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Airport Tenant Wins Top Award



The National Air Transportation Association (NATA), the trade group that represents airport and aviation businesses, recently awarded Charlie Priester, CEO of Priester Aviation, the prestigious William A. Ong Memorial Award. Named after the first NATA president, the Ong memorial award is given for extraordinary achievement and extended meritorious service to the general aviation industry.

Charlie Priester is the son of George J. Priester, now 98, the man who bought

Palwaukee Airport in 1953 and transformed it from a dusty little dirt strip into a significant business aviation airport. Palwaukee Airport became Palwaukee Municipal Airport when it was purchased from the Priester family in 1986 by the Village of Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights.

What makes Charlie Priester's Ong award even more unique, is that his dad was given the same award in 1988, making Charlie and George Priester the first father/son team to win such NATA recognition.



In the last issue I've mentioned the changes happening on our airport, changes that will carry Palwaukee well into the next few decades and will truly decide where this reliever airport fits into the National Airspace System, as well as the Chicago area.

On page three of this newsletter, you'll see an artist's rendering of what the redevelopment of the airport's south east quadrant might look like. Although none of the plans are set in stone, the initial talks we've had with Sovereign Development Group show we've taken the first steps aimed at moving the airport into the future, while keeping an eye on the realities of today. And as we do that, we are trying hard not to lose sight of the people and work that helped the airport evolve to this point in time.

The Airport Board of Directors and the people from Sovereign Development Group, headed by Matthew Schneider, have looked at a variety of ideas for what the airport can and should become. They are considering how much hangar space, how much ramp space, what size and shape for offices and aviation-related retailers - all this long before the first contracts are signed or shovel of dirt turned.

Palwaukee offers only so many opportunities to develop our valuable acreage to support current and new users. The Board and I are tasked with listening to stakeholders, considering options and their potential effects and then making the best decisions possible for the use of all land. We must be certain too that all decisions consider what is needed for the airport to remain competitive. Palwaukee must also accomplish these goals while remaining independent of the need for funding from either of the two communities as well.

As a quick reminder, the next airport user meeting will be held at my office on May 30th, at 9:30 am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Rouleau".

Dennis G. Rouleau, C.M.
Airport Manager

New Flying Club Opens

Palwaukee's newest flying club opened its doors at the end of last month. Leading Edge Flying Club, now based at the Trajen FBO recently took delivery of its first aircraft, an almost brand new 2004 New Piper Archer II. Club President Ray Chou says the airplane, "had only 300 flying hours logged on it when we took delivery." In the airplane world, that means new. Chou, a five-year pilot, learned to fly at Windy City Flyers, also located at Palwaukee.

The Leading Edge Archer uses the newest aviation electronics system, essentially flight instruments generated by computers, with images displayed on flat panel computer displays. In the aviation world, these glass instrument panel airplanes also represent some of the latest in general aviation aircraft, known as Technically Advanced Aircraft (TAA). That refers to the complexity of the flight control, radio and navigation systems on board. TAAs are quickly replacing older airplanes that still use the traditional aircraft gauges designed in the 1940s.

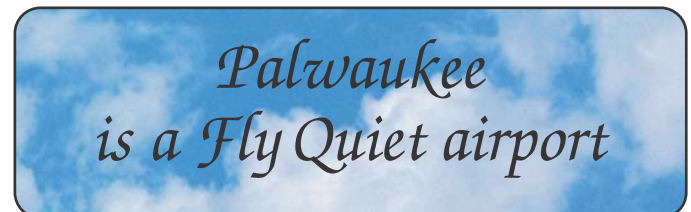
Leading Edge's Archer is capable of carrying four people at speeds up to nearly 140 mph for 500 miles, enough to make a weekend trip to northern Wisconsin an easy jaunt.

Contact Leading Edge at 312-656-2696, or at rchou@urbansolutionsllc.com. The club's website is www.leadingedgeflyingclub.com

Airport FBO Continues to Evolve

Just as airport tenants were getting used to the new brand identity of the company - The Trajen Network - that purchased the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) assets of North American Jet on the airport's northwest corner, came word that a deal had been signed to purchase Trajen Holdings. The deal under which Trajen will be folded into the Atlantic Aviation family of FBOs should occur sometime in the third quarter.

Atlantic Aviation, based in Dallas Texas, currently operates 21 FBOs in the United States. The Trajen acquisition will more than double that number, making Atlantic one of the largest FBO networks in the country. Locally, Atlantic operates a facility at Chicago Midway Airport.



