeting** is held on the 2nd **Tuesday of Every** Month at **DeLand Aviation** 1210 Flightline Blvd. DeLand, FL 32724 5:30 pm

Spring time is upon us and with that comes an increase in airport noise complaints. With the warmer weather folks want to open their windows to let the fresh air in and with that comes the airport noise. The seasonal winds tend to favor the southwest so when using runway 23, remember to keep you traffic pattern high & tight.

AWOS, yes it's broke. Our system is so old that we can no longer get parts for it. We scramble around to repair old parts with the hope we can keep this system operating until it's replaced. I applied for funding (\$120K) for a new system 18 months ago and it looks like we may have a new system this fall.

We're about half way through the annual maintenance of the Thangars and if yours hasn't been done yet contact the airport office to arrange access to your hangar. Mowing season is upon us and our crew needs to finish up the T-hangar maintenance now.

Airport crewman Al Manzo has been promoted to Airport Maintenance Foreman. Al has been with the airport for five years. If you need service call the airport office at 740-5808.

We hope to refresh the markings on runway 5/23 this summer, we already have the paint and we're getting guotes for the labor.

The 99ers will be replacing the compass rose May 2nd weather permitting.











The Red Tail Travelling Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit!!

Coming from DeLand's Southwestern Middle School on Friday 3/20/15, the Red Tail Travelling Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit ended it's week long visit to DeLand at the DeLand Municipal Air Field where it was joined by the restored Red Tail P-51C Mustang.

On Saturday, the exhibit opened in the Florida Wing Commemorative Air Force's Hangar with a tribute by DeLand's Mayor Bob Apgar to Mr. Harry Van Iderstine who donated three T-34 aircrafts to the Commemorative Air Force. One of these aircraft, a fully restored T-34A, was presented to the Red Tail Squadron. The Aircraft was accepted by Colonel Brad Lang, the pilot of the Red Tail P-51C, himself the son of a Tuskegee Airman.

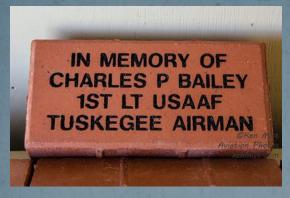
Following the presentation, Florida CAF Wing Leader "Woodie" Sprouse presented an engraved memorial from the Florida CAF Wing to James and Charles Jr. Bailey, in the name of their father Charles P. Bailey who was a 1st Lieutenant Tuskegee Airman, and combat decorated P-51 pilot The Elder Charles Bailey receive the Distinguished Flying Cross during his combat assignments in Europe. A life long resident of DeLand he was a member of the Florida Wing of the Commemorative Air Force.

Upon conclusion of the opening ceremony the Travelling Exhibit opened for free viewing of the 30 minute, surround screen, presentation of "Rise Above" a film dedicated to telling the true story of the Tuskegee Airmen. During the exhibits visit to DeLand more than 1460 viewed the Rise Above file, more than 490 of which did so during the two day stay at DeLand Municipal Airport.

"Woodie" Sprouse















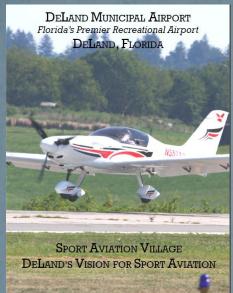






For more information and pictures, go to www.redtail.org
Or you can contact Commemorative Air Force at - 206-708-9664

Coming sooner rather than later!



The light sport Village concept is now in motion, The Village vision, is to help quench the search for the light sport industry to have a home port. The intent is to put together a Village concept or "Coop Manufacturing" to help reduce cost of the aircraft and to manufacture an all U.S. home grown, grass roots, superior product.

Light Sport did not spawn for the loins of United States Aviation, but like most things we do here in our great country is, we take something good and make it great. We may not have invented the light sport aircraft but we in fact are making them better. Much Better. That s the American way. Number two,

is second looser. When Sport Aviation Enthusiast think of the best sport planes In the world, "DeLand, and the Sport Aviation Village" will be synonymous with that ideology.

This concept it will keep highly skilled and trained productive workers on the job 12 months of the year. Not only keep them working but at a high standard of productivity and with a competitive skilled laborer's wage. This creates stability for the industry as well as the family, it also reduces turn over and recruits the best personnel that the industry has to offer.

