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THE STORY OF A DOG NAMED STAX

On the last night of the 2010 SEC-AAAE Annual Conference, attendees were treated to a tour and dinner at the Stax Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis, Tennessee. The museum is one of only a handful of museums in the world dedicated to soul music. It not only celebrates the legacy of Stax Records and its artists such as Isaac Hayes, Otis Redding, Sam and Dave, the Staple Singers, Booker T. & the MGs and other greats, but it also features other soul music labels such as Motown, Hi Records, Atlantic and Muscle Shoals.

Waiting for the bus back to the hotel it happened. A black Labrador puppy hobbled across the busy street in front of the Museum and laid at Jean Garrison's feet. Jean, with the W.D. Schock Company, accompanied by Travis Greene (Mobile Airport Authority) and Thomas Turfitt (Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport) could clearly tell the puppy was not well kept, was hungry and possibly badly injured.

As he laid at Jean's feet he turned his head and rolled his big brown eyes to meet hers. Jean disappeared momentarily and returned with a plate of Memphis barbecue, sans sauce, and the little black pup raised to his feet as best he could and ate the Memphis "Que". He sat again, this time with his two front paws resting gently on the paper plate, turned his head and rolled those eyes as if to say, "Please, one more plateful."

He got it.

As conversations swirled about who might own the little pup, what his afflictions might be, and even how to stow him away to Chapter member homes, the bus arrived. The party boarded and watched as the little black Lab limped around a corner following a stranger that all hoped was the rightful owner.

Back at the hotel word spread quickly that the little guy had been dognapped by Kelly Johnson (Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport), Tracie Blaser (William Nicholas Bodouva Architects) and Kristi Bennett (Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport). Toasts to the little fellow were raised in the bar and visions of a long happy life for the forlorn little Lab danced in the heads of those in attendance.

It was not to be.

On the way to his new home in Nashville, Tennessee, Tracie Blaser called ahead and made an appointment for the little Lab with her next door neighbor who happened to be a Veterinarian. Upon arrival at the clinic, a series of tests and X-rays were taken on the pup, now estimated to be eight to nine weeks old, to determine the extent of the little fellow's injuries. The news was not good. To save his life amputation of his back left leg would be necessary, other injuries were dominate in his right front leg. Because of his young age, other complications would arise because the amputation. The Vet recommended the only humane option—euthanasia.

And there stood Tracie all alone to make one of the most difficult decisions she had faced in some time. Options rushed through her only to be dismantled one by one until finely, she called Kelly Johnson and together they agreed to the final act that would end the puppy's short and challenged life. Tracie stood with him to the end.

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Stax, continued

In our world where information moves at the speed of email, it did not take long for the destiny of the little black Lab to spread to those involved in his attempted rescue. Prior visions came crashing down. Everyone involved suddenly felt a strange void and a need to do something where there was nothing to do and nothing that could be done. It was over.

No one knows the life the little dog lived before that fateful night at the Museum, but we do know on the last night of his life he must have thought he had won the lottery. He ate Memphis barbecue and sandwiches prepared by Marriott chefs served by Kristi Bennett. He was bathed and groomed by the loving hands of Kelly Johnson,. He slept in a five-star hotel. He was loved.

And he had a name—Stax.

Stax will never know the impact he had on people and at least two other lonely little dogs during his short life. Most of those involved with his attempted rescue think of him everyday since. Some come home to hug their own pets a little longer and with a little more love than usual. Some still shed tears. Tracie and her family laid Stax to rest and immediately proceeded to adopt a little black female mixed Lab puppy from a Nashville chapter of the Humane Society. She has similar white markings to Stax. Claudia Holliday returned home to adopt Shelby, a 9-week old American Bulldog mix. Shelby now has two sisters, Molly and Sadie, who are also rescue dogs. Claudia is also working with a local animal shelter to provide pet food to owners saddled with financial problems so they will not have to choose between pet food and groceries.

This writer has dedicated 27 years to the service of this Chapter of AAAE. He is often asked, “Why?” The answer lies, very simply, in the story of a dog named Stax. The organization is largely composed of compassionate people who place others before themselves, who value service above self, and place good deeds above their profits and self-edification. I am proud, grateful and gratified to be in your service.

And as for Stax, he is memorialized here in this simple newsletter where so many of our outstanding members have been memorialized before him.

We thank Stax for teaching us so much in such a short time. Rest in peace little friend.

