

## November NEWSLETTER 2009

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

Hello SOPA Family,

Due to the big storm that hit the Bay area/Central Coast last month, the October meeting was canceled so that we did not subject our membership to the unsafe driving conditions. Gary Petersen, Salinas Airport Manager will be at our next meeting discussing the fee increases. There will not be a proposed CPI increase this year. The only fee increase proposed is the \$0.03 cent increases per gallon fuel flow-age fee. However, you have to remember that the second half of the square footage price increase, increases again this year. Remember that SOPA discussed this with Mr. Petersen and Mr. Petersen agreed to splitting this over two years. This is year number two. The SOPA Fly-Out to Pine Mountain Lake was a big success. Eight airplanes and a total of about 20 people attended this great luncheon hosted by Louise Holbrook and Jim Chappell at their beautiful house overlooking the lake at Pine Mountain. The weather was fantastic! I would like to take this time to wish Ron Harmon a speedy recovery with thoughts and prayers. Ron and his wife Kay are founding members of SOPA. Kay is our current treasurer and Ron is on the SOPA board. The SOPA family is thinking of you Ron.

Jeff Soares, SOPA President.

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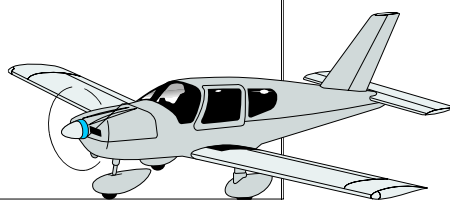
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## OCEANO HERE WE COME

On an impromptu decision Saturday, October 24, a group of SOPA members decided to have brunch in the sea shore town of Oceano, CA. We took to the air after a persistent fog finally lifted around 11:30 a.m. We picked up a 25 knot tail wind and headed South. This was a great day, bright sunshine and smooth ride. With the tail wind it took our group of five planes just under an hour to make the trip. When we landed, Jeff

Soares, SOPA President, spotted a light sport aircraft called

"Odysse" and decided to check out how he would fit in the plane. (photo below) We made a decision to eat at our favorite restaurant...the Rock-N-Roll Cafe. It is a nostalgic type of Cafe with a setting in the 1950's Rock-N-Roll era. It is a couple of old train cars coupled together sitting on a stationary track. "Elvis" is still in the house. His photo hangs in numerous locations. Old Rock-N-Roll songs filter through the cars. We had a set up of eight seats after SOPA V.P. Ray Jackson, ushered us in. (photo below) Chocolate shakes, the best ever, burgers and much more. Great stuff!



In the back row: Larry Shaw, Jim Chappell, Dennis King, Ray Jackson, Russ Wilcox. Front Row: Jeff Soares, John Gianelli and Vic Penacho. SHAKES UP EVERYBODY ! It didn't take long for us to devour the food and head back to our planes. We practiced our flatulence along the way. Some silently others more boastfully. (It's a man thing)

Some of the more comical sights was watching Jim Chappell and Ray Jackson getting into Ray's Light Sport, Tecnam



One has to be a contortionist to get your leg up and around the stick in that plane. Tight fit for those old guys

## SOPA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was the night before.... Oh, you know where I am going with this.

Anyway...**Tuesday, December 8** at 7:00 p.m. we will start our Christmas party. It will be at the Landing Zone Restaurant. Helen and James will once again host a traditional Christmas Dinner for us. SOPA will once again pick up part of the tab. The cost for SOPA members will be \$10.00 for the \$12.50 meal. Non-members \$15.00. **You have to bring your own booze .**

There will only be 50 tickets available. If you purchase tickets they're yours. **No refunds** call Jeff,

206-7761

## FROM THE OFFICE OF GARY PETERSEN, AIRPORT MANAGER, 2009 FEE INCREASES

The good news is that there will be no proposed cost of living increases for hangars this year as the CPI rose less than 1%. However, the second half of the square footage increase that was approved by the Airport Commission and City Council last year will still go into effect on January 1, 2010. You may recall that this was last year's increase that equalized square footage costs for hangars. The one-time increase was spread over two years and affects hangars A,B,C,D,E,and N. Again, these were fee approved last year by the Commission and Council.

The other fee increase the Commission is being asked to approve is an increase in fuel flowage fees for Central Coast Aviation. When staff negotiated the lease Jet West, the new fuel operator, we increased fuel flowage fees from \$0.05 per gallon, to \$0.08 per gallon. Central Coast Aviation to insure fairness in competition.

Cost of living increases will be revisited a year from now to determine if an increase is warranted.

**Gary Petersen**

**Airport Manager**

**Salinas Municipal Airport**

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## SALINAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT INTERPRISE FUND

The Airport Interprise Fund must remain solvent in order to meet repairs to airport property, and matching funds for grants. Statistics from Gary Petersen, Airport Manager "This past year costs for operating the Airport were 4 % lower than expected while revenues were 1 % above projections. Combined the result is a 5 % increase above projected remaining revenues. Combined with unexpected funding in the Capital Budget this year the positive operating total will be \$269,200. " Salinas has the best deal on hangar cost. Your increase in hangar square footage cost will help increase the positive operating total for the coming year.



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