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Also, on the VASI website check out the cool video explaining and showing the sidestep procedure, the “fly friendly” departure procedure for runway 31.

President’s Letter

May 2011

Dear Fellow VASI Members and Friends of The Venice Municipal Airport,

With no meetings scheduled until September (except for the July WINGS program and a non-meeting picnic), this is a great time to both look back at our past meetings and forward to not only future meetings but also the improvements scheduled for KVNC. A sincere and special “Thank You” to The Mayor of Venice, the Honorable John Holic; he was our guest speaker at our April meeting. His

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Mission Control: The VASI “AIM”

- ☞ To promote, support, and encourage the continued use of the Venice Municipal Airport as a general aviation facility.
- ☞ To educate concerned citizens as to the airport’s importance to the public welfare.
- ☞ To provide a forum whereby those concerned with utilization of the facility may voice their concerns.
- ☞ To advise the appropriate authorities regarding safety, security, utilization, and other concerns at the airport.
- ☞ To provide a forum for the flying public regarding aviation matters.
- ☞ To support the city, county, state, and federal authorities in carrying out their duties regarding aviation and the utilization of the Venice Municipal Airport in disaster, welfare, and other public service.

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remarks followed by a candid question and answer session were informative and welcome. This meeting was, and all VASI meetings are, open to the public. Our positive outreach efforts with the community must continue thru the summer.

Please share the VASI newsletter with other aviation enthusiasts, airport tenants who may not be members of VASI, and with your neighbors. Share your enthusiasm and knowledge of planes that you and I know are “magic carpets” or “time machines” with critics of KVNC. Invite them to spend time with you at the airport. Encourage them to attend our meetings and visit our website. Our next meeting in September will feature the Airport Administrator and other City Staff. During this summer break your VASI Board is setting up the meeting agenda for next November thru April. Your input and ideas for meetings are most welcome. VASI is a member-centric organization so tell us who you would like as a featured speaker or program subject and the board will try to make it happen. Your ideas for WINGS Programs are also welcome. This edition of the VASI Angle contains a mix of informative items many suggested by your fellow members as well as some feedback from our ongoing efforts in engaging the community. Visit the VASI website, www.VeniceAviationSociety.com for past Newsletters and other references. Get involved, give us your ideas and suggestions; help keep VASI strong.

A cookout is scheduled for Saturday June 25. This pre-Independence Day celebration will be held in the picnic area by the gate. The FAA Wings Program is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13. Guests are always welcome at our Wings Safety meetings. Register at faasafety.gov to receive notification of Wings meetings. I look forward to seeing you at KVNC, the cookout, the WINGS program and at our kick-off meeting in September. Please patronize our advertisers.

Fly Friendly and Safely, Nick E-mail joecessna72@verizon.net cell# 941-716-5704

Airport Improvements, the 1,000 Mile Journey

It is refreshing to once again write about airport improvements. The Airport Administrator has been busy and productive in starting or completing projects that have or will soon enhance the operational safety and appearance of KVNC. Just a few: 1) the new AWOS is old news but what old news- clear reception 50 miles away at 2,500 feet AGL! KVNC is now part of the National Weather Reporting System. Have you pulled up Venice weather on your GPS? Try it. 2) Remember that striping and signage grant from 3 or so years ago? Well the design work is done and you can expect the signage and striping to be completed by

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the end of the year – maybe before season begins. 3) After a four year delay, T-hangar design work is being updated for Ts that will finally be built to house larger aircraft. This project will be completed by May of next year. 4) The water main project has been completed; this was a Fire Department driven requirement to increase the water pressure in the T-Hangar area. 5) The design work for the rebuild of Runway 4-22 (and the shifting of a taxiway) is being updated. By the time you read this Runway 4- 22 will have been closed for a week and reopened to permit extraction of runway core samples. It will be interesting to see how the results compare to the samples taken years ago by MEA- Hanson. 6) The trees that obstruct sight lines at the runway intersection will be removed. 7) The airport page on the city website has been updated – this will be an ongoing project. Frequently Asked Questions and Responses are also being posted to the airport page with more to come. The airport is being fixed up – if you have a T-hangar, do your part and give it a good cleaning, move that “stuff” and let’s watch KNVC become the jewel in the crown of Venice.