[THE SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR CHARLESTON, SC](#)

Charleston Post Courier

The discount carrier will potentially bring 200000 new passengers through the local **airport** annually, and prices from competing carriers likely will plummet ...

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[Southwest Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, flights could shake up airfares](#)

Asheville Citizen-Times

That could have a spillover effect at Asheville **Regional Airport**, said airport Director Lew Bleiweis. He predicted that carriers serving Asheville Regional ...

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[Report: Airport behavior units miss 16 terrorists](#)

The Associated Press

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WJXT Jacksonville

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Atlanta Journal Constitution

Some airlines, including Atlanta-based Delta, sought exemptions from the rule at John F. Kennedy **International Airport**, where construction has shut down the ...

[Southwest Florida **International Airport** reports March traffic](#)

Pine Island Eagle

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[Melbourne **airport's** passenger traffic up](#)

Bizjournals.com

Airport Executive Director Richard Ennis attributed the boost to US Airways' new service, Delta Air Lines' increased capacity and the **airport's** aggressive ...

[Asheville **airport** reports 19% increase in enplanements in March](#)

Mountain Xpress (blog)

Asheville **Regional Airport** reports its largest month-over-month passenger traffic increase in more than four years. The month of March registered a 19.2 ...

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Orlando Sentinel (blog)

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[Airport Director Resigns Under Pressure From City Commissioner](#)

AvStop Aviation News

By Shane Nolan April 30, 2010 - Winter Haven **Airport** Director Cheryl Connor has submitted her letter of resignation to Dale Smith City **Manager**. ...

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[She says commissioner jeopardized funding; he calls her 'incompetent'](#)

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[Groome Transportation cancels airport contract](#)

Richmond Times Dispatch

The Capital Region **Airport Commission** shifted Groome's five parking spaces one space down from the terminal's center position to accommodate construction of ...

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[Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport expands with new concourse and ...](#)

Daily Press

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[Decency Takes Flight](#)

The New American

No surprise there: truth is always a casualty when passengers collide with the **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)**. Mrs. Hays was flying from ...

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[FAA Air Traffic Control Plan At Risk | MacDispatch](#)

By admin

Poor leadership and funding make it unlikely modernization of the air traffic control system will meet its 2025 deadline, officials told Congress.

[MacDispatch - http://macdispatch.com/](http://macdispatch.com/)

[AAAE's Barclay Meets with TSA Senior Leadership](#)

[AviationNews.net](#)

AAAE President Charles Barclay on Thursday met with **TSA** Acting Administrator Gale Rossides and other members of the agency's senior leadership team for a ...

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[Scouts to honor airport director](#)

New Bern Sun Journal

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2010 Chapter Awards

And the Winners are...

The Chapter Awards were presented by Claudia Holliway, Corporate Committee Chairperson, during the SEC-AAAE Annual Conference in Memphis on April 20, 2010. This year's recipients were:

Airport Project of the Year – Commercial Airport Category, General Aviation Terminal Building, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport: After the FBO building suffered substantial structural damage in a storm, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport needed to build a replacement building. From the beginning of discussions on the design, The GSP International Airport Commission wanted the building to be as environmentally friendly as possible, but that every single innovation had to be cost-justified. As built, the building uses 30 percent less energy than a typical building of equal size. It uses 70 percent less potable water. More than 95 percent of the waste generated during construction was recycled, and the building itself contains 25 percent recycled material, including 100 percent recycled steel. All wood came from 100 percent certified renewable forests. All interior furnishings were selected with low volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions in mind. In addition to being cheaper to operate, the building is better to work in because of its air quality and natural lighting. The air quality is maintained by a variable flow refrigerant system that monitors each room. When the room is empty, fresh air flow is at the minimum allowed by code. When the room is occupied, sensors detect carbon dioxide levels and temperature and route fresh air and air conditioning as needed. Natural lighting is maximized. In most rooms, translucent sun shades will descend automatically if outside light is too bright. There is also a xeriscaped outside garden to improve aesthetic appeal. Additional innovation is found in the restrooms. Water for toilet flushing comes from rainwater that is stored as it runs off the roof. All hot water comes from solar heat. The faucets and flush valves are automatic and photovoltaic, but they run off of ambient light and do not need batteries or any kind of outside electrical supply. GSP sought LEED Gold certification for the facility. However, the building would meet Platinum certification standards – the highest level – if urban amenities such as banks and restaurants were closer to Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport. As it is, the building loses a few points due to the airport's suburban/exurban location. **The Project Team included Larry Holcombe, Airport Manager, Roger Milliken, Airport Commission, Project Designer Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc., Ross-Bain Green Building, LLC, and B. P. Barger & Associates, Inc.** The award was accepted by Mr. Dave Edwards, AAE, Airport Director.

