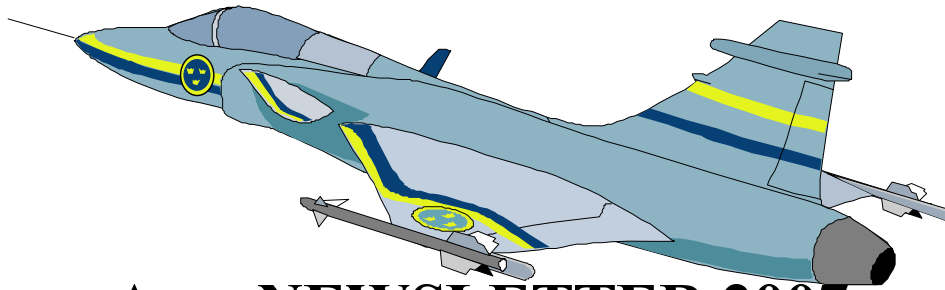
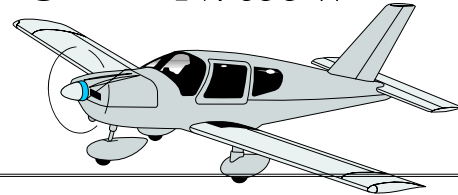


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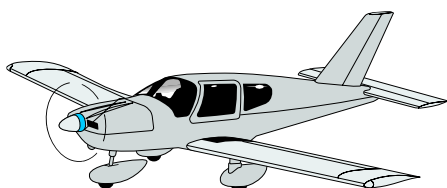
### FROM THE PRES..... CHEROKEE N7655W



Hello SOPA Family, The weather in July has been phenomenal. I can't remember the last time that I could go to the airport in the morning knowing it will be clear for takeoff. This is fire season so be alert for any TFR's. I would like to thank John Gianelli for stepping up and accepting a directors position with SOPA. He was unanimously voted in at the last meeting. (While he was in the restroom). (Just kidding). Thank you John for your interest in this great organization. Congratulations to Cal Pacific Aeromotive. They are featured in this issue of Air and Space magazine. It is very exciting to have a local Salinas Airport business featured in such a prominent publication. Of course, the who's who of aviation goes in and out of their business like a star at Universal Studios. EAA's Air Venture is finishing up in Oshkosh. I know this is early but I will be planning a fly-out to Oshkosh for next years Air Venture. Start planning and let me know if you are interested.

Jeff Soares

SOPA Prez...



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# Minutes of SOPA Meeting July 7, 2007

**Start Meeting: 7:10 pm by President Jeff Soares, at The Landing Zone Restaurant**

**Approval minutes of June 2007 meeting**

**Receive Treasurers report**

**Election of Officer: A motion was made and second to elect John Gianelli as SOPA Director. The membership present voted & approved. John fills a vacancy left by Pete Leonardich**

**Old Business: The Fifth Annual Salinas Airport Tenant Appreciation day was a great success. The Landing Zone Restaurant served 160 meals, and there were several raffle prizes as well as a spot landing and flour bombing contest. Thanks to all who planned and participated in the day.**

**New Business: President Jeff talked about aviation related incidents from the "Idiot File".**

**Jeff notes the FAA is changing their mid air reporting standards.**

**Pat Smith reports the next Young Eagles event will be at Salinas Airport on Saturday August 18, 2007**

**Kay reports there is a group fly out to Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa including members of the 99's, Watsonville EAA, & Watsonville Pilot's Assoc. Anyone interested**

**please contact Chris Crocker at [daytrip-per12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daytrip-per12@sbcglobal.net).**

**Jeff read portions of the Hollister Airmens Assoc. history 1937-1951 by Glenn & Ron Harmon. The Harmon's father was instrumental in the early operations at Hollister Airport.**

**Jeff talked about the SOPA group fly out on 7-7-07 to New Cuyama.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm Submitted by: Lori Atkinson**

### Around the Airport

Some may have noticed some new art work in the display case at the Salinas Municipal Airport terminal building. It consists of several model airplanes. Now... these are not just some plastic or prefabricated models one puts together with glue; they are whittled out of pieces of wood. I was somewhat amazed thinking the amount of time it took to complete just one model much less the several that are on display. This is really a piece of art. The models were given to the Salinas Owners & Pilots Association by Eva Marple, whose husband, Eugene, made them. Eugene passed away some years back leaving the models. Eva met Julie MacPherson at the Avalon Villa Serra retirement community home where both live. Julie is the widow of John MacPherson who passed on a few years back. John was the first airport tenant to be honored at the first Tenants Appreciation Day. When Eva learned that Julie was an honorary member of S.O.P.A. and our aviation community, she saw the potential of her husband's art being of value for display as well as the E.A.A. Young Eagles program. Well...so do we! From all of us at SOPA we wish to thank Eva Marple for the gift that will make many youngsters very happy and those in our aviation community very pleased. Naturally, we haven't forgotten about Julie MacPherson rendering assistance and recognizing the value of Eva's wonderful gift to the aviation community. Thank you ladies...we appreciate it.

### A Belated Farewell

The SOPA newsletter was already on its way to press when we learned of the passing of our friend **Arlan Beck**, July 5.. Harold Oberg noted that Arlan Beck was a real old timer at the Salinas Airport-Arlan went to work for Remco Flying Service on March first 1949. He obtained his A&E ticket then moved on to Valley Flying Service until 1954. He then obtained a job with Atwood crop dusters, owned by Dave Anderson. From there he moved on to a job with Helicare and then on his own doing work for many airplane owners. Finally, he decided to completely retire and just "go fishing". For the past couple of years ill health curtailed his fishing and for many months he has suffered severe pain from back ailments. Arlan completed the Commercial Pilot course at Remco Flying Service with instruction from, Scott Murphy, Al Kroger and Russ Downer. **"No other person has worked at the Salinas Airport as many years as Arlan Beck."** says Harold Oberg. We will really miss him. Our condolences to the Beck family.

### Airport Commission Meeting 7-26-07

It's the time of year for election of officers for a one or two year term. Mark Zanko stepped down after a two year term as Head chair of the commission. Bob McGregor was voted in as new Head Chair and Jim Shumaker as Vice Chair. A \$300,000 Design Grant, from the FAA, will be received for development of the Jet Center. In conjunction with that, Gary Vincenze, Central Coast Aviation, presented a new mock up of the proposed Jet Center with more space to manoeuver airplanes and building sizes. Executive Director of the California International Airshow, Harry Wardwell, addressed the commission and handed out pamphlets showing the United States Navy "Blue Angels" and the Canadian "Snowbirds" flight teams to perform in Salinas on September 29-30-31. The F.A.A. advised that, during the Airshow, they will **not** allow any tenants in those South side hangars that are in the path of the Airshow flight line.



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Hi, you may want to check out the SOPA website at [www.salinaspilots.com](http://www.salinaspilots.com) There our many links to interesting sites such as Max Trescott. Master CFI, Pilots safety news. Max works out of the San Jose and puts out a great newsletter on such topics --WAAS, the FAA's Wide Area Augmentation System for flying GPS approaches with ILS-like precision. Power up and give it a try. Russ Wilcox, our Webmaster, puts in a lot of time to make sure you have many interesting items to enjoy.

### ON THE LIGHT SIDE - HOME REMEDIES

1. When choking on an ice cube simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat. **PRESTO!** The blockage will instantly remove itself.
2. Avoid cutting yourself slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold while you chop.
3. Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
4. To treat high blood pressure: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes; thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
5. A mouse trap, placed on the top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
7. You only need two tools in life - WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
8. When confused remember, everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

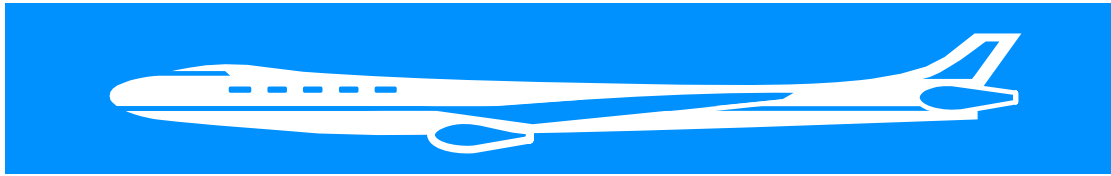
Daily Thought: SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES. NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING.

BUT THEY BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE WHEN PUSHED DOWN THE STAIRS.

### HOW'S THE TOWER RADAR WORKING?

It was a bright sunshiny day as I lifted into the air and headed Southeast. Dennis King was my passenger. We were heading to Hollister, in a round about way, making sure the oil got hot enough to burn off any condensation. I climbed to 3,500 m.s.l , leaned out the fuel mixture and chatted with Dennis along the way. Even though we had left Salinas Delta airspace I left my radio tuned to the Salinas Tower frequency. I was flying to the East side of the Valley staying clear of the instrument approach to Runway 31 at the Salinas Airport. This was great day with good visibility. As Dennis and I were conversing I heard the tower call out my tail number, asking if I was still on frequency. I acknowledged and they reported another Cessna at 3,500 msl at my 12 o'clock, two miles, coming right at me! I spotted the aircraft at about one mile and we were on a collision course. I reported the aircraft in site and took evasive action. The other pilot finally spotted me as he flew under me to my left. I can assure you it is harder to see a airplane coming right at you. Thanks to the collision alarm, sounding on tower radar, the tower personnel were able to warn me.

Ray Jackson, SOPA Vice President.



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