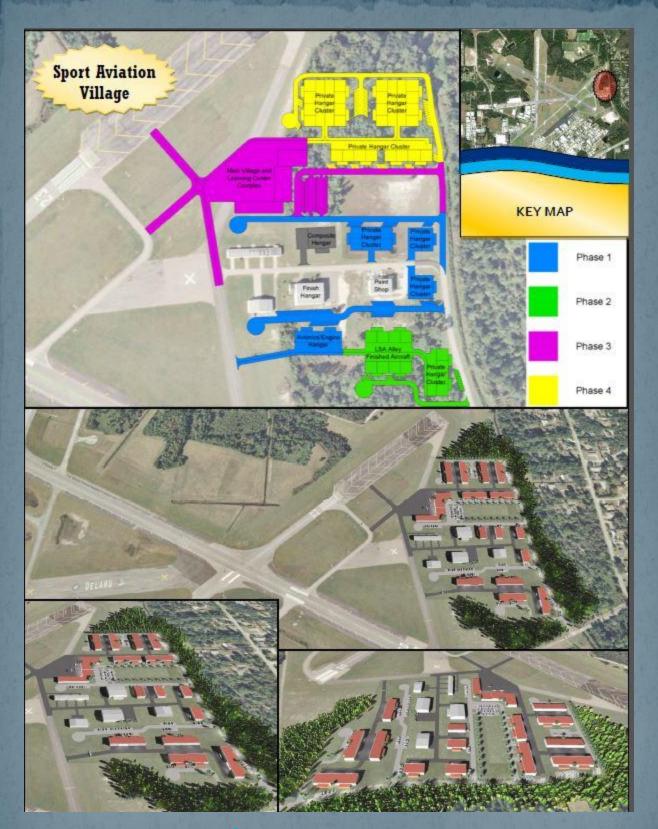
Buy utilizing this recreational airport along with an Aviation friendly City Administration it creates an environment that the will lead to a much higher quality aircraft ,one the entire industry will strive to compete with. With the Village in full implementation the group and the airport will be able to use the parachute industry as a model of creating and keeping a skilled workforce making a superior product and Researching and developing new innovative ideas to set the bar for the rest of the world to follow.

DeLand Airfield KDED could quite possibly be the international hub of LSA manufacturing. When Phase 4 is completed The Sport Aviation Village will be the first of its kind in the world. It will be the model for other like minded ventures, soon to follow. Other facilities have talked about such a concept, DeLand with its vision for the future, is making it a reality today.

Christopher "Doc " Bailey CEO Spar 314-322-5660













Upcoming Calendar Events!!

<u>April 16th - DeLand RC Club is having a cookout, food will be served around 5pm. For more information go to their website at www.delandroclub.com</u>

<u>April 19th – 26th – EAA is having their Corn Roast, come on out and join them.</u> For more information please go to www.635.eaachapter.org

April 23rd – 25th – 9th Annual Defending Freedom Warrior Weekend. On the 23rd they will have their Meet and Greet BBQ. On the 24th will be their Skydive Boogie from 9am to 3pm at Skydive DeLand. On the 25th they will have their Block Party from 5pm to 10pm at the parking lot between Rich and Indiana Ave, DeLand. For more information you can go to their website at www.cpswarforweekend.org or call 386-736-2454.

April 27th – May 3rd – The B24 will be at the Commemorative Air Force Hangar. For more information contact H.G. "Woodie" Sprouse at 206-708-9664 or email woodie6@ct.r.com

May 2nd – Amelia Earhart - The Ninety – Nines will be here to paint the Compass Rose on the Airport.

<u>May 16th – The Young Eagles will have their Pancake Breakfast from 8am to 11am. For more information contact Cecil Morse at 386-626-2052.</u>









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Looking for volunteers / mentors for RV/RV 12 Builders, please go to their website for more information www.eaglesnestprojects.org or you can contact Cecil Morse at 386-626-2052

EAA Chapter 635, at East Hanger Complex is always in need of EAA members to fly Young Eagles. If you're not an EAA member, consider joining. Contact Cecil Morse, YE Coordinator, 386-626-2052 or trelamas@hot.mail.com for details and schedule.

