



## September NEWSLETTER 2009

FROM THE PRES..... CHEROKEE N7655W

Hello SOPA Family,

Have you noticed ALL of the construction going on at the Salinas airport on the North side? The construction/relocation/modifications to the taxi ways and runway has begun. Listen to the ATIS carefully to find out the closures of the specific taxi ways. Be careful taxiing your plane or driving your car due to all of the construction trucks and equipment. The SOPA Chalet at this years airshow was probably the best one to date. The weather was perfect, the food was perfect, the Chalet was perfect. SOPA parked a very large number of fly-in aircraft this year. This generates a good amount of money for the airshow. In turn, the airshow gives SOPA the Chalet. I would like to thank Harry Wardwell and his staff for the Chalet and a very successful airshow this year. I would also like to thank Fran Teeters and Lori Atkinson for handling the ticket sales. Ray Jackson for heading up the transient airplane parking, donut getting and coffee making. Jim Shumaker, Larry Shaw, Paula Johnson and Lane Lisser with assisting me parking the planes. Dennis King for transporting all of the pilots from their planes to the airshow front gates (He was very busy)! Pat and Sheridan Smith, Ron and Kay Harmon for cooking and serving all of that wonderful food in the Chalet.

Jeff Soares

SOPA Prez...



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# Minutes of SOPA Meeting Tuesday August 11, 2009

Start Meeting: 7:10 p.m. By president Jeff Soares, at The Landing Zone Restaurant.

Approve minutes of July 2009 meeting.

Receive Treasurers report

New Business: Jeff reports on the status of the Draft Airport Layout Plan (Draft Master Plan).

Construction projects are under way at the airport, including the run up area at runway 8, paving, striping and marking of Taxiway D from runway 8-26 to 13-31.

Jeff reported on the Airshow and Thanks all who helped with transient parking and the Chalet.

Old Business: Jeff & John Gianelli report on the trip to Oshkosh for AirVenture 2009

The Airport Safety meeting has been moved to the first Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m. at The Landing Zone.

Jeff Adjourned the meeting and some members stayed to see pictures of AirVenture 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Lori Atkinson

## AROUND THE AIRPORT

Repair work to intersection "Delta" on the South side of the field started last week. We hope it isn't going to rain; because if it does, we will have one giant mud hole.

The traffic count, for this past month, has been the lowest in over ten years.

Leonard McIntosh, of Nevada, will lease the old AirTrails building and be called "JET WEST LLC"

He will offer services in aviation fuel, petroleum products, Aircraft maintenance and repair service including sales of parts and accessories. Additionally, he will offer a fully accredited pilot training school, an air taxi service, Aircraft rental, Aircraft leasing and/or sales; Sales of pilots supplies; Temporary or long term storage of aircraft; and Operation of a rental car service or facilitation of such service through a car rental operator.

Alan Bikle DBA Airflow Technologies Inc. will be Leasing (Building T-52) for composite work on aircraft and other projects.

What's happening with the proposed Jet Center? Airport Manager Gary Petersen told the Airport Commission "The ball is in their court." Commissioner Jack Jella expressed some concern about the time limit on their Environmental Impact Report. Commissioner Mark Zanko requested a letter be sent to the Jet Center group requesting an update on their proposal.

Do you remember the military exercise last year where the Air Force, Marines and Army set up camp on our airport for a few days? Well, it was such a success that another one is planned for this year. When? I don't know...it is still in the works. Why the exercise? It is a practice in case of a national emergency.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS -- 2009**

### **September**

**2....Safety meeting, Landing Zone, 8:30 a.m.**

**8--SOPA Meeting , Landing Zone Restaurant, 7:00 p.m.**

**24. Airport Commission meeting, City Hall ,West wing.--7:00 p.m**

### **October 2009**

**2..-Safety meeting, Landing Zone, 8:30 a.m.**

**10...Historic Aircraft Display. 10:00 a. to 2:00 P.**

**13.. .SOPA Monthly meeting Landing Zone Restaurant, 7:00 p.m.**

**22--Salinas Airport Commission meeting, City Hall Rotunda--7:00 p.m**

**Please note: All SOPA meetings will be held in the Landing Zone**

**Restaurant unless otherwise noted**

## **FAA wants to change training for private, advanced ratings(AOPA e-Pilot)**

**Student pilots could have the option of simultaneously applying for the private pilot certificate and instrument rating. Pilots going for their commercial certificate would need 10 hours of advanced instrument training instead of 10 hours of training in a complex aircraft. And those who fly single pilot in turbojets would need an annual pilot-in-command proficiency check. These are just a few of the changes to flight training that the FAA is proposing.**

## **LSA flight to promote blind judo(AOPA e-Pilot)**

**A California pilot has set out on a journey around the United States in a weight-shift controlled light sport aircraft to promote an organization that introduces the sport of judo to the blind and visually impaired. Imre Kabai, a computer engineer, said his whole family is involved in judo, and he learned about the Blind Judo Foundation while his children were training in the dojo of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic judo coach Willy Cahill, co-founder of the foundation. Read more >>**



## **Volunteers give Redlands police an eye in the sky(AOPA e-Pilot)**

**A Cessna 172 purchased with forfeited drug money is usually the first responder to police emergencies in Redlands, Calif., 80 miles east of Los Angeles. The 1967, 180-hp aircraft is piloted entirely by nearly 30 volunteers, although a police tactical flight officer is assigned to manage its operation and communicate with officers on the ground. (Editors note: Could this be an idea for SOPA to help our local law enforcement agencies?)**

## **PAPER PILOTS CERTIFICATES**

**The FAA is requiring that paper airman certificates be replaced by March 31, 2010.**

**If you have a paper certificate, you can change it over at the FAA site for \$2.00. If you**

**have your SSN as your certificate number, the change is free. You have to change all your pilot certificates: pilot, flight instructor, etc. The new certificate will come with the mandatory English Proficiency statement required for international flight.**

**FAR 61.19(h) reads:**

**Duration of pilots certificates. Except for temporary certificates issued under 61.17 or a student pilot certificate issued under paragraph(b) of this section, the holder of a paper pilot certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2010**

**You may make the changes by mail or on line:**

**Go here:**

**[http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/airman\\_certification/certificate\\_replacement/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airman_certification/certificate_replacement/)**



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