DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Ocala Federal Contract Tower
1700 SW 60th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34474

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OCALA FCT (ATCT) LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 10-1

SUBJECT: Ocala Air Traffic Control Tower Effective Date

CANCELLATION: May 17, 2011

Beginning on May 17, 2010 at 7:00 am local, the Ocala International - Jim Taylor Field Airport will have an operational control tower. The tower will be open 7 days a week from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm local. During the hours the tower is open the Class D surface area around the Ocala Airport will be in effect and the tower will assume VFR air traffic operations at the airport. The Ocala Class D surface area extends from the surface up to and including 1,500 feet with a 4.4 NM radius of the airport.

The frequencies that will be used at the airport are:

- Local Control (tower) 119.25
- Ground Control 121.4
- ATIS 128.125 (AWOS frequency when the tower is closed)

Controllers will rely on visual observation to exchange pattern traffic information as the tower cab does not have a radar display. During the hours the tower is in operation IFR clearances must be obtained from the tower. When the tower is closed Jacksonville Approach Control will provide this service on frequency 118.6 as they have in the past.

We look forward to working with the aviation community providing the high level of ATC service that everyone is accustomed to in the Ocala area. We are developing a schedule, to be announced, for pilot meetings in the future where we can meet and discuss any concerns or procedures with the opening of the Ocala Air Traffic Control Tower.

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