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### **Welcome New Member**

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St. Lucie County International Airport (FPR) is located 3 miles northwest of the City of Fort Pierce. The airport consists of over 3,800 acres of property and is served by three active runways; Runway 10L/28R, 10R/28L, and 14/32. Runway 10L/28R is 4,000 feet long by 75 feet wide and is used for training, Runway 10R/28L is 6,492 feet long by 150 feet wide and is the primary instrument runway for the airport. Runway 14/32 is 4,756 feet long by 100 feet wide. All runways have full parallel taxiways and are equipped with medium intensity runway lights. The airport has ILS, LPV, GPS, VOR/DME, VOR, and NDB approaches.

The Airport is home to over 30 businesses including two full-service Fixed-Base Operators (FBOs), an operating Air Traffic Control Tower, and on-site Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Facility. The Airport is an identified U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Port of Entry and has the only Foreign Trade Zone located along the Treasure Coast. The CBP facility is open daily between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. seven days a week, and is a common port-of-entry for passengers arriving from the Bahamas. In 2009, the CBP Facility reported 5,400 aircraft arrivals with over 19,000 passengers disembarking at their facility.

Flight training encompasses a large portion of the airport's general aviation activity. Nearly 55 percent of the airport's annual operations are related to flight training. There are three flight schools located at the airport. Aviator College of Aeronautics makes its home at the airport along with Tradewinds and U.S. Sport Aircraft. General aviation operations by corporate, business, and recreational users account for the remaining 45 percent of local and itinerant operations at the airport. Visiting businesses that fly into the airport include NetJets, Flexjet, Executive Jet Aviation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Florida Institute of Technology.

Since 2005, the airport has completed various improvements designed to enhance safety and increase future operational capabilities. The main instrument runway was rehabilitated in November 2009 and the three primary taxiways are scheduled for rehabilitation in 2010 and 2011. Additional improvements include electrical upgrades, security upgrades, airfield drainage enhancements, a new ARFF Facility, Terminal and

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### **World Fuel To Acquire Western Petroleum**

World Fuel Services on Monday announced an agreement to acquire Eden Prairie, Minn.-based Western Petroleum, including its branded aviation fuel distribution business, for \$95 million. “The acquisition of Western is another significant step in the continued evolution of our land-based fuel business and their branded aviation fuel distribution business will further expand the breadth of our general aviation business,” said World Fuel Services president and COO Michael Kasbar. The \$95 million purchase price could be increased by up to \$20 million if Western’s net assets exceed an agreed target at completion of the deal, which is expected to occur in the next 60 days. Miami-based World Fuel Services currently provides aviation customers, including corporate aircraft operators, with fuel supply, credit and fuel-price risk management services, ground handling arrangements, overflight and landing permits, flight planning and weather information. Most of these services are provided via its AvCard and Baseops divisions.

### **Indian River property appraiser drops bid to tax Vero airport**

VERO BEACH — Property Appraiser David Nolte has no plans to continue his legal quest to tax Vero Beach Municipal Airport property leased to private airplane owners, he said Tuesday.

At issue is about \$30,225 in taxes.

In May, Florida’s 4th District Court of Appeal turned down Nolte’s appeal of a circuit judge’s ruling that the airport property is tax exempt even if it is used for private purposes. However, the appeals court allowed for an appeal of its decision. Nolte said he won’t pursue that. [Read complete story...](#)

### **JAA Announces Aviation Leases at Two Airports**

JACKSONVILLE, FL - August 23, 2010 – The Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) today approved an option to lease a hangar at Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) and a lease for a recently built spec hangar at Cecil Field. [Read complete story](#)