Airport Project of the Year – General Aviation Airport Category, New Runway 10L-28R and Associated Taxiways, St. Lucie County International Airport: Located north of the existing primary runway (10R-28L), and in a highly wooded and wetland-laden area, the 161-acre project area posed many challenges, and the project involved a lengthy environmental and permitting process. The mitigation proposed in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance action was not viable or sufficient, no mitigation banks were available within the project impact drainage basin, and mitigation options for this project were limited. The project included relocation of:

- Two canals.
- Three, 128KV transmission lines.
- An existing water main.

And the addition of:

- An extensive stormwater drainage and detention system.
- Perimeter security fence.
- New airfield lighting and signage.
- A 6,100-foot access road
- Airfield markings.

During the course of the project, the Engineer's scientists maintained environmental integrity through close coordination with oversight agencies, and by paying particular attention to mitigation diligence, thus overcoming aforementioned difficulties. Two of the more significant tasks within the project were the canals and transmission lines relocations, each of which involved creative thinking, disciplined coordination, and strict attention to time and budget. The project was completed in two phases; Construction commenced in May 2007 and was completed in September 2009. **The Project Team included Diana Lewis, AAE, (former) Airport Director, Todd Cox, CM, Airport Manager, Project Designer / Manager PBS&J, and Dickerson, Florida, Inc.** The award was accepted on behalf of the Airport by Mr. Bill McGrew, PE, Project Principal, PBS&J.

Airport Professional of the Year, Scott A. Brockman, AAE, Executive Vice President / COO, Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority: Scott, who accepted his award, is currently the President Elect, Board of Directors, Southeast Chapter-AAAE. In addition, he serves as Chairman of the AAAE Audit Committee, has been a long-term member / leader of the AAAE Board of Examiners, and works with various Transportation Research Board Airport Cooperative Research Program panels. He has also served in leadership positions with the Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA). Scott has worked tirelessly to protect the SAMA Educational Fund, Inc., investigating innovative policies and investments to preserve the scholarship fund's capital. In his role on the AAAE Board of Examiners, he often "works" two conference rooms in order to process a larger group of accreditation candidates. The number of accredited members of AAAE has increased significantly in recent years, due in large part to Scott's efforts and encouragement. As Chapter President Elect and this year's Annual Conference Chair, Scott worked countless hours and weekends to ensure the success of the meeting. Every aspect of the conference benefited from his efforts, although he rarely took credit; Scott lauded Jacque Henson, his "Right Hand" at the MSCAA, for making the conference a huge success. In all, Scott has served the SEC-AAAE and AAAE well for many years. He represents the industry as a professional in which we can be proud.

CORPORATE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The SEC-AAAE Corporate Committee experienced another successful year. Representing various facets of the Chapter's Corporate membership, it continues to work with the SEC Board of Directors to promote the interest of its constituency. Members of the current Committee are:

Claudia Holliway, Outgoing Chairperson, The LPA Group Incorporated
Courtney Beamon, PE, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc.
Pam Brown, Standard Parking Corp.
Earl Eckert, Clear Channel Airports
Chris Farnie, Pond & Company
Dane Grey, Elite Valet Services
David Jeffrey, Interactive Dynamic Solutions
David King, AIA, Gresham, Smith and Partners
Kim McClintock, PE, R. W. Armstrong & Associates
Harry Pratt, PE, Allen & Hoshall
Dave Ramacorti, CM, Ricondo & Associates
Brenda Tillmann, R. W. Armstrong & Associates
Board Member Liaison: Bill Hogan, Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. (Claudia Holliway shall step into the Liaison position effective 7/1/10)

During its Annual Face-to-Face Corporate Committee and Corporate Membership meeting held April 20, 2010 in conjunction with the SEC-AAAE Annual Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, the Committee welcomed two new members; Mr. Pete Moore, Logan Teleflex, Incorporated, and Mr. Mark Sapp, Airport IT Services, Incorporated.

