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IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It's not too late to register for the 2007 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference to be held April 29-May 1, 2007 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Chuck Henderson, Deputy Executive Director with the Colum-

bia Metropolitan Airport and this year's Conference Chairman, has worked hard to put together outstanding educational and entertainment programs that will keep everyone busy for the entire conference.

Don't let this one pass you by. Registration information is available on the Chapter's web site at www.secaaae.org.

We'll see you there!

SEC-AAAE Immediate Past President Tim Doll, AAE, Moving on UP

Officials with the City of Eugene, Oregon, have named SEC-AAAE Immediate Past President Timothy, M. Doll, AAE, as the new Eugene Airport Manager. Doll has now left his former position as Director of Operations with the Little Rock National Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas, for his new role in Eugene.

With stints at Phoenix, Richmond, and Little Rock, Doll brings over

14 years of varying airport management experience to the City of Eugene.

Tim Doll has worked in a leadership capacity in every aspect of airport management, said Kurt Corey, Eugene Public Works Director. "That experience is one key to operating a successful airport in today's volatile air service environment. I will expect Tim's strengths, especially in the area of air service development, to serve us well."

Doll, a private pilot, holds a B.A. in Airway Science Management from Arizona State University.

Doll has held numerous successful chairmanships in the SEC-AAAE and was president of the association in 2005-2006. He has joined the Northwest Chapter with an invitation to serve on that Chapter's Board of Directors.

PENSACOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT GROWING

Considering we can remember when Frank Miller, AAE, was still trying to thaw out from his time as an Alaskan airport manager, it doesn't seem possible that he will celebrate his 20th year as manager of the Pensacola Regional Airport in December. To celebrate that milestone, he will oversee a \$100 million terminal expansion project to accommodate the increased passenger activity he helped bring to Pensacola.

For Frank Miller, the expansion is the result of five consecutive years of passenger growth. When Miller took the helm of the airport in late 1987, the airport was struggling with an antiquated terminal, 54 daily flights and barely 600,000 annual passengers. Today, the airport offers 100 flights-a-day and handles 1.6 million passengers annually.

The \$100 million expansion includes runway rehabilitation that is currently in progress. Major improvements to the ter-

minal building include an in-line baggage screening system, an additional parking garage and improved rental car facilities. The in-line screening will improve the baggage screening process and remove TSA employees from the airport's airline ticket counter areas. That construction is expected to begin in 2008. By the late third quarter of this year, Miller hopes to be in the bond market and have the funding in place for the projects. Miller has already retained Greenhut Construction to complete the project and as the airport nears actual construction, the agreement with the contractor will guarantee 100 percent of the construction cost.

Miller is also planning to update the airport's master plan in 2008 and an ILS for the east-west runway will be included as part of the planning. Miller estimates the cost of a CAT I ILS to be between \$2.5 and \$3 million. The source of that funding

has yet to be determined. If the airport purchases the equipment, it creates the need for the FAA to be reimbursed for its services during design and installation and an agreement for the FAA to maintain the equipment after installation. Cost-benefit is also a consideration. During poor weather conditions this past January, 48% of the flights that were cancelled would have still been missed with the ILS in operation.

Although the airport has experienced five consecutive years of growth, the first quarter of 2007 has been relatively flat. This is of no concern to Miller who has adjusted his marketing strategy and is working with US Airways to have the FAA and the U.S. Department of Transportation approve a petition for non-stop service to Washington, DC. With those changes in place, Miller expects to see additional growth by the end of 2007.

AIRPORT TO RECEIVE \$32.9 MILLION FROM STATE

Gov. Phil Bredesen has announced that the State of Tennessee will provide aeronautics grants totaling \$32.9 million to Memphis International Airport.

The funds will be dedicated to facility improvements including widening the north service road along with unspecified terminal and taxiway upgrades.

The grants are made available through the state's Aeronautics Division. \$150,000 was also dedicated to Millington Regional Jetport for improvements.

AIRPORT MUSEUM TAKES FLIGHT

An \$80,000 aviation museum planned for the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport many have never taken flight if it were no for one black-and-white photograph.