Recovering From The Death Spiral – NOT YET!

Great progress today but the last three fiscal years have not been kind to the Airport Industrial Fund.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Airport Fund Net Assets

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2010

	FY08	FY09	FY10
Operating Revenues			
Rentals and Misc Total \$	1,797,152	1,888,786	1,936,363
Operating Expenses			
Personal Services	492,183	561,776	537,273
Insurance	104,080	104,080	94,952
Professional Services	249,788	335,165	383,703
Maintenance	64,959	74,618	188,900
Utilities	106,227	108,697	101,463
Other services/charges	121,967	97,565	107,398
Depreciation/ Amortization	702,780	786,464	838,021
Total operating expenses	1,841,979	2,068,365	2,251,710
Operating income (loss)	(44,827)	(179,579)	(315,347)
Non Operating Revenues	140,069	94,359	55,888
Income (loss) before contributions	95,242	(85,220)	(259,459)
Transfers Out	(151,660)	(158,954)	(193,466)
Change in net assets	(56,418)	(244,174)	(452,925)
Net assets-beginning	12,129,813	12,073,395	11,829,221
Net assets-ending	12,073,395	11,829,221	11,376,292

SHOW ME THE MONEY: CASH

From the Balance Sheet Net Assets (CASH)!	FY09	FY10
Restricted for capital projects	\$ 561,032	774,693
Unrestricted (but includes reserve for disasters)	3,277,744	3,162,028

The restricted cash is from the sale of airport property – that revenue can only be spent on aeronautical capital projects that are not grant eligible. That amount increased because more money was found by city staff as part of the IG cleanup. The airport fund has had to pay \$ 422,000 in legal fees in the past two (not three) fiscal years, has paid the new consulting firm (DY) \$388,000 for a yet to be completed Master Plan Update/ Airport Layout Plan (MPU/ALP) [add the \$350,000 paid to MEA Hanson] and the MPU/ALP cost is now \$738,000 to

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arrive about where we were nearly 5 years ago. When it is finally finished add in the purchase of the counting equipment, the separate cost to actually count operations and the money needed to finish the ALP and gosh by jingle it will be a smooth one million or so. The emergency repair of Runway 4-22 was \$90,000. An expensive band-aide because of the nearly incomprehensible misdirection concerning the airport for a few years (Runway 4-22 should have and could have been rebuilt years ago). The tragedy is the lost grants that went to other nearby airports. And yes oh by the way their have been other airport related expenses incurred by the city in the past that had to be absorbed by the city's general fund.

Why We Must Stay Engaged

Why we must be intellectually honest, emotionally mature and fact based:

To:VASIBoard@gmail.com
March14, 2011
Subject: Single Engine Aircraft nuisance

Hi!

I heard about your organization from Heather at the Venice Airport. I had called regarding a single engine aircraft flying low over the Venetia Development (corner of Jacaranda and Hwy 41) at 7:40AM on Saturday, March12th, several times and in the process waking people up. This is unacceptable behavior. Would you kindly remind all members to be considerate of all residents. I realize that the pilot may not even be a member of your organization, but it does no harm to remind your members, just in case and to pass the word around.

Thank you for your time.

From: "Nick Carlucci" <joecessna72@verizon.net

To:

Dear Ms, My name is Nick Carlucci, I live in South Venice and I am sympathetic to the problem you reported to Heather. I am a pilot with an airplane and I fly out of Venice Airport. I am also president of the Venice Aviation Society, Inc or VASI. VASI is concerned about the same things that concern you. Our goals are to support the Venice Airport and keep it as a safe well maintained facility. We unequivocally believe that it is important that the airport be a good neighbor. We also think a lot more can be done to educate pilots and in particular transient pilots as to the noise sensitivity in the area. You have asked that our membership be re-



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minded to be considerate of all residents - they have been. This is a theme that is being constantly reinforced. If possible please join us this Wednesday, March 16, 7pm, Venice City Hall (401 W. Venice Ave.) for our monthly meeting. Our guest speaker, Mr. Larry Snodgrass, was a passenger on the airliner that was ditched in the Hudson River. Come listen to him as he describes his experiences about the "Miracle on the Hudson". I also extend, at your convenience an invitation to take you on a tour the airport. For more information about VASI visit www.veniceaviationsociety.com.