In addition to working to achieve previous goals, the Committee adopted new, near-term Action Items:
Determining a means for drawing Corporate interest in Chapter membership through enhancing Executive membership
Determining the existing overall value of Corporate membership and identifying additional "perks"
Implementing an "RFQ Alert" process for Corporate members through Chapter communications tools
Determining a means to incorporate networking opportunities a la "speed dating-type" events at future Chapter conferences

CALLING ALL SPEAKERS

In an ongoing effort, the Chapter Corporate Committee, in conjunction with the AAAE (National) Corporate Committee, is seeking qualified speakers (all Chapter members welcome) for a collective Speakers' Bureau. The Committee requests that you or others within your firm / agency submit your interest to Mr. Mark Sapp, msapp@AirIT.com, or Claudia Holliway at cbholliway@lpagroup.com. An application will be sent upon notification of interest. While this does not guarantee future speaking roles, applications will be confirmed and incorporated into a joint-use database for continued consideration.

2009 CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

This year's program gained momentum. Multiple nominations were received in the Airport Professional of the Year, Airport Project of the Year – Commercial Airport, and Airport Project of the Year – General Aviation Airport categories. As in the past, the Voting Committee was comprised of the current Chapter Board Officers and four Chapter Corporate Committee members. All were deemed to be non-interested parties.

Unfortunately, however, while numerous inquiries were made as to Corporate member firms' eligibility, there were no nominations submitted for the Corporate Member of the Year award. In order to avoid this in the future, the Committee encourages all members, in particular Executives, to give consideration to the many talented and dedicated Corporate members within the Chapter. Likewise, as the Award is intended for individuals as well, leadership within member firms are welcome to nominate deserving staff.

For more information about the Chapter Awards program, please feel free to contact Claudia Holliway at 229-559-8563 or cbholliway@lpagroup.com.

[Task Force meets to study Shreveport airport](#)

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(AP) - The Seabury Airport Planning Group says Shreveport **Regional Airport** has the highest fares in the country for airports with at least 400 passengers a ...
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[TSA drama just one of many](#)

Washington Post (blog)

The Miami Herald's report that a **Transportation Security Administration** screener had been arrested for allegedly beating a co-worker with a baton attracted ...

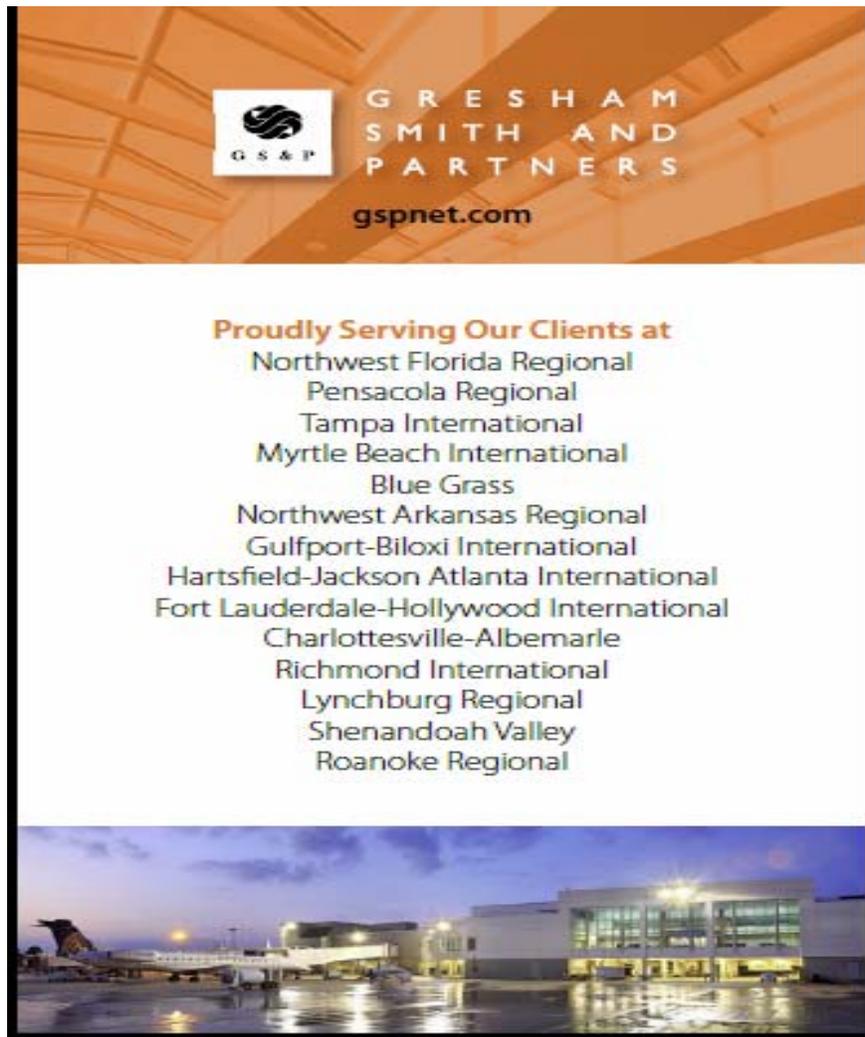
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[New Orleans finalizes hiring of Dayton aviation director](#)

