

On the Side at the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl

A LOOK AT SOME PILOTS-RELATED EXPENSES IN ST. PETERSBURG

A good bit has been written about USM president Martha Saunders' use of the USM airplane to get to the 21-Dec-2010 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, FL. [One report](#) indicates that USM's Airplane Operations auxiliary charged Saunders **\$4,080** for transporting her, Joe Bailey, Pam and Doug Rouse, Troy Johnson, and Doug Davis to St. Petersburg on 20-Dec-2010, and back to Hattiesburg on 22-Dec-2010. This particular report provides some of the incidental expenses related to having [a couple of pilots](#) – Julian Allen, also USM's associate vice president for research, and Kenneth Price – from Airplane Operations spend three days and two nights in St. Petersburg.

Guest Name: JULIAN ALLEN
Room: 1419K1
Arrival Date: 12/20/2010
Departure Date: 12/22/2010
Rate Plan: CLUM
Confirmation Number: [REDACTED]

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RT	REF NO	AMOUNT	TAXES	TOTAL
12/20/2010	1202001GUEST ROOM	FAA	240640	\$138.00		\$138.00
12/20/2010	1202001ROOM TAXES	FAA	240640	\$16.00		\$16.00
12/21/2010	1202001GUEST ROOM	JOO	241592	\$138.00		\$138.00
12/21/2010	1202001ROOM TAXES	JOO	241592	\$16.00		\$16.00
12/22/2010	1202001GUEST ROOM	JOO	241594	\$138.00		\$138.00
12/22/2010	1202001ROOM TAXES	JOO	241594	\$16.00		\$16.00
WILL BE SETTLED TO V# 1038						\$335.36
EFFECTIVE BALANCE OF						\$0.00

Total Amount: \$335.36

Guest Name: KENNETH PRICE
Room: 1419K1
Arrival Date: 12/20/2010
Departure Date: 12/22/2010
Rate Plan: CLUM
Confirmation Number: [REDACTED]

DATE	DESCRIPTION	RT	REF NO	AMOUNT	TAXES	TOTAL
12/20/2010	1202001GUEST ROOM	FAA	240640	\$138.00		\$138.00
12/20/2010	1202001ROOM TAXES	FAA	240640	\$16.00		\$16.00
12/21/2010	1202001GUEST ROOM	JOO	241592	\$138.00		\$138.00
12/21/2010	1202001ROOM TAXES	JOO	241592	\$16.00		\$16.00
12/22/2010	1202001GUEST ROOM	JOO	241594	\$138.00		\$138.00
12/22/2010	1202001ROOM TAXES	JOO	241594	\$16.00		\$16.00
WILL BE SETTLED TO V# 1038						\$311.36
EFFECTIVE BALANCE OF						\$0.00

Total Amount: \$311.36

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The insert above at left, shows Julian Allen's St. Petersburg Hilton receipt (2 nights), which came to **\$335.36**. Next to it, above at right, is Kenneth Price's St. Petersburg Hilton receipt (2 nights), which totaled **\$311.36**. These two bills add up to **\$646.72**.

Guest Name: RONALD VAY
Room: 425
Arrival Date: 12/21/10
Departure Date: 12/21/10
Rate Plan: 225
Confirmation Number: 00999

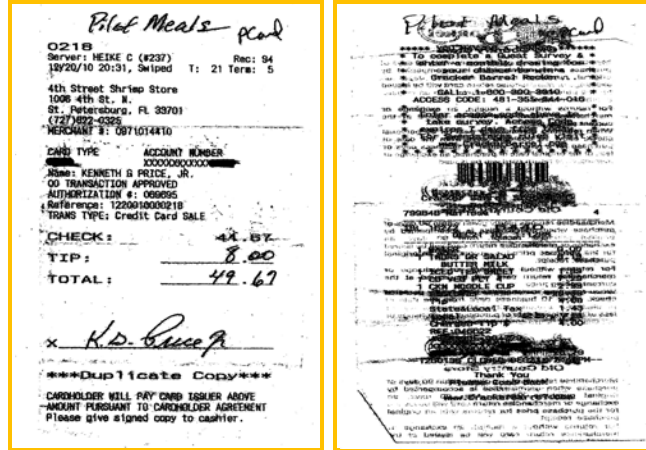
Total: \$225.00

Guest Name: RONALD VAY
Room: 425
Arrival Date: 12/21/10
Departure Date: 12/21/10
Rate Plan: 225
Confirmation Number: 00999

