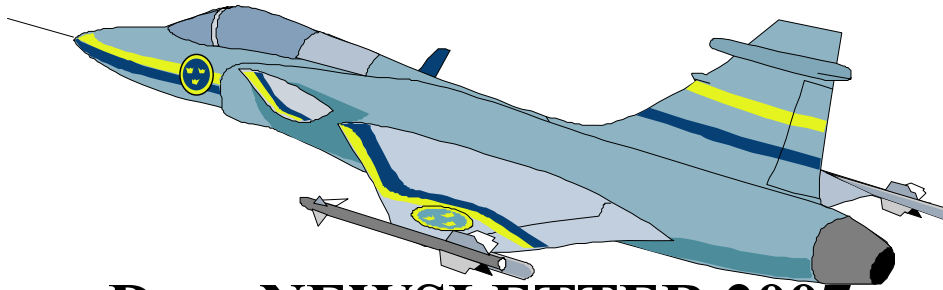
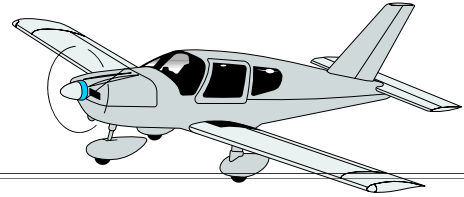


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FROM THE PRES..... CHEROKEE N7655W



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of our SOPA family.

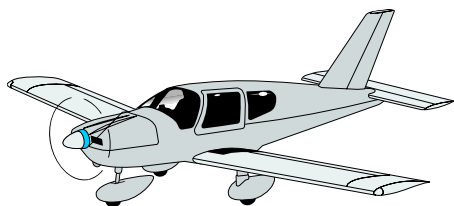
At the November SOPA meeting we held our elections for SOPA officers. First off, I would like to thank all of the 2007 SOPA officers for an outstanding job and for their dedication to this fine organization. Your 2008 officers are, Jeff Soares-President, Ray Jackson-Vice President, Lori Atkinson-Secretary, Kay Harmon-Treasurer, Ron Harmon, John Gianelli and Dennis King-Board Members.

The SOPA Christmas Party is December 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM. This years party will be in the terminal building of the Salinas Airport. It will be catered by the Landing Zone Restaurant. \$10 per person. Please send a check to SOPA, 80 Mortensen Ave. Salinas, CA 93905 as soon as possible. We need an accurate count of people so we know how much food we will need. SOPA will not be providing alcohol so bring your own. I look forward to another great party this year.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support with SOPA. I would also like to thank the SOPA sponsors and businesses. You all make the Salinas Airport a great place to be a part of!

Jeff Soares

SOPA Prez...



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Minutes of SOPA Meeting November 13, 2007

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

Approve minutes of October 2007 meeting

Receive Treasurers report

Election of Officers: The following officers were nominated at tonight's meeting, and all elected for the year 2008 as follows: President-Jeff Soares , Vice President- Ray Jackson, Secretary-Lori Atkinson, Treasurer-Kay Harmon, Directors- Ron Harmon, John Gianelli and Dennis King.

New Business:

Kay asked Jeff to confirm with the California Pilot's Assoc. that we should get newsletters with our annual membership. To date we have received few newsletters.

SOPA Membership renewal notices are being mailed this month.

SOPA received a "Thank You" letter from First Presbyterian Church for the donation to the building fund in memory of Chuck Pittenger, and also a Thank you from Jim & Louise for the dinner gift certificate that was given to them as Thank You for hosting such a great fly in at Pine Mountain every year.

The Annual SOPA Christmas party will be Tuesday December 11,2007 (regular meeting night) in the Salinas Airport terminal lobby. The restaurant will be catering the dinner, but has another party booked for the restaurant. SOPA will pick up part of the dinner tab, so cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please mail your checks to SOPA as soon as possible, or let Jeff know you are attending as the cost for the catering will be based on the number attending.

Kay reports the Hollister Airmen's Assoc. Christmas party is December 2nd at Paines Restaurant. Also on December 2nd Monterey Bay Area Aviation Board, AFA and other aviation groups are having a joint Christmas party at Bayonet / Blackhorse.

Old Business: Jeff reported on the latest in aviation news.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm Submitted by: Lori Atkinson

AROUND THE AIRPORT

The selection of SOPA officers, for 2008, was brought to a vote at our November meeting. Those officers will be Jeff Soares as President, Ray Jackson, as Vice President, Lori Atkinson as Secretary, Kay Harmon, as Treasurer, Directors Ron Harmon, Dennis King and John Gianelli. SOPA wishes to thank all of the staff for their participation. Our special thanks to former Director, Dennis Hill, for his help this past year. On finding out he lost in the voting, Dennis, jokingly commented "Oh well, the pay wasn't that great." Dennis King will be taking his place in 2008. (For those unaware, SOPA staff members receive no compensation.)