Dayton Daily News

Ahmad will be responsible for operating Louis Armstrong New Orleans International **Airport**, which has \$400 million capital improvements under way, ...

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The 2010 SEC-AAAE Annual Conferences Secures Record Setting Donations for the Chapter Scholarship Fund (SAMA Educational Foundation, Inc.)

Immediately following the President's Banquet and during the Awards Luncheon at the SEC-AAAE Conference in Memphis, attendees donated a record setting \$2,505 for the Scholarship Fund, which will provide enough money to finance nearly two scholarships. In light of today's economy, funding is desperately needed.

This year's effort was especially successful due in part to the support shown by two Chapter Corporate Members; **Mr. Pete Moore**, National Sales Manager, Logan Teleflex, Incorporated, and **Mr. Dane Grey**, President, Elite Services of America, Incorporated. Within the first three minutes of the evening solicitation, Dane pledged a very generous \$500 (the check was issued and received within a couple days). Pete graciously donated a new, flat screen, color computer monitor for use in a raffle. As a result, ticket sales generated \$550 in less than 15 minutes during the Luncheon. Claudia Holliway, who leads the annual fundraising drive, said, "Dane and Pete did this of their own accord. It did my heart good to witness such willingness to support our fundraising efforts. Without their kind contributions, we couldn't have fulfilled the goal I set of raising \$2,500 this year." Thomas Hughes, AAE, Director of Aviation, Mobile Regional Airport, was the recipient of the monitor.

To the campaign in general, many representing both Executive and Corporate membership contributed \$100. Claudia stated, "I am sincerely grateful to those who made exceptionally generous monetary contributions. Beyond that, there were so many wonderful people who freely gave from not only their pockets, but their hearts. All I could give in return was a lot of hugs."

The Chapter thanks ALL who made such thoughtful contributions this year, in spite of the poor economy. Our members and their kindness prove that SEC the GREATEST Chapter there is.

**Congratulations to President-Elect Scott A. Brockman, A.A.E.,
2010 SEC-AAAE Conference Chairman, and
to the entire Memphis-based SEC-AAAE Conference Committee,
for providing the Chapter with one of the most outstanding
conferences on record.**

**A good time was had by all, the programs were strong,
the entertainment was outstanding and
it proved to be one of those conferences to be talked about
for years to come.**

Our most gracious appreciation to all who had a hand in its success.

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Not Too Early to Mark Your Calendar!

The 2011 AAAE/SEC-AAAE Finance and Administration Conference will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, at the Omni Jacksonville. Rooms are \$129 per night and the dates are February 27 through March 1, 2011.

For additional information, contact Joan Lowden at joan.lowden@aaae.org, Greg Kelly at gkelly@savannahairport.com, or Patricia Apone at aponep@horrycounty.org.

[Airport Check-in: Bill opens Atlanta airport to firearms](#)

USA Today

From USA TODAY's **Airport** Check-in column: Lawmakers in Georgia have approved a bill that would allow gun owners to carry their licensed firearms at parts of ...

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[Former airport official pleads guilty to felony theft by deception](#)

Lexington Herald Leader

Gobb, who has pleaded not guilty to nine counts of felony theft by deception, ... **Gobb**, Coon and Slone have repaid the airport several thousand dollars. ...

[Illegal hiring for airport construction?](#)

Atlanta Journal Constitution

... penny of funding and we have no **authority** to provide enforcement," Hall said. Alvarez, the Jobs for Georgia worker who taped the **airport** conversations, ...

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