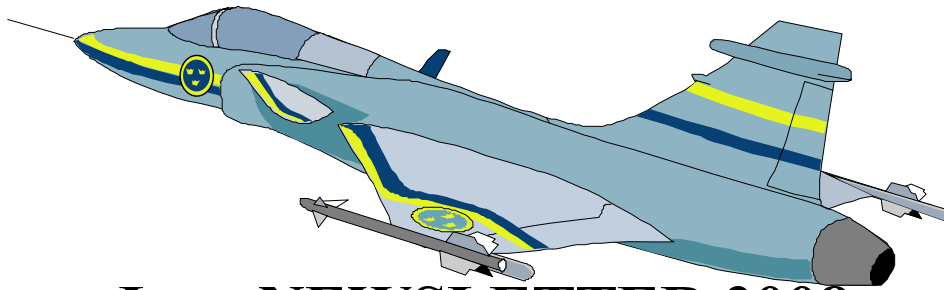
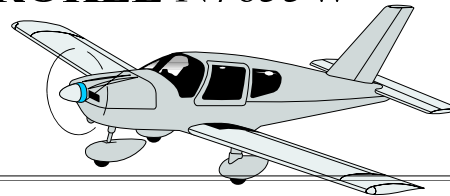


SALINAS OWNERS & PILOTS ASSOCIATION



June NEWSLETTER 2008

FROM THE PRES..... CHEROKEE N7655W



Hello SOPA Family,

June 7, 2008, is the 6th Annual Salinas Airport Tenant Appreciation Day. I can't believe it has been six years already. Taxi or tow your plane to the ramp in front of the terminal. Participate in the flour bomb drop and the spot landing contest. Nice trophy's will be presented to the top three finishers of each event. A free raffle with fantastic gifts donated from the Salinas Airport businesses will be given away. Lunch will be catered by the Landing Zone Restaurant. We will be honoring Kay Harmon for her many years of dedication to the Salinas Airport. We will be remembering Chuck Pittenger. On another note, you may have noticed that when you call ground to taxi they are giving specific taxi instructions including which taxi ways to use. You have to read this back before you start moving. This is a recent mandate from the FAA in hopes to reduce runway incursions. So listen up and follow their instructions. Also, be ready at an airport you are not really familiar with because this is in effect at all towered airports.

Fly and Taxi Safely.

Jeff Soares

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Meets 2nd Tuesday Each Month 7:00 pm

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Minutes of SOPA Meeting Tuesday May 13, 2008

Start Meeting: 7:15 pm by Pres. Jeff Soares, at The Landing Zone Restaurant

Approve minutes of April 8 2008 meeting

Receive Treasurers report

Old Business: None to report

New Business: Jeff announced Kay Harmon will be one of the Honorees at this year's Airport Tenant Appreciation Day on Saturday June 7, 2008. The late Mr. Chuck Pittenger of Advancetch will also be honored.

The revised draft of the new Airport Rules and Regulations were discussed.

Jeff gave an update on the Airshow meeting and Ray gave an update on the Airshow Operations meeting he attended.

Jeff talked about aviation related incidents.

Tonight's program was viewing a DVD on Oshkosh Air Venture.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Submitted by: Lori Atkinson

"Not only can our fuel seamlessly replace the aviation industry's standard petroleum fuel [100LL], it can outperform it," says John Rusek, a professor at Purdue University and co-founder of Swift Enterprises. The company recently unveiled a new general aviation fuel that it says will be less expensive, more fuel-efficient and environmentally friendlier than any on the market. Unlike other alternative fuels, Rusek said, SwiftFuel is made of synthetic hydrocarbons that are derived from biomass, and it can provide an effective range greater than 100LL, while costing about half as much to produce. "Our fuel should not be confused with first-generation biofuels like E-85 [85 percent ethanol], which don't compete well right now with petroleum," Rusek said. Patented technology can produce the 1.8 million gallons per day of fuel used by GA in the U.S. by using just 5 percent of the existing biofuel plant infrastructure, the company said



Allie Metcalf is leaving

A going away party was held at AirTrails, May 9th., for Tower Chief, Allie Metcalf, who is transferring to San Carlos Municipal Airport Tower. She is being replaced by, David Greene, who just happens to be from the San Carlos Tower. Allie's last day is May 15 th. A large group of Airport F.B.O.'s , SOPA, and friends were present for the occasion as well as Gary Petersen, Salinas Municipal Airport Manager.. Allie said she will be closer to her family being in San Carlos and she will miss everyone. Good luck from all of us Allie. We will miss you too!

KAY HARMON TO BE HONORED

Salinas Municipal Airport Manager, Gary Petersen, poses with, Kay Harmon, who will be honored on "Tenants Appreciated Day". Mrs. Harmon spent many years on our Airport Commission and also a member of the "99's" the Womens Pilot Association. Kay is also the Treasurer for the Salinas Owners & Pilots Association and always a supporter of General Aviation . Kay and her husband,Ron, had a used car sales business in Salinas for many years before retiring. They have four daughters ; Ron is also a pilot and a board member of S.O.P.A.



REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND

"Chuck" Pittenger, owner of Advancetech, passed away, last year, after a long illness. He was a supporter of General Aviation, a pilot, and sponsor of SOPA. I had the privilege of attending his funeral at the First Presbyterian Church. I listened to many who spoke so kindly of "Chuck" and his generosity. They said he was so helpful, in many ways, to friends, and the Church. His son, Bruce, maintains the business on Moffett Street. The Salinas Municipal Airport, Salinas Airport Business Association and the Salinas Owners & Pilots Association wish to remind everyone what a tremendous loss it was on "Chucks' passing. We wish to include "Chuck" Pittenger as an honoree this coming "Tenants Appreciation Day" Saturday, June 7, 2008



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FROM PAT SMITH, PRES. OF EAA CHAPTER 204, SALINAS

Greetings Aviators,

Saw an ad in one of my real estate magazines for May...For all of us folks that worked to preserve the old Carmel Valley Airport several years ago...'Told You So' is so appropriate. We were only about \$12 million shy...not a bad return for an owner to wait a few extra years. The sunshine has fallen onto the shadows.

FSS TIP OF THE WEEK: ANYONE THERE? (AOPA-PILOT 5-28-08)

The new Lockheed Martin flight service voice recognition system prompts you for your location in order to connect you to a local briefer, but you can also request "any" to reach the first available briefer in the country. While this can shorten the hold time to speak to a briefer, he or she may not have the same degree of local knowledge as a briefer trained for your region. The briefer can provide information that is contained in a standard, abbreviated, or outlook briefing, but you must interpret the weather data. For more FSS tips, download AOPA's quick reference card and take the AOPA Air Safety Foundation's A Pilot's Guide to Flight Service online minicourse. Provide feedback on your briefing by calling 888/358-7782

ON THE LIGHTSIDE

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it is today.

The Bartender says, "Well, since it's your birthday birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me."

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, " I would like to buy youa drink, too."

The old woman says, "Thank you." Bartender, I would like another Scotch with two drops of water."

"Coming right up," says the bartender. "Out of curousity Ma'am, why the Scotch with only two drops of water?"

The old woman replies, " Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue."

(Submitted by Jerry Hitchcock)



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