



The Boca Beacon



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Gulfstream G550 wing-span: 93ft. 3in.
- Two Aircraft Maintenance Facilities : Boca Aircraft Maintenance, and Reliable Jet Maintenance
- YTD 2011 Operations: 40,000 (arrivals & departures)
- Airport Property is 212 acres

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Spotlight On Our Successes

MISSION STATEMENT

The Boca Raton Airport Authority (BRAA) operates a First Class Public Use General Aviation facility dedicated to promoting safety, economic and environmental excellence while advancing aeronautical benefits to our Business and Regional Communities.

VISION STATEMENT

Collaborative Growth for Our Community.



We are pleased to present the second issue of The Boca Beacon, a series of quarterly newsletters, designed to keep our loyal customers in-

formed. Our newsletters present a variety of topics such as current and future airport improvements and upcoming events. Our publication will introduce new members to our airport community. It is our goal to serve the airport community and continue to be a great neighbor. If you have any suggestions or topics for further issues of this publication, please let us know!

Boca Raton Airport Authority Welcomes Florida Atlantic University Intern

We are pleased to welcome Jose Blanco to the Authority's staff. Jose is working fifteen hours per week as an intern assisting staff with administrative duties and helping in developing flight track data. Jose is a junior at Florida Atlantic University majoring in International Business, Trade and Finance.

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Upcoming Events

Boca Aviation



Boca Aviation will host the DuPont Registry Aircraft & Concours d' Elegance event February 24, 2012 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. For the sixth year in a row, this will be the kick-off event of the DuPont Concours d'Elegance weekend at the Boca Resort and

Club, February 24th-26th. The event will feature private jets, vintage aircraft, exotic cars, custom motorcycles, extravagant boats and luxury motorcoaches. Guests will taste a selection of the world's finest cuisines presented by over 20 of south Florida's most prestigious restaurants with live entertainment and the opportunity to mingle with the "Who's Who" of both business and entertainment from around the world.

Signature Flight Support



Signature Flight Support will host the Vital Flight Special Needs Kids Day on March 31, 2012. Families with children fighting serious illness will have an opportunity to take a free airplane ride. In addition, there will be entertainment and refreshments will be available . The goal is to

share the thrill of flying with children and their families and to provide them relief from their daily struggles. For more information about this event or to register, please email Vital Flights at info@vitalflight.org.



Security Matters



The Boca Raton Airport Authority takes Security very seriously. Over the last five years, the Boca Raton Airport has become a leader in General Aviation (GA) Airport Security. Understanding the importance of security at an airport, along with the close proximity of our surrounding community, the Airport Authority has gone above and beyond to help ensure that everyone at and around the airport are safe.

The airport is fully secured by an 8ft barbed wired fence, a camera surveillance system monitors all aspects of the airport, and all entry points to the airport are wired with card reader access gates and

entry doors. Along with the hi-tech security systems, there is a security officer that roams the airport both landside and airside 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Airport Authority also works very closely with the tenants at the airport, as well as, the Boca Raton Police Department, FAU Police Department, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). We meet regularly to discuss security at the airport and provide training when necessary. We also ensure that all users of the airport meet the qualified background checks and security requirements to gain access to the airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) works with TSA to establish effective security programs at airports. We have adopted the "STOP, LOOK, LISTEN" program developed by TSA. GA security is up to us. We encourage everyone at the airport to take the crucial responsibility to be on

watch, every minute of every day. If you Question it Report it !



" One of the gates used by Airport Authority staff , also serving as an airport emergency access point."

I-95 Interchange to FAU

In the next few years the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be building a new interchange connecting Interstate 95 with the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) campus. Traffic will exit/enter the Interstate highway between Spanish River Blvd. and Yamato Road, and connect to the campus on FAU Blvd. (NW 8th Ave.).

FDOT has had this roadway improvement on the drawing board for several years in order to prevent the I-95/FAU traffic from overburdening Glades Road. The recent opening of the university football stadium has accelerated the design and construction schedules of the interchange.

The Airport Authority’s General Engineer of Record, Ricondo & Associates, is working closely with the FDOT design team to ensure that the bridges and ramps associated with the new interchange do not encroach or interfere with any Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required “clear zones” near the north end of the Boca Raton Airport Runway.

Facts about FAU:

- Opened in 1964
- Number of students 29,000
- 87% or 25,500 FAU students commute to school
- 78% of FAU students take classes during the day
- 62% of FAU students at the Boca Raton campus are full-time students

Source : Fau.edu



Traffic on I-95 approaching Glades Road



The Boca Raton Airport Authority Adopts The Palm Beach County Code of Ethics

The mission of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics is to foster integrity in public service, to promote the public’s trust and confidence, and to prevent conflicts between private interests and public duties. In an effort to accomplish this mission, the Authority entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commission on Ethics, and implemented conflict of interest regulations and the requirement to file contact disclosure forms.

The Authority submitted its members to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics in order to promote integrity and accountability in the business that it conducts. The Authority strives to set policy for the operation of the airport in a manner that is in the best interest of the Authority and the airport, separate from private interest and personal gain.

Brass Ornament with “Flying Pelican” Logo

The Boca Raton Garden Club is offering a commemorative brass ornament featuring the "Flying Pelican" logo of the Boca Raton Army Air Field. It is the twelfth in a series of eighteen ornaments honoring historic locations in Boca Raton.

The Boca Raton Army Air Field was the Army Air Corp's only airborne radar training facility during WWII. Today, the majority of this property is occupied by the Boca Raton Airport and Florida Atlantic University. Several of the original H-shaped radar training buildings have survived and can be seen in the form of apartments, businesses, and schools. They are located east of the FAU campus. Nine original Air Field buildings remain on the University campus itself.



The brass ornament is packaged in an attractive gift box and comes with a brochure detailing the Army Air Field's history. The ornament is available at a special price of \$10 each by calling Carol Rice at (561) 395-6586.

The Boca Raton Garden Club was established in 1953 with the main objective of teaching horticulture and floral design. The Club's fundraising efforts benefit students studying environmental subjects by funding two annual scholarships.

Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS)

The Boca Raton Airport Authority is currently in the process of replacing the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). An AWOS is a modular system utilizing a central processor that receives input from multiple sensors that provides weather data to the control tower and to aircraft up to 10,000 feet in altitude.

Accurate and real time weather information is an essential part to the safe operation of an airport. Not many things change as much as weather. Therefore, it is important to have a system that provides the power and versatility to stay on top of all weather changes. Without the proper weather data, an

airport cannot operate under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) and this can be detrimental to the economic aspect of an airport.

The replacement of the AWOS at the airport is in the design phase with a final completion date of April 2012. The system will provide all aspects of weather data that is vital for operation of a control tower and aircraft. Such as, wind speed, wind gust, wind direction, variable wind direction, temperature, dew point, altimeter setting, density altitude, visibility, variable visibility, and precipitation.

The AWOS has full remote maintenance monitoring capabilities which allows the airport, along with the AWOS maintenance service personnel,

to know exactly if failure does occur. This will enable the system to be repaired immediately to ensure continued safe operations at the airport.



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Wings of Freedom Tour



The 22nd Annual Collings Foundation “Wings of Freedom Tour” is coming to the Boca Raton Airport in February 2012. The B-17, B-24, and P-51 will be on display and available for flight experiences. The “Wings of Freedom Tour” brings historic aviation to our community! Please check our website for dates and times, www.bocaairport.com. To schedule flight experiences, please visit the Collings Foundation website, www.collingsfoundation.org, or contact them at 978-562-9182.

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