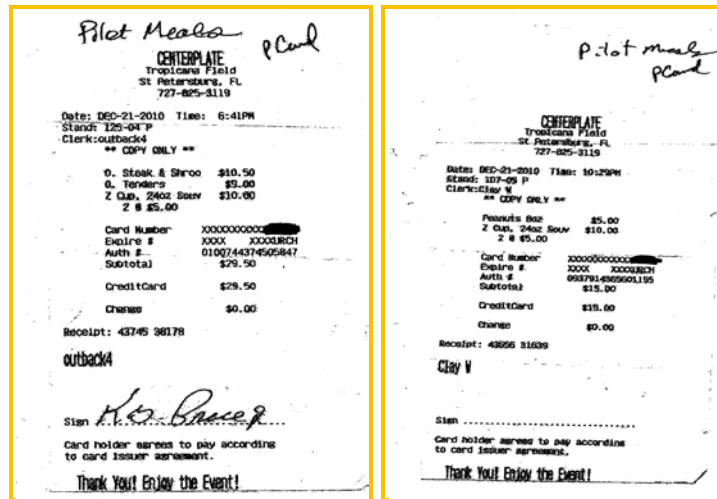
Total: \$44.25

THANKS - COME AGAIN

The receipt above, at left, is from Sun Coast Oil in St. Pete, and totals **\$25** for fuel for the “van” that the group rented for the three day stay. Another trip to Sun Coast was needed, this time for **\$14.23**, bringing the gas total to at least **\$39.23** for the three days. On their first night in St. Pete, Allen and Price dined at the [4th Street Shrimp Store](#), where they ran up a tab of **\$49.67**, including gratuity. The receipt is inserted below, at left.

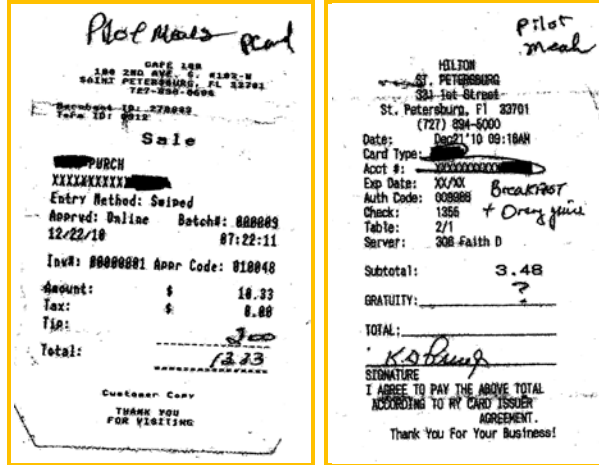


Lunch at a St. Pete Cracker Barrel was on tap for 12-21-2010, and the pilots’ lunch tab came to **\$25.79** (see insert above, at right).



The two pilots appear to have had a grand time on the evening of 21-Dec-2010. They ate dinner inside Tropicana Field, the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s venue, at [Centerplate](#). Dinner was ordered at 6:41 pm local time, and consisted of two entrees and two drinks. The total was **\$29.50**. Later, the duo had a 10:29 pm snack at Centerplate, totaling **\$15**. That night’s eats (for the two pilots) cost taxpayers **\$44.50**.

Before departing on 22-Dec-2010, the two pilots grabbed a breakfast at downtown St. Petersburg’s [Cafe 100](#). There they spent **\$13.33**, or about four times what they spent for breakfast on 21-Dec-2010 (**\$3.48**) in the Hilton. Copies of these receipts are inserted below.



In total, the five meals (2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners w/ snacks) the two pilots ate during their Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl trip cost taxpayers **\$136.77**.

Not included in any report thus far is the **\$60** expense for tickets to the bowl game for Allen and Price. With the tickets and meals, the total is **\$196.77**. Add to that the lodging costs for the duo, and the Saunders administration spent a total of **\$843.49** on incidentals for the pilots alone. If the Airplane Operations invoice is included, along with the Sun Coast Oil costs above, then we know that the Beef 'O' Brady's trip used *at least* **\$4,962.72** of USM's budget. Of course, the cost of the rental van, Saunders' hotel and meals, Bailey's meals, etc., are not accounted for here. Who knows how much this trip really cost taxpayers?