



FLY2PIE NEWS

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a difference a year makes! Over the past year, passenger traffic is up almost 100% and we have tripled the number of non-stop destinations served with low-cost air service to cities in the Midwest, Northeast, Southeast, Canada, and charters to the Keys.

With fall in the air, we soon enter our busy season and look forward to serving the many passengers that will come through our gates. We will have new friendly faces to assist you with many new volunteers coming on board to serve as Airport Ambassadors. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful base of supporters that value tourism's role in our community.

There is much to look forward to with USA3000 adding Cincinnati, Allegiant beginning its second year of operation, and new carrier Myrtle Beach Direct Air joining the airport family in December. Fall will also mark the return of our seasonal carriers, Sun Country, Transat Holidays and Sunwing. This winter we will have over 100 flights per week for your air travel needs.

And last but not least, we will be awarding the contract for our terminal renovation project in November. We look forward to sharing the details with you in our next newsletter.

We have so much to look forward to and we thank you for your support!

More to come...

Noah Lagos, A.A.E., Airport Director



Airport Director Noah Lagos presents Myrtle Beach Direct Air's CEO Judy Tull and President Ed Warneck a welcoming gift.

AIR SERVICE NEWS

On September 19th, we announced new service by Myrtle Beach Direct Air. They will offer air service from PIE to Newark, Niagara/Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Myrtle Beach, and Gulfport/Biloxi beginning December 19th. Niagara/Buffalo and Myrtle Beach are new non-stop destinations for the Tampa Bay market and Gulfport/Biloxi marks the return of a very popular destination from PIE. Myrtle Beach Direct Air also offers some excellent vacation get-a-way packages.

With last year's arrival of Allegiant Air, new destinations attracted travelers to very convenient, low-cost flights. Allegiant Air flies non-stop to 14 cities not served by other Tampa Bay airports. USA3000 Airlines has consistently provided excellent non-stop, low-cost service to our passengers flying to Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. USA3000 Airlines recently announced new service to Cincinnati starting on December 18th.



For reservations and information:

www.myrtlebeachdirectair.com

1-877-432-3473

After a very successful season of daily flights to Minneapolis/St. Paul, Sun Country Airlines will return on November 9th. Also returning this fall is Sunwing Airlines with service to Toronto, Canada and Transat Holidays with flights to Moncton, Halifax, & Toronto, Canada.



Airport Director Noah Lagos, A.A.E. began his term as President of the Florida Airports Council on October 1st.

The Florida Airports Council (FAC) is the largest airport-specific organization in Florida and the largest state aviation organization in the United States. FAC represents all 19 state commercial service and 72 Florida general aviation airports.

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AIRPORT PLANNING STUDIES & PROJECTS

The latest updates regarding ongoing planning studies and projects at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport.

Terminal Renovation Project

The St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport is still on track for the construction of Terminal Improvement Project - Phase I. Bids are expected to be received October 18th and we hope to award the construction contract in November. The actual construction will begin early January 2008 and will include the addition of two passenger loading bridges, renovation of Terminal Gates 2 through 6, replacement of the terminal's main electrical panels/breakers, installation of fire shutters, installation of new air cooled HVAC chillers, and interior renovation at the Ticketing B area. This will also include new ticket counters, baggage conveyors, and other ancillary equipment. In our next FLY2PIE Newsletter, we will provide the construction schedule for the project.

An interview with Airport Engineer, Frank Aiello who retires in November after 30 years with Pinellas County

Q. What can you tell us about your career and how you got started?

During my senior year of high school in 1970, I was interested in flying and took a few flying lessons at the St. Arnold flying school that was located here at the Airport. My dream was to become a pilot. But I went on to study engineering and construction technology and soon forgot about flying.

In 1972, I took my first job with Pinellas County Government as a lifeguard at Ft. DeSoto Park. It was a summer job between semesters and paid well (\$1.75 an hour), but did not provide any benefits, except for lots of sun and sand.

In November 1977, I began my professional tenure with the County as a Construction Inspector. Some of the early projects I was assigned to included construction of 54th Avenue North in Kenneth City and Park Boulevard in Seminole. By 1988, I transferred to the Public Works Design Division to manage professional engineering consultant agreements and provide the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport with engineering services. Some of the projects I coordinated included the design of McMullen Booth Road, Tampa Road, and 49th Street, just west of the Airport. But my favorite project was the Pinellas Trail.

After the Trail was completed, I transferred to the airport full-time in 1994. I was finally back at the airport, around the planes I so wanted to fly when I was young. My assignment was to manage and coordinate the first major renovation of the terminal building. The project added the large, glass storefront we have today and renovated the administration offices. Other notable terminal projects included the design and construction of the new baggage claim building as well as numerous upgrades and renovations of the interior of the terminal. When I first started, the airport had only one small parking area. As airline traffic grew, we parked cars in the grass and sometimes when it rained the grass lots would flood. This brought on many parking lot expansion projects.

The airfield project that will always stand out in my memory is the rehabilitation and extension of Runway 17L-35R. This project started in 2001 with the design and the resurfacing of the runway. When we started construction, the runway was shut down for the weekend. Our contractor brought in over 150 pieces of equipment, four paving crews and three milling crews. We had two asphalt plants running full time, night and day for the weekend work. In four weekends, the paving crews had removed 20,500 tons of old asphalt and laid down 35,000 tons of new asphalt.