“This is really what got me started in airport history,” Bart Rogers said recently as he showed off a copy of the photo scanned into his laptop computer. The photo dates back to 1943 and contains a mix of men in uniforms and suits and ties. Those pictured are the founders of the area’s Civil Air Patrol. Rogers was given a copy of the photo years ago and he set out on a quest to identify each man in the photograph. Most of the men were readily identified, but three remained a mystery and Rogers could not rest until he knew their names. In time, Rogers learned one of the three was a professor and the other two were a father and son duo.

Rogers, a former Navy pilot, said he found something else during his quest as well. He became consumed with a passion for aeronautics history at the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport. His search for knowledge on the subject continued through the years and persists today as he works on a museum under construction at the airport. The exhibits are expected to open in the airport’s terminal building by late summer.

Rogers started working on the museum in late 2006. Once completed, he expects it to contain eight panels, each nearly eight-feet by three-feet in size. The panels will explain the airport’s history from its beginnings to World War II.

Along with the narrative, several artifacts will be preserved in the museum including a pro-

pellor signed by General Billy Mitchell along with an interactive exhibit that will let visitors view photos from the airport’s early days.

“The airport has a wonderful history, which was almost lost,” Rogers said.

The airport began life as a small landing strip in the early 1920’s. Most fliers used a different airport on the other side of town, but that changed in 1923 when Air Force Major General St. Clair Streett landed at then Shepherd Field and the fledgling airport was officially born. Streett was known for his part in the first flight to Alaska.

By the 1930’s commercial flights were utilizing the facility.

Former Airport Authority Member Jailed

A Shreveport businessman and former Shreveport Airport Authority board member has been booked into the Caddo Correctional Center on felony theft charges.

William Howard Malpass, 58, faces one count of theft of more than \$1,000 according to Caddo District Court records.

Investigators say a local man who is mentally ill paid Malpass

about \$50,000 to prevent some type of radio signals from entering his home, according to Caddo District Attorney Paul Carmouche. The man believed the radio signals were interfering with his mind, Carmouche said.

Malpass “took advantage of that situation,” the district attorney said.

A grand jury recently indicted

Malpass on the theft charge. Malpass turned himself in and was later released on a \$10,184 bond, according to booking records.

Malpass, who works as a private investigator, has been the subject of police scrutiny before. He was arrested in 2005 for making harassing telephone calls to a female acquaintance.

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SEC-AAAE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors of the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives will hold a regularly scheduled Board Meeting during the course of the 2007 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference to be held April 29-May 1, 2007 at the Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Board of Directors' Meeting will be held at 9:00 am in the Tides A&B Conference Rooms on April 29, 2007.

A general membership meeting will be held during lunch on April 30, 2007.

For future conference information, go to the Chapter website at www.secaaae.org and click on the tab that reads "Conference Calendar."

Memorial

Mr. Stu Mast, long-time manager of airports for Tampa International Airport, passed away April 10, 2007. Stu served in that role from 1966 to 1989.

Prior to his employment at Tampa, Stu was airport director at Milwaukee and Battle Creek.

A memorial service was held at the Bayside Community Church in Tampa on April 14 followed by a private burial at the Florida National Cemetery.

Stu was a long-time member of the SEC-AAAE. He personified the term, "Scholar and Gentleman", and he is greatly missed.

EXPANSION COMING TO ASHEVILLE

The Asheville Regional Airport Authority recently heard of a plan to expand the Asheville terminal and add an additional general aviation facility at the airport.

SEC-AAAE member Kevin Howell, the airport's development manager, said the airport would solicit bids for the work estimated to cost \$6.8 million. The plan will provide airlines more flexible office space, add a new baggage

carousel and provide airport workers with a more streamlined baggage handling area.

"Some of these ticketing areas are from the original airport design—that's 1959 to 1961," Howell said.

The plan was first discussed in 2005. Construction costs increased by 10.6 percent last year and are expected to

increase by 9.4% this year, Howell said, but board members agreed it is time to move forward.

"It's a little scary to look at how the price goes up in a very short amount of time, but I'm definitely on board," said authority member Susan Fisher.

Aviation Development Group, Inc., also plans to build an FBO on a 30-acre site at the airport's north end.