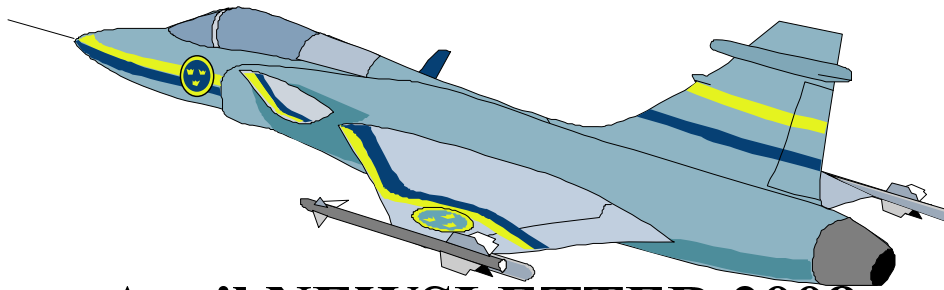
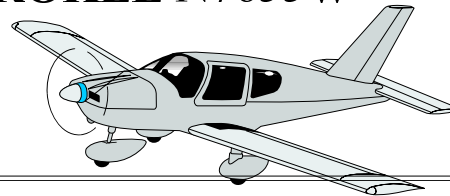


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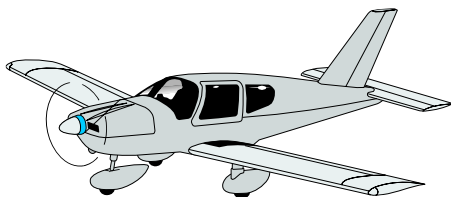
Hello SOPA family,

John Gianelli and I, representing SOPA, had a meeting with Harry Wardwell, Director of the Salinas Airshow. The business association, airport commission and the city were at the meeting as well. SOPA discussed the treatment of tenants and lack of access to hangars during the airshow for some of the tenants. SOPA is trying to make the "take over" of the airport during the airshow easier on the tenants. We have another meeting regarding this issue scheduled for April 9. It was decided at the last SOPA meeting that the proceeds of the SOPA flight line chalet at the airshow will help sponsor a child to aviation camp held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I have scheduled a meeting with Gary Peterson, Airport Manager regarding the proposed Airport Rules and Regulations. I have gone over them thoroughly. Clarification is needed for many of the proposed rules. If you go to <http://www.ci.salinas.ca.us/Admin/Airport/ADairprt.html> you can view the proposed rules. The Liberty Bell, a B-17 is parked on the ramp at the airport. Tours will be given March 29-30. It looks like they are surveying the area of the taxi way for the proposed jet center that we be built in the core area of the airport. A lot going on and we will keep you informed.

fly safe.

Jeff Soares

SOPA Prez...



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Minutes of SOPA Meeting Tuesday March 11, 2008

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

Approve minutes of February 2008 meeting

Receive Treasurers report

Communications: Helen Klimas (The Landing Zone) announced she is taking a job with The Airplane Co. Helen & James have hired additional staff to help at the restaurant. The Restaurant will also start new hours March 23, 2008 Mon- Fri 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. SOPA will continue to meet at the restaurant.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding the use of Airshow Chalet proceeds to send a child to Aviation Camp at Oshkosh, rather than a scholarship. The group felt combined with the Monterey EAA there is a greater potential to reach more children. A motion was made and 2nd, all agreed to investigate how to make the arrangements. Jim Shumaker will report back in April.

New Business:

The new draft Airport Rules and Regulations are posted on the Airport's website. Please review and submit any comments to the airport office by April 8th. SOPA and SABA are also reviewing the draft and will comment.

Jeff reminded everyone to fill out the Airport Tenant Survey.

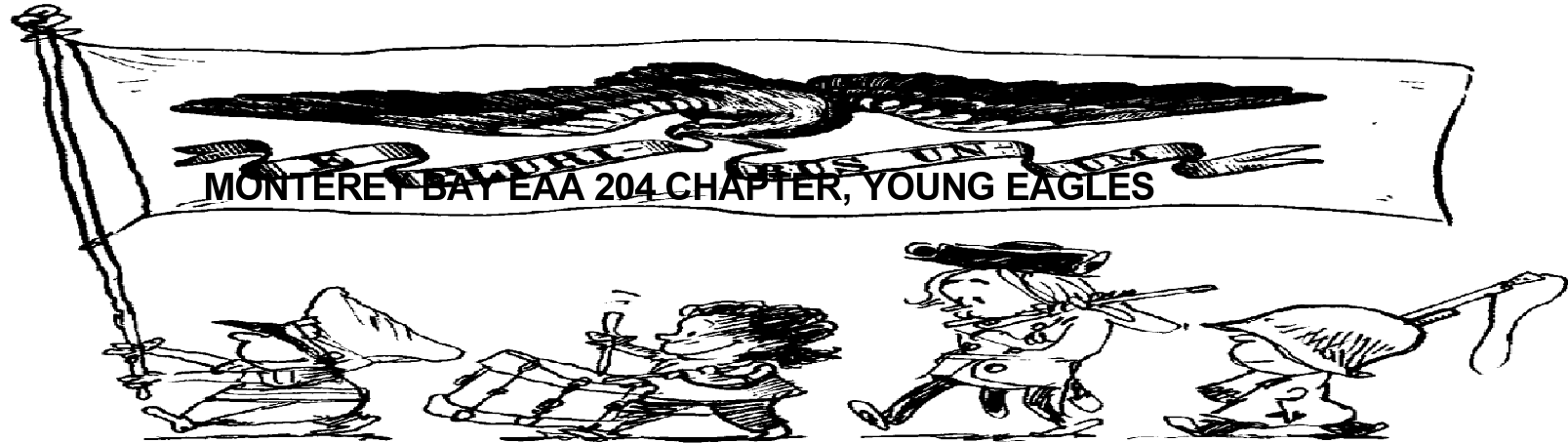
AOPA reports "you will need to upgrade to a plastic pilot certificate by March 31, 2010. The FAA released its final rule on Feb. 28, announcing the required switch to the certificate it deems is more counterfeit resistant."

