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**Palwaukee says,
"Welcome to our Summer Sizzle"**

Hopefully you're reading this story under a beautiful summer sky while watching some of the marvels of flight take to the air at Palwaukee Municipal Airport. If this is Saturday August 7th, you must also be attending the Palwaukee Municipal Airport Open House/Summer Sizzle event with food, fun and activities for everyone.

Today is the one day of the year when visitors from every part of the community are invited to take a look at what really happens on the airport. And this year, we've partnered up with Bill Stasek Chevrolet for a classic car show, The Wheeling Prospect Heights Chamber of Commerce who brings you not only all the great food you'll most likely be tasting, but the Business Showcase you'll find located in the

NAJ hangars on the northwest side of the airport. If you haven't found them yet, yellow shuttle busses will be running every few minutes from one side of the airport to the other.

For the kids, there are games and clowns and fun on both the east and west side of the airport too. And watch for the photographer at the car show. Some of every dollar you spend to have a photo taken in front of that old Corvette or El Camino goes to the Make-A-Wish Foundation thanks to the help of Signature Flight Support.

In case you happen to be reading this issue of The Hangar after August 7, we're sorry you missed our annual airport gala. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year.





Ever wonder what makes our airport great? As much of a construction marvel as our newly rebuilt runway may be, I doubt that alone distinguishes us. The new T-hangars are certainly welcome, as are the state-of-the-art FBO facilities at North American Jet. The new 10,000 sq. ft. Signature Flight Support building will soon change the landscape around the control tower and being named Reliever Airport of the Year certainly makes people feel good. But these are all simply marker points in time that hold us until the next interesting event occurs.

When all is said and done, what really makes this a marvelous airport are the hundreds of people who make it work each and every day.

There are aircraft fuelers that work in the worst elements of heat and cold. Charter dispatchers are up all hours of the day and night making certain that airplanes, crews and passengers all end up in the right place at the right time. Firefighters are stationed nearby 24 hours a day, just in case. We certainly can't forget the people who run the lawnmowers in summer and snowplows in winter. Without them, the airport would be a mess.

But let's not forget some of the most important people around Palwaukee ... the people who regularly use the airport. The pilots of the business aircraft, as well as pilots of the smaller single and light twin engine aircraft that call Palwaukee home. These are people who work hard for us when they have to put up with the inconveniences of our annual construction season. And they return to us again and again.

It probably is one of the great ironies that we regularly dig up parts of the airport and delay users in order to deliver a better takeoff and landing product for users. But we must.

Thanks to all of you, the pilots of both based and transient aircraft, for your acceptance of our delays, as a well as the relatively jovial attitude most of you have maintained.

Not all of you of course, but I actually do appreciate the comments from the people who tell me how I should be running the airport. I do actually listen to all of those ideas.

Welcome to Palwaukee Municipal Airport, a facility that has so far seen \$85 million in improvements since going public

in 1986. And more is on the way to keep our airport a winner in the region.

Dennis G. Rouleau, C.M.
Airport Manager



Rules and Regulations Public Meetings

The airport community is invited to participate in the regulatory process at Palwaukee by attending one of two user meetings focused on the Airport Rules and Regulations being drafted. The two meetings are scheduled for Thursday August 12, 2004 at 7 pm and Thursday August 19 at 1 pm. Both will be held at the Airport Manager's Office on Plant Road.

A draft of the Rules and Regulations is available online at www.palwaukee.org under the Airport Administration section. Copies may also be obtained at the Airport Office. If you are unable to attend either meeting, you may give the Airport Manager your input via e-mail at drouleau@palwaukee.org. We would appreciate your comments before August 6th.



Signature Flight Support Plans New Facility

By this time next year, Signature Flight Support, one of two fixed base operators (FBOs) on the airport expects to occupy their new facility near the base of the airport control tower. An FBO provides fuel and a variety of services for both visiting and tenant aircraft that ease the transition from the waiting area to the aircraft.

The new Signature facility is expected to occupy some 10,000 sq. ft of space that will include a large terminal waiting area, pilot lounges, a business center, catering storage facilities and offices for the 50 employees that will support the new center. Signature Flight Support will spend nearly \$5 million for the structure. The current Signature operation is housed in Palwaukee's hangar 2 facility that was erected in the 1940's.

Making Next Year's Open House Even Better

What did you and your family think of the airport Open House /Summer Sizzle event? In order to make the Open House even better next year, we'd appreciate your feedback.



How was the food?
The parking? The entertainment?
The static displays? The Business Showcase?
Or just about anything else.

E-mail your comments to rmark@palwaukee.org or call us at 847-537-2580, extension 159.



Very Light Jets on the Way

The next big thing in aviation will most likely not be larger jets flying into and out of Palwaukee Airport. If the predictors of the aviation industry are correct, a new line of Very Light Jets (VLJ), weighing in at less than 10,000 pounds may become the taxi cabs of the future. VLJs will be capable of climbing to 41,000 feet and cruising at nearly 400 mph just like the bigger jets that use the airport now.

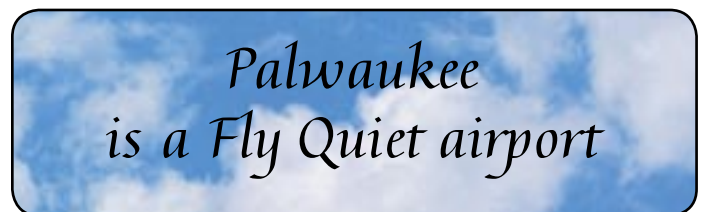
In addition to being considerably less noisy with their small, new generation engines, the VLJs will carry no more than four to five passengers. That means they will be capable of using the shorter runways at our airport such as 12/30 that runs northwest to southeast over the forest preserves and the factory buildings.

The concept behind the VLJs is a simple one that fits in well with Palwaukee's mission as a reliever airport.

Major hub airports like nearby O'Hare International are already so overcrowded that air traffic often backs up even in good weather. When the weather is poor, airliners are held on the ground all over the country while airports such as Palwaukee remain open. It is exactly for this reason that so many corporations base their aircraft here and not at O'Hare or Midway Airports.

VLJs can be operated for considerably less money per hour than large jets and are expected to open new air taxi markets that will allow passengers to fly directly from Palwaukee to smaller airports outside Dallas, or Springfield or New York where there is also much less congestion. The VLJs could well mean a change to the way that America travels, as well as offer new business opportunities for companies on the airport to run air taxi services, sell fuel and maintain the aircraft.

The first VLJ – the Eclipse 500 – has already made its initial test flight. Other manufacturers include Cessna's Mustang, Avocet's ProJet and Adam Aircraft's A700.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Palwaukee Municipal Airport Commission
Meeting Dates for 2004, 8:00 pm**
August 18, 2004 September 15, 2004

**Palwaukee Municipal Airport Community
Engagement Council (PACE) Meeting
Dates for 2004**
September 9, 2004 October 7, 2004

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