



October NEWSLETTER 2009

FROM THE PRES..... CHEROKEE N7655W

Hello SOPA family,

I would like to welcome Jet West, LLC to the Salinas airport. They have taken over the Air Trails building which includes a 6,500 sq. ft maintenance hangar, 4,500 sq. ft office space, 1,400 sq. ft shop and warehouse space and a 144 sq. ft terminal building and office space. Look at all that construction on the South side of the airport. It is expected that when they close runway 8-26 for improvement that it will only be closed for up to 7 days. The construction project is expected to continue for about 60 days. SOPA Fly-Out to Pine Mountain Lake. Saturday October 10, 2009, you are invited to fly to Pine Mountain Lake for a lunch you will not forget! (No cost to you). This is courtesy of Louise Holbrook and Jim Chappell. We will be departing the Salinas airport at about 10:30 AM weather permitting. This is an annual fly-out that is world famous...I swear! Contact me if you plan on attending. I will need a head count. I think we have one or two spaces left in our planes if you need a lift. Email me at Luv2fly55W@comcast.net or call 831-206-7761. World Famous! Another possible SOPA Fly-Out is October 17, 2009. The Parade of Planes at Hayward airport. Many factories (I counted 14 at least) will have their various aircraft models on display. Finance companies will be on hand so you can fly away in a new airplane. I will probably write a check for a plane and fly around until they come and take it back due to insufficient funds. I will send out an email with more details about the flight.

Write or call me...

Jeff Soares

SOPA Prez...

Reply

Forward



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Minutes of SOPA Meeting Tuesday September 8, 2009

Start Meeting: 7:15 p.m. By president Jeff Soares, at The Landing Zone Restaurant.

Approve minutes of September 2009 meeting, with correction - Jeff did not show clips of his trip to Air Venture 2009 after the meeting.

Receive Treasurers report

Communications: Jeff welcomed new SOPA member Paula Johnson.

New Business: Jeff reports on events coming up this month, including an ALS fundraiser at the Watsonville EAA hangar 9-13-09 at 7:00 pm, Palo Alto Airport Day 9-12-09, and the 3rd Annual Fun Fly from Tracy to Los Banos on 9-26-09.

Old Business: Jeff gave an update on airport construction, and announced Jet West is the new business that will be residing in the former Air Trails building.

Paper pilot certificates will end as of March 31 2010. Pilot's can get a free exchange, and change from using their social security number to having an assigned number.

Jeff reported on his fly out with John Gianelli to the Cherokee convention at Castle.

Bob McGregor discussed his experience with "Angel Flights", a nonprofit organization providing free air transportation to facilities for those with medical needs.

The next EAA 204 Young Eagles event is 9-26-09 at Salinas, for the Monterey County School for Visually Impaired.

Tonight, Jeff showed a DVD of his trip to Oshkosh Air Venture 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Lori Atkinson

AROUND THE AIRPORT

Hello Team EAA 204, (Sept. 26, 2009)

Just wanted to let you know yesterdays YE event for the Visually Impaired of Monterey County was another huge success. We flew 15 kids and some of their family members over the Salinas Valley & Monterey Bay. The skies were perfectly blue and the temperature nice and warm. The teachers provided pizza and snacks for everyone that attended. Thanks to our Pilots & Ground Crew for making the kids feel very special! Also, a special "Thanks" to Gary Vincenz at Central Coast Aviation for once again helping cover the fuel cost. The day was perfect with miles of smiles on everyone's face!!! A truly rewarding experience for all of us....Thank you again to everyone that made this another Young Eagles to remember!!!

Pat Smith, President, EAA 204

TOM ROLANDER WROTE

Hi Pat,

Thanks again for including me in the Young Eagle flights ... they are definitely the highlight of my flying each year!

The headline of the local section in The Monterey Herald had a very nice article by Dennis Taylor:

http://www.montereyherald.com/search/ci_13432319?IADID=Search-www.montereyherald.com-www.montereyherald.com

Cheers!, Tom

WAM: New technology hits GA

A new surveillance system introduced in Colorado allows air traffic controllers to track aircraft in areas not covered by radar. The new system, called Wide-Area Multilateration (WAM), requires no new equipment for aircraft and uses a network of relatively small sensors on the ground to pinpoint the location of aircraft in remote, mountainous regions. The sensors send out signals that are received and sent back by aircraft transponders.

Surveillance in nonradar areas can improve the safety and efficiency of flights in the near term while the FAA transitions to satellite-based surveillance in the NextGen air transportation system. AOPA has been involved in many NextGen planning groups and has worked to ensure that aircraft have access to airspace not covered by radar and can make the best use of existing technologies.

Mexico grants extension to 406-MHz ELT requirement

The Mexican equivalent of the FAA, Direccion General De Aeronautica Civil (DGAC), has granted a six-month extension to the deadline that would have required all aircraft flying in Mexico to be equipped with 406-MHz ELTs by Oct. 1. Pilots now have until April 2, 2010, to equip their aircraft with the device, with a few exceptions.

Skydiving business files FAA complaint against California airport

Skydive Sacramento, a California skydiving company, has filed a formal complaint with the FAA against Lincoln Regional Airport, alleging that anti-skydiving officials with the city are blocking them from landing skydivers at the airport. The complaint notes that airports that take federal money, as Lincoln Regional does, are prohibited from discriminating against legitimate aviation activities. City officials counter by saying that they have tried to negotiate a lease that allows the company to use the land. The Sacramento Bee (Calif.) (free registration) (10/6)

Former Tuskegee Airman files lawsuit against Calif. airport

Retired Lt. Col. James Warren has filed a discrimination lawsuit against Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville, Calif. Warren, who was a Tuskegee Airman during World War II, runs a scholarship program that allows students to fly in his plane free of charge. The airport's managers said Warren was operating a business, and planned to charge him \$500 a month. KTXL-TV (Sacramento, Calif.) (10/5)

Max Trescott Confesses

So here are my full disclosures as required by the FTC. I wrote a very complimentary story about Sportys after I visited them this past Spring. I even paid my own airfare, hotel room and rental car. However, in the interest of full disclosure here is true Confession #1: I failed to disclose that I didn't pay for the 3 hotdogs that I ate while visiting. Hopefully you'll find it in your heart to forgive me. After all, every Saturday Hal offers free hotdogs and has served over 165,000—but I didn't eat any of those. [close up of Max: tears starting to well up]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -- 2009

October

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

10--Fly Out to Pine Mtn. Party at Louise & Jim's home 10:00 a.

13...SOPA Meeting , Landing Zone Restaurant, 7:00 p.m.

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

November 2009

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

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

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

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

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