Thank you,

nick carlucci 941-716 5704

To: "Nick Carlucci" joecessna72@verizon.net

March 15, 2011

Dear Mr. Carlucci, Thank you so very much for your timely response to my email. As a supporter of the airport, being the original location of the WWII Army Air Corp, I agree that "Flying Friendly" is extremely important. I was born in England just before WWII, so I and my husband are great supporters of our Military, and find that many local pilots are ex-military. You possibly know?

I work as a volunteer on a Wednesday afternoon at Divine Consign on the Island, so by the time my work is done, I am really tired, so attendance at the meeting you mention isn't possible. It does, however, sound as if it will be extremely interesting, so I appreciate your invitation. I would love to take a tour of the airport, sometime, and will contact you to set up a convenient date and time in the future - thank you, again, for that offer.

Sincerely,

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*On behalf of a family member of the original owner of Ercoupe N3081H, I am attempting to locate that aircraft to see if the present owner may be willing to sell that aircraft to the family member who is interested in having it restored and recertified for flight. The information that I have is shown below. I understand that Mr. & Mrs. Best (now deceased) may have been living in the Clearwater, FL area when the plane was sold. I am hoping that someone may be familiar with the aircraft and/or know the present owner. N3081H is a 1946 Model 415-C Forney Ercoupe, serial number 3706. Any Ideas besides looking at the FAA registry?

Got an item for sale? Contact Bret Stephens at 321-6876 to

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Why Our Meetings Are Open ALL

From: omitted

Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2011 08:24:14 -0400 (EDT)

To: <VASIBoard@gmail.com>

Subject: Annual Meeting of April 20th

Dear VASI Board and Members:

Thank you very much for allowing me to attend your meeting last night at City Hall. It was efficient and informal...just the right combination. I was very pleased to be allowed to ask questions of Mayor Holic regarding the airport, knowing that those in attendance would also be able to provide knowledgeable input as well.

As I noted at the time, we are nearby property owners of the airport and we do enjoy the comings and goings of the small aircraft and even the infrequent smaller jet traffic. We periodically have a nice breakfast at the cafe, we attended this years "open house" and had some great conversations with various proud airplane owners..all interesting people. My brother flew helicopters for the Marines in Vietnam and my brother-in-law flew Caribous for the Air Force in Vietnam, so we appreciate the spirit of aviation and the need for safe runways!

As we deliberate our plans for investing more of our time and resources in our little home here, we do have to factor-in our current status as being in the RPZ and the future of the airport. When we purchased our home in 2002 we were not made aware of this factor. So, I was very pleased to hear Mayor Holic and, I believe VASI, state that the shifting of runway 13-31 to the southeast remains a primary goal, in addition to the improvements to 4-22 (5-23), in your plans and the City's regarding the airport.

Thanks again for the opportunity to attend your meeting and best of luck with 4-22 and 13-31!

Sincerely, your neighbor

In our ongoing effort to promote safe, sustainable, neighborhood friendly aviation in the community, the Venice Aviation Society is pleased to announce the release of "The 13/31 Sidestep" now available on the VASI website at www.veniceaviationsociety.com:

click on the [Fly Friendly: Do The "13 / 31 Sidestep" : YouTube Video](#) link


The two minute instructional video is part of the "Fly Friendly Procedures" developed by VASI in cooperation with City and Airport officials. The purpose of the video is noise mitigation and instructs departing pilots to turn out towards the Gulf of Mexico early, effectively "sidestepping" neighborhoods adjacent to the departure end of Runway 31. The video demonstrates that a turnout at 500' Above Ground Level is safe* and avoids flyovers of Gulf Shores and Golden Beach neighborhoods.

"The 13/31 Sidestep" is available to the City of Venice for unlimited distribution, as is. Downloads of the uncompressed file (54mb), as well as copies on disk are available by contacting VASI at vasiboard@gmail.com. In the continued proactive spirit of cooperation, VASI will also consider any other instructional video suggestions for future production.



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Safety – Density altitude is up, way up – consider leaning your engine for max power before that take-off roll. Here is a quick hit for all the “What me worry? My engine has a turbo; density altitude is no problem” guys and gals: please recall that your plane’s wing is not turbo equipped so LIFT may be an issue anyway. For all of us – drink water not soda, coffee, or that energy drink. Avoid caffeine and have a great cross country to AirVenture. Not receiving your FAA Safety Program Notices? Register on line www.FAASafety.gov and find out about the new Wings Program.

Fly Friendly – When departing to the North on Runway 22 climb out at Vy, maintain runway heading and depart the pattern at TPA (1,000 ft. AGL). You avoid flying over the city and set the example for others to follow. Keep those pattern tight, stay high and watch out for the other guy.

And did you know? FAA Part 43 rules consider software database updates as preventive maintenance an owner can perform (which is what everyone does as far as we know). A standard entry would include the date, airframe time, work performed (replaced GPS database card version?? dated??), and signature with pilot certificate number. This would be entered into the air-

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Sun 'n Fun Fly-In or was it Sun'n Big Blow? Destroyed aircraft and broken dreams from an F-1 tornado that hit the Lakeland Airport on Thursday, March 31. Nothing can prevent an airplane from being damaged from the force of a tornado, but you can protect your plane against lesser winds. If you are unable to fly away from severe weather and have no ability to hangar your aircraft, a solid tie down is the last resort. Most light aircraft will lift off at about 50 to 60 knots, speeds well exceeded by many severe storms. An airplane's wing does not know the difference



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between wind created by a storm or a takeoff roll. Your plane will literally take off unless it's somehow secured. Do you remember the Piper that hopped the fence at KVNC? Try to turn the airplane into the wind. Some suggest tail into the wind. If there are no solid, permanent attachment points on the tarmac, several great products are available that provide strong anchor points in the dirt. The ropes and chains that attach them to the airplane are just as important. Double tie downs and lift spoilers on the wings provide simple quick security for that flying carpet. Advisory Circular 20-35C released by the FAA in 1983 includes many good ideas for how to best secure an airplane.

Want to know something about Swift Enterprises' development of their 100LL replacement?

Check the following extracted with thanks to the Cardinal Flyers Online Newsletter:

http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects2/7/6/2/5/1795267/uploads/Swift_Enterprises_Briefing_Summary_3-1-2011_final.pdf

http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects2/7/6/2/5/1795267/uploads/Swift_Fuel_Briefing_3-1-2011_Trimmed.mp3

Swift's briefing slides {generic} can be viewed and/or downloaded through the following link:

http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects2/7/6/2/5/1795267/uploads/Swift_Clean_100_Briefing_-_3-2011_General_Backgnd.pdf

Tom Turner of American Bonanza Society constructed a call summary which he distributed through the ABS website at:

<http://bonanza.org/documents/2011.0301.SwiftFuel%20update.pdf>

Use the link below to read/download a copy of the Aviation Consumer Fuel survey results:

http://app4.websitetonight.com/projects2/7/6/2/5/1795267/uploads/AVweb_Aviation_Consumer_Fuel_Survey.pdf

Navy Golden Pelican Squadron

Who are they? The Golden Pelican Squadron is a Local Squadron of Naval Aviators associated with the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA). Several of our VASI members belong to the Golden Pelican Squadron which conducts monthly luncheon meetings from October thru April at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Their speakers cover a wide range of subjects but deal primarily with Naval Aviation. The meetings are open to not only Naval Aviators but also anyone interested in Naval Aviation. If anyone is interested contact VASI Board Member Gary J. McBride, Commanding Officer, at cell 610-659-1612 or 941-412-1787. The mission statement for the ANA is:

The mission of ANA is to educate the general public about the overall military status of the United States, to encourage widespread interest as to the importance of Naval Aviation in the defense of the United States and its allies, to stimulate the collection, preservation and display of historical material concerning the history of naval aviation, and to encourage scientific and technical development of naval aviation.



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Calendar of Events Welcome 2011

Sat June 25----- VASI Cookout 11:30 AM at the VNC Airport Main Gate

Wed July 13 ----- WINGS Program; 7:00 PM at Venice City Hall, Council Chambers

Wed Sept 21----- VASI Member's meeting: 7:00 PM Venice City Hall Community Room—
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