As I reflect on the past 30 years with Pinellas County, what stands out most in my heart and mind is my enjoyment in serving our growing community through so many major projects over the years. My career involved the planning, engineering and construction of many major Capital Improvement Projects. I wish to thank all the people past and present for the opportunities for professional and personal development that have been provided to me. Summing it up, I have always liked the quote, "There is an end to everything, to good things as well."

We wish you well and thank you for your warm smile, your friendship, your strong work ethic and your strength as a leader and team player. We wish you and your family all the best! Happy Retirement Frank.



**AIRPORT OPERATIONS & NOISE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

For questions about PIE's Noise Abatement and Mitigation Program, contact the Office of Noise Affairs, (727)453-7880 or airportnoise@pinellascounty.org

FAA Annual Safety & Certification Inspection

The FAA recently conducted its annual safety and certification inspection of PIE. The two-day inspection included examining and scrutinizing such areas as runway and taxiway conditions (i.e. marking, lighting, etc.), aircraft rescue firefighting records, emergency response procedures, and aircraft fuel storage. The Airport received zero discrepancies in all categories. This significant accomplishment is the direct result of the dedication and efforts by the Airport's Firefighting, Operations, and Maintenance divisions.

**Noise Abatement
Task Force Schedule**

All meetings are held quarterly in the Airport Conference Room 234 and are open to the public. For updates and information on Noise Affairs, including meeting minutes for the Noise Abatement Task Force, visit www.fly2pie.com/noise.

Next meeting — October 24, 2007 @ 3:00 PM

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT -The latest on projects at the Airport and surrounding Airport-owned real estate.

Holland Sheltair Aviation Group recently commenced construction of their \$6.5 million expansion project that will consist of three additional free-standing executive aircraft hangars totaling 80,000 square feet of hangar space and office area. Their expansion parcel consists of 7.14 acres and is located airside adjacent to their existing FBO facilities.

Holland Sheltair Aviation Group has been a tenant at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport since 1987. Today, they professionally manage over 100,000 square feet of FBO and Hangar space at PIE. The Airport and the Aviation Community welcome their expansion.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR 16.78 ACRES
MARINE-RELATED WATERFRONT
(CROSS BAYOU BASIN) DEVELOPMENT SITE**

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport, a Pinellas County Government Service, has a long-term land lease available to developers by Request for Negotiation (RFN).

The entire parcel is offered for marine-related use.

For response package or further information, please contact:

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Responses must be received by 3 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2007

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Pinellas County Government and the airport proudly support the **United Way of Tampa Bay**. The United Way makes a difference in our community by funding 69 partner agencies that support children, families, and those in greatest need. Thanks to all the airport employees contributing to this worthy cause and to the agencies providing service to our citizens.

PIE'S FEATURED TENANT- UNITED PARCEL SERVICE, Inc.

UPS Inc. has been operating at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport since 1987. Besides celebrating its 20 year anniversary at PIE, UPS celebrated its 100 year anniversary on August 28th as the world's largest shipping carrier.

We have a great community partner in UPS. The airport has hosted a number of school tours over the years and UPS has opened their planes up for guided educational tours and for training exercises with our Airport Rescue Firefighters.

In addition, as active members of the Airport's Noise Abatement Task Force, UPS took the lead in sponsoring a request to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to approve a new arrival flight path to reduce noise for our north county neighbors. Notably, UPS was the first in the world to convert their entire aircraft fleet to Stage 3 engines, a more noise friendly aircraft.



YMCA Summer campers check out the instruments in the UPS cockpit.

Blossom Montessori School for the Deaf learns about jet engines during Aviation Week of Summer Camp.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS

PIE welcomes schools, community and youth groups for airport tours.

Contact: Michele Routh at 727-453-7879 or email mrouth@pinellascounty.org for more information.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS - The airport is pleased to receive positive feedback from our customers. The airport businesses all work together to make your travel experience as easy and friendly and possible. If you have feedback, please email us info@fly2pie.com

Here's a comment from a recent passenger, Joe, about Allegiant Air employee, Sherry Boyington - "...kudos and a huge compliment to an employee of yours at PIE... she is always very professional as well as very friendly, but on one occasion she went the extra mile for me to see that I got on a flight that I very much needed to make. ... I do not believe you could have a better employee than Sherry based upon her efforts that I see on a weekly basis." *Thanks Sherry and thanks to Joe for sharing!*

St. Pete-Clearwater Int'l Airport in the Community

Marketing Director Jeff Clauss in partnership with our airlines, has been promoting outbound air service to the Tampa Bay community at a number of local events. Participating in All Children's Hospital Taste of Pinellas event and its annual Telethon VIP Auction, donations by our airlines received these thanks from All Children's Hospital Foundation, "It is only with the support of many individuals, businesses, and volunteers who give of their time, talent and resources that these events are such tremendous successes for the children of Greater Tampa Bay."

Look for us out in the community at future events and for your opportunity to win free roundtrip airline tickets from our carriers. Up next—Clearwater Jazz Holiday, October 18-21, Coachman Park and Senior Friendly Extravaganza, November 14-15 at Tropicana Field.



Tampa Bay, the birthplace of commercial aviation, honors Pilot Tony Jannus, who flew the first scheduled commercial flight in 1914 across the bay, with the annual awards ceremonies in his name.

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport is a proud supporter of the Tony Jannus Distinguished Aviation Society. Each year an award is given to an individual exemplifying extraordinary accomplishments in commercial aviation. The 44th annual award will be presented to Colleen Barrett, President and Corporate Secretary of Southwest Airlines at the annual banquet on October 25th. Congratulations Colleen!