

## Airport earns top award from state

The Florida Department of Transportation recently honored Southwest Florida International Airport with the prestigious award of the "2007 Outstanding Commercial Service Airport Project of the Year" for its Runway 6/24 Rehabilitation project. This award was presented to the Lee County Port Authority, Hole Montes and Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. at the Florida Airports Council Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Southwest Florida International Airport is the only single-runway, medium-hub airport in the U.S.

"This award recognizes an airport director, staff, consultants and contractors that accomplished an outstanding airport project," said Bill Ashbaker, manager of the FDOT Aviation Office. "This proactive approach saved a substantial amount of money by greatly extending the useful life of critical aviation infrastructure."

The FDOT Aviation Office awards the "Airport Project of the Year" annually to one airport from a field that includes Florida's 20 commercial service airports. This is the third time Southwest Florida International Airport has received this accolade. ■

## Hangar dance to benefit Sundowners

Sundown Patrol of Lee County, Inc., a non-profit club that flies on the weekends helping stranded boaters, will hold their only fund raising event of the year, a hangar dance featuring live dance music on Nov. 3 at Page Field.

SOARIN' OVER LEE COUNTY will feature the big band sounds of JJ's Band, an Elvis impersonator, and barbecue dinner catered by Smokey Bones Barbeque and Grill.

"This event is our only fund raiser and supports the weekend patrols in search of boaters in distress," said Mark Millar the President of Sundowners, Inc. "We expect tremendous support from the boating and aviation communities."

Tickets are \$30 and include dinner, drinks and dancing. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 on Nov. 3 at ACI Hangar, 325 Danley Dr. in Fort Myers. For more information or to order tickets please contact Helen Steinberg, coordinator of tickets and publicity, at 910-2462 or email her at pilot@capecoralbuilder.net. ■

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