Wheeling H.S. and Airport Team up for Show

Each year, Palwaukee Municipal Airport packs up the airport's 20 x 30 foot convention booth and heads off to the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) convention. NBAA is the premier show for the airport's business aviation segment and the place where tens of thousands of potential customers come to meet and greet. And each year, the airport searches for new ways to stand out from competitor airports at the show.

This year, the airport has teamed with the Wheeling High School Media Production class of the school's Technology Department to produce a 90-second video to highlight the most important aspects of the airport to customers, such as Palwaukee's proximity to Interstate highways that offer a quick trip to Chicago's downtown. The ability to land a business jet at Palwaukee and avoid busy O'Hare is such an advantage to customers that the airport was recently awarded the Illinois Reliever Airport of the Year. The completed video will run continuously at the Palwaukee booth at the NBAA show in October. The cooperative video was the brainchild of the

Palwaukee Municipal Airport Community Engagement Council (PACE), an airport based group of volunteers dedicated to educating the community about the value of the airport.

Dottie Sievert is the principal of Wheeling High School. "We are thrilled that this project with Palwaukee Airport is giving our students a chance to use the skills they are learning at Wheeling High School in a real-life application that will help with the growth and development of an essential business within our community.

"Even though we are neighbors in Wheeling, this is the first time our students have collaborated with airport personnel on a business venture. This will be an excellent way for our Media Production students to expand their experience to a full-scale production with the goal of creating a persuasive video to encourage corporations to use Palwaukee Airport as their gateway to Chicago." The members of the Wheeling High School Media Production team are faculty advisor Michael Geist and students Sean Radcliff, Karl Anderson and Mike Liden.

Airport Manager Dennis G. Rouleau added his thoughts. "I was impressed by how quickly this small

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Welcome These New Airport Employees

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Trajen FBO

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Palwaukee Begins Southeast Quadrant Redevelopment (from p.3)

In late March, Sovereign Development Group of Waltham, Massachusetts took the first steps in a process designed to transform eight acres of airport land into a modern new focal point for both Palwaukee and the local community.

Located near the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Palatine Road, the land is the current home of Palwaukee Flyers and American Flyers, flight schools. The other building on the property has been vacant since Signature Flight Support in April opened its new facility at the base of the control tower.

While the design work for the Art-Deco theme facility is still a work in progress, it is expected that newly developed land will include new hangars for current Palwaukee businesses and other new operators, as well as office and retail space. The land may include a small terminal facility dedicated to quickly servicing the Very Light Jets (VLJs) that are expected to begin operating on the airport late in 2006.

The Palwaukee Airport Board of Directors will be regularly interacting with Sovereign during the next few months to revise the final design concepts and complete the due diligence both parties need to proceed to the next steps to make the plan a reality.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Palwaukee Airport Board of Directors Meeting Dates for 2006

May 17 June 21 July 19 August 16

Palwaukee Airport Community Engagement Council (PACE) Meeting Dates for 2006, 7:00 pm

April 6 May 4 June 1 July 6

All PACE meetings are held in the Manager's Office.

Aviation Explorer Post 9

7:30p.m., 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at Windy City Flyers, 1098 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 301

Palwaukee Airport Pilots Association (PAPA) Meetings

4th Wednesday of each month -- www.pwkpilots.org

Flight World Hangar Talk

1st Thursday of each month -- Call 847-459-0360

Civil Air Patrol -- Tuesday nights, 7:30p.m. 1102 S. Milwaukee Ave.
call 630-660-5634

Palwaukee at NBAA (from p.3)

team of talented Wheeling High School students picked up on the issues relevant to the airport. Even though the initial video production for the NBAA convention won't be complete until May, we've already begun talking to the Media Production group about another video that will speak to the value of the airport as a community resource. I plan to use that version when speaking to local community groups about the value of Palwaukee Municipal Airport."

Palwaukee's PACE group is always on the lookout for a select number of energetic airport volunteers to help with a variety of airport education projects. PACE meets at the airport office on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. No prior aviation experience is needed - only curiosity about our airport. For more information, contact PACE coordinator Robert Mark at 847-537-2580, ext 159 or rmark@palwaukee.org



Wheeling High School students Sean Radcliff (L) and Karl Anderson prepare to begin filming at the airport's Signature Flight Support facility.

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