Jeff reports the FAA in not mandating a switch to the 406 mhz ELT for now. He also discussed items from the "Idiot File", and notes AOPA reports the FAA is looking at a 3 year aircraft registration fee.

Allie Metcalf, Salinas ATC Manager, presented a DVD on Runway Incursions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Submitted by: Lori Atkinson



YOUNG EAGLES FLY-OUT

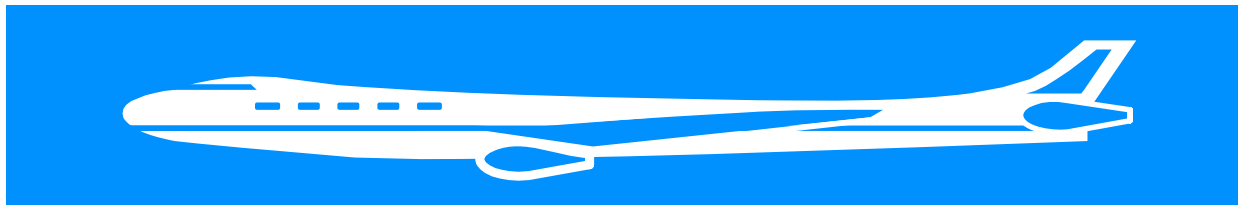
The first fly-out for kids from the age of eight (8) to seventeen (17) will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from the Salinas Municipal Airport. Starting at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., pilots, belonging to E.A.A., will pilot the kids around the Salinas Valley for the experience of flying with general aviation. After they complete their flight they will be honored with a certificate indicating they have achieved the title of "Young Eagle". But that isn't all; the kids receive a free hot-dog, chips and a soft drink to celebrate their accomplishment. If you, as a pilot, have not been involved with a Young Eagle Fly-out, let me tell you about the wonderful feeling of satisfaction when you see the smiles on the children's faces. You just introduced them to the thrill of flying and they will never forget it. But you cannot experience that feeling unless you sign up to be one of the pilots on April 12. Gary Vincenz, President of Central Coast Aviation, will donate a total of 50 gallons of 100LL Avgas to help the pilots absorb their fuel cost. SO...come on out and enjoy the fun. Call Pat Smith, President of EAA 204, to sign up. (408) 439-3479. We sure can use your help flying or ground crew. Please fill your gas tanks before participating.

FLYING AND ALCOHOL - NO. HANGARS AND BEER - YES! (Avflash March 27)

All pilots know that eight hours bottle-to-throttle is an absolute minimum rule, but luckily there is no rule about how soon after landing you can tip back a cold one. Taking advantage of pilots' affection for a tasty brew, some folks in Redlands, Calif., have opened up a microbrewery right next to the airport, in the former headquarters of a missionary flying group. The brewery is named Hangar 24, in honor of a favorite hangout of the owner, Ben Cook, who started brewing beer at home and sharing it with airport friends after the day's flying was done. The beer labels and logo designs feature vintage aircraft and wooden propellers.

GENTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends....Did you ever notice that the Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL. ...If you think there is good in everybody you haven't met everybody.



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KLM PAX GET UNEXPECTED AERIAL TOUR OF INDIA (Avweb 3-27-08)

A mix-up over where to land led to a KLM crew extending its downwind leg a bit -- by about 1,500 miles. It seems the crew, which had launched from Amsterdam, was expecting to land at its usual destination near the city of Hyderabad, in the south of India, but that airport had been closed just hours before. A brand-new airport had opened nearby, but when controllers directed the crew to land there, they declined, saying they hadn't heard about any new airport and weren't authorized by their airline to go there. They flew on to Delhi, but were not allowed to land, so flew on to Mumbai (Bombay) where they finally set down, with their 233 passengers.

HOUSE HEARING: AVIATION'S IMPACT ON GLOBAL WARMING (AvWebMar.31,08)

By invitation only, a Select Committee Hearing for the House will examine aviation's impact on global warming Wednesday, April 2, by examining the contribution to greenhouse gases caused by aircraft. Presently, aviation emissions "generate 12 percent of U.S. transportation carbon dioxide emissions and three percent of the United States' total carbon dioxide emissions," according to a government release announcing the hearing. The FAA estimates that U.S. demand for passenger and cargo aviation will at least double by 2025. Participants in the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming hearing include James May, president and CEO, Air Transport Association; Dan Elwell, FAA assistant administrator for aviation policy, planning, and environment; and Bob Meyers, principal deputy assistant administrator for the office of air and radiation for the environmental protection agency (EPA). No agenda was available at the time of this writing, but the hearing's title may offer clues: "From the Wright Brothers to the Right Solutions: Curbing Soaring Aviation Emissions"

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If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.



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