NEW POTTIES AT THE SNS GOLF COURSE

For the South siders information the Salinas Municipal Golf Course has refurbished all of their rest rooms on the course. Being a North sider tenant, who generally uses those rest rooms, I really must say it is a vast improvement from the condition they use to be in. Our thanks to the City for overseeing the project and to Airport Manager, Gary Petersen, who noticed the original problem.

SOPA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 11

If you haven't sent in your \$10.00 to attend the SOPA Christmas Party you better hurry. The party is being held in the lobby of the Airport terminal building,, 7:00 p.m. ,Tuesday, December 11 th. **WOW!, only \$10.00,?** Yes, that is right. The meal is being catered by the Landing Zone Restaurant, which quoted us a price of almost \$13.00 .for a traditional Christmas dinner of Turkey, Ham, mashed potato's Green bean salad. SOPA staff thought it over and so being this is a SOPA Christmas party SOPA voted to chip in the \$3.00 for each plate. A soft drink or coffee included with the meal. SOPA, as an organization, cannot provide alcoholic beverages, on City property, but you can provide your own if you wish to bring some. This is R.S.V.P. with the money up front. We have to have an accurate count. If you cannot get your money to us before party time you better make arrangements to contact one of our staff, Prez. Jeff at 206-7761 or Ray at 758-8518 , for a solution to the problem. Our address is **SOPA, 80 Mortensen Ave, Salinas, 93905. This is a big event that you will not want to miss.**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Many of you receive your SOPA newsletters, on the web, by going to our website, **www.Salinaspilots.com.** , But those of you who receive the printed version can thank Glynn Dennis and his staff at Rapid Printing, 554 E. Alisal St., Salinas. For many years now Glynn has provided our printed copies of the newsletter **for free** . I cannot over emphasize the enormous savings, Glynn and his staff has provided to our organization. It is with great gratitude that we thank Rapid Printing for all of their generosity.

INFO FROM AvWeb NEWSLETTER 13.48.B

ADS-B COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

The transition from radar to ADS-B is expected to take more than 13 years and may cost you, personally, close to \$9,000. The FAA is now giving you an extra 60 days to add your thoughts on its Notice of Proposed Rule Making -- the comment deadline is now March 3. Currently, some forecasts expect the transition to cost the average aircraft owner about \$9,000 in necessary equipment upgrades should ADS-B compliance become mandatory, as planned by 2020. All aircraft flying within Class B and C airspace and above 10,000 feet would need to carry the equipment. On the whole, the FAA predicts that the industry faces a projected investment of between \$1.27 billion and \$7.46 billion

ARTICLE BY JAY WHITE, CA PILOTS ASSOCIATION

"California's airport preservation law now has some teeth. The creation of an airport hazard will now be a criminal act." Jay explains some of the laws that effect approaches, "Airport Approaches zoning law." Also included are "Airport hazard construction which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off. Violation of these laws is a " **misdemeanor**"



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LIVERMORE AIRPORT UPDATE, By Brett M Wayne

President, Coalition for Livermore Airport

On June 25, the Livermore City Council unanimously approved several key decisions regarding the Livermore Municipal Airport. The 5-0 vote included approving construction of a number of small and medium-sized hangars, approving a single large, 25,000 square foot hangar, and selecting a full service FBO to provide a number of critical services needed at the airport. As part of the long-term lease agreement with the FBO, the City will also give up its long held, fuel franchise monopoly and instead, shift fueling responsibility over to the new FBO. All these developments represent a significant victory and should breath new life into the Livermore Airport.

WHY THE ABOVE ARTICLE?

The California Pilots Association helped organize the above Coalition when well organized airport opponents stopped the implementation of the 30 year old master plan. The opponents latched onto a traffic forecast that projected a 50 % increase in operations and a substantial increase in jet activity.

Those two factors galvanized two politically active groups in Livermore and Pleasanton and ultimately lead to the creation of a third group focused exclusively on opposing the airport. Those groups held meetings, walked the neighborhood, handing out flyers, and gathered signatures on petitions opposing the airport. They also organized and flooded the City with noise complaints, lobbied members of the City Council.

The Coalition of several Livermore pilots gave voice to the pilots. This helped educate the public on the facts regarding the airport as opposed to the significant lies and propoganda that was being promulgated by the airport opponents. The single most important factor in favor of the pilots was credibility. The pilots simply stuck to facts in public meetings and exposing the lies of the opposition. The City Council saw the truth and significantly rebuked the leadership of the airport opposition group. As a result the federal grant funding to update the 30-year master plan is now back on track. This was a four year battle. The grant funding was received in 2003. Nice going Coalition!

IN FLORIDA

The owner of a golf course in Daytona Beach was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, " You graduated from Florida State and I need some help. If I gave you \$20,000 minus 14 % how much would you take off?" The secretary thought for a moment, and then replied,

"Everything but my earrings." You gotta love those Florida women. (submitted by Jerry Hitchcock)



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