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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE





Carol Ford

Let us take a moment to thank Corl Leach and Phil Corman for their many contributions these past years. Corl was so enthusiastic in his role as President, working diligently to increase the awareness of aviation in California and the role that CalPilots would play. He enlisted many great people to serve on our Board.

This has been a year of adjustments for California Pilots Association. We have seen many changes on our Board. We have a great Board of Directors who believe wholeheartedly in what they do. We hope you can join us in moving forward this year and be a part of California Pilots Association. I have been elected to step into the President position on an interim basis until elections this October. I realize I have big shoes to fill, but I feel I am very capable of doing so. Those in aviation know I have worn many hats in my numerous years involved in furthering aviation, and now this new one has been added. As the interim President, I feel that with the dedication and the commitment of our Board and Association, anything can be done. What a great challenge!

We look forward to seeing what the future holds for us. One thing is for sure! There is a sense of renewed vigor within the Association. We are busy planning a wonderful annual Airfest and annual meeting that will be at the San Carlos Airport. There will be a reception Friday night to listen to the AOPA president give a talk. Saturday morning has us all at the airport. We have planned a day of aviation topics including comments from CalTrans Division of Aeronautics Division Chief Gary Cathey, a great lunch, WINGS Safety seminars, a DART presentation, and a static tour on the airport. At the end the day, come for an evening at the Hiller Museum as they will be presenting tours of the museum during their Oktoberfest event providing dinner and drinks. An evening with fellow aviation enthusiasts sounds like the perfect plan. Sunday morning the San Carlos Airport Association is having their Annual BBQ to which we are also all invited.

We look forward to what this year will bring. Please understand, we can't do it without you. If you have been questioning what California Pilots does, what their role is, and who could join and be a part of it, wait no longer. Come to San Carlos and get your questions answered. We will be waiting!

Thank you!

Carol Ford

Carol Ford:

Carol took her first ride in a small plane when she was 12 years old and has been hooked on flying ever since. She originally took lessons at Phoenix Field in Fair Oaks, California, and earned her Private Pilot Certificate. Phoenix Field is now a housing development. Carol later moved to Fremont and flew out of the small Airport along the bay which is also now closed. When she moved to Redwood Shores, under the pattern of San Carlos Airport, she was determined that would not happen to other airports.

Carol continues work to work with airports. She was awarded Airport Defender of the Year by the California Pilots Association in 1997. She has served as Vice President of Region 3 of CalPilots; a Director of the CalPilots/ACA PAC; AOPA representative for San Carlos Airport; President of the San Carlos Airport Pilots Association; and Past Chapter Chairperson, International Organization of Licensed Women Pilots. Carol has also founded Ford Aviation Consultants dedicated to ensuring airports receive funding

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Friday Enjoy the beautiful Bay Area 5-7:30pm Wine & Food Reception Keynote: AOPