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Greetings from the Venice Aviation Society, Inc.

Happy New Year. Hopefully, there was a new Garmin or other goody tucked in your stocking and you've been busy breaking it in. The weather has soured somewhat since early January, but that hasn't necessarily kept us out of the airways. I got a bucket list B-17 ride during the Wings of Freedom Tour visit and some J-3 Cub time. Looking over the Gulf from the Cub, I saw



the B-24 heading off to SRQ for its next stop. My first question was "which airplane is older?" It was the Cub. I was busy experiencing over 130 years of aircraft history. It really doesn't get any better than that. You can copy and paste this link into your browser for the B-17G ride of a lifetime: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDaK36SnBhs>.

We started off 2014 with a lot of great news and some really impressive press. The AOPA folks checked in on us in January and were substantially impressed with the progress we've made over the last few years. They published their first installment on the greatly improved Venice Municipal Airport to Pilot e-Brief and will publish the comprehensive article to AOPA Magazine later this spring. In particular, they recognized a community who appreciates the intrinsic value of their local airport and how important that is to supporting civic leadership capable of maintaining their field as an essential asset. They were quick to commend the City Council, City Manager and their support of Airport Administrator Chris Rozansky as the fulcrum for orchestrating the work that needed to be done.

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NOTAM

The season is upon us and with the influx of snowbirds and visitors, air traffic naturally increases. And so do noise complaints. VASI and the airport staff remind to follow "Fly Friendly" procedures whenever possible. This includes using runway 05 and 23 as much as possible, especially when winds are at or below 5 knots. Suggest to arriving and departing pilots that the Fly Friendly procedure favors runways 05 and 23. The Fly Friendly procedure is printed in this issue and available online at the VASI website: www.veniceaviationsociety.com, where you'll also find a link to the Fly Friendly video.

And the work is not finished. True to its commitment, the city is moving forward with the pre-construction effort associated with shifting RWY 13/31 to the southeast 727 feet, adding an Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS) to make up for the lack of real estate between the end of the runway and the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW). This estimated \$12 million move will relieve 24 Venice homeowners of the fact that their homes lie in a designated Runway Protection Zone (RPZ), a new standard adopted after 2005 as a result of a commercial aircraft overrun at Chicago Midway airport in a snowstorm. We don't have 737s landing here in icy conditions, but I digress.

Venice will be the second airport in Florida to install the EMAS system at a municipal airport. Ironically, this system is engineered and installed by MEA Hansen, a consulting firm dismissed by a prior council administration. Hansen has tremendous credibility in designing and installing airport safety systems and their participation in this product will be greatly appreciated.

Funding for these improvements is derived from taxes aircraft operators paid on aviation fuel purchases and tickets commercial airline passengers paid each time they purchased airfare.

Calendar

February 8 - Airport Open House, 10-4, Suncoast Air Center

February 8 - Military Appreciation Day, Volatus Flight School

**February 19 - VASI Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
Guest: Paul Bertorelli**

**March 19 - VASI Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
Guest: Dr. Craig Dunham (A.M.E.)**

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.

You will find links to the article on the AOPA website and a PDF copy of the article (if you don't have AOPA website access) on the left margin of postings at the VASI website.

While the news is all good and progress continues, all the mantras including "Never Again" and "Constant Vigilance" remain in the VASI playbook. Local elections can easily change the political landscape. It's happened before and it can happen again.

Don't forget all the upcoming events, including the Airport Open House on February 8th. This is how we show the non-aviation public the value of their airport and why it must be continuously maintained, enhanced, upgraded and improved. We need VASI and EAA volunteers to pull this event off as smoothly as we have in the past. It's not too late to sign up. Send an email to info@veniceaviationsociety.com. Hope to see you there.

The next VASI meeting, featuring our very own font of aviation knowledge is Paul Bertorelli. On his constant prowl, Paul as acquired some excellent briefing material from his recent trip to Redbird in Texas. Must see.

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Regrets

It appears that a couple of business trips will keep me away from both the February and March meetings. While this is regrettable, it truly underscores the need for capable, energetic and enthusiastic pilots to engage, now, today, and continue our legacy of community support of the airport. It is not up to the previous leaders or “the other guys and gals” of VASI to fill the gaps. It is up to **YOU**.

As I fulfill my two year commitment as president of VASI, it is time for you to consider taking on the role of president or newsletter publisher, the role of website administrator, board member or contributor.

I know we all have a lot going on in our lives. If we didn't, it would get really boring. But the fact remains that without the active support of our membership, the progress we've made would not have been possible. The progress we make will not continue without the dedication of members like you who flew a Cub, worked a relief flight, ferried a patient to a medical facility, worked the line, took a youngster up on an airplane ride, flew as safety pilot, learned to fly, or simply enjoyed the landscape of aircraft in operation.

You can expect appeals for nominations at the March membership meeting. Seriously, please consider stepping up. Give something back. Engage in Venice aviation and your airport.

Hal Laeger stepped up. Hal loves to fly and while doing so, he shares his exploits in our a new installments of the \$100 Hamburger article. Thanks, Hal. David Green, who recently became a VASI Lifetime Member, is also poised as the next VASI board member. David will be displaying his VLJ at the Airport Open House and will most certainly welcome discussion about his aircraft, KVNC and VASI. Please look for him as well.

I also want to mention VASI's newest friend, Howard Lins. Howard is a WWII veteran who recently joined VASI. Howard is exemplary of those of us no longer flying left seat but harbor the same excitement for airplanes that we all had from our earliest days. VASI welcomes all who welcome aviation.

Fly friendly. Fly safe.
Brett



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The \$100 Hamburger

Airport Manatee



Ever landed on a grass strip? Of course, in the early days of aviation, everyone did. But I imagine there are many pilots flying today who've never enjoyed the back-to-basics feeling of thumping down on a turf runway.

Admittedly, landing on grass requires some extra caution. You want to know about the length of the grass, and the smoothness and firmness of the ground underneath. Fortunately, all these things get high marks at Airport Manatee, just up the coast in Palmetto. Manager Tom Reeder keeps the grass well mowed, and rolls the runway regularly.

Airport Manatee is one of those friendly little airports that are fast disappearing from the sectional charts. But Tom not only wants his airport to endure -- he's intent on improving it. For example, the airport never offered fuel until about a year ago, when Tom installed a self-service fueling station. The price varies, but it's always much lower than at Venice, so plan your flight there when your tanks are going dry.

Airport Manatee has one runway, running more or less east/west, and 3300 feet long -- about twice the length any of us needs. All patterns are flown north of the airport. From VNC, a heading of 025, more or less, will get you around the east edge of Sarasota Class C. Airport Manatee is easy to find -- Port Manatee is a very visible landmark, and the airport is just east of it. There's a row of T-hangars parallel to the runway, but more noticeable is a line of aircraft parking spaces covered by white Quonset-style roofs.

Tom has a courtesy car (better phone him first at (941)722-9296 to make sure it's available) -- and he'll direct you a couple of miles north on Rt. 41 to Popi's, a breakfast/lunch place with solid food and very low prices, cherished by the locals.

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31 Sidestep:

Climb Vy
At 500' AGL turn 290
At 1,000' AGL resume navigation
T&G At 500' turn crosswind

13 Sidestep:

Climb Vy
At 500' AGL turn 180
At 1,000' AGL resume navigation
T&G At 500' turn crosswind

5/23 Departure:

Climb Vy
Maintain Rwy Heading
Depart At TPA
T&G At 700' AGL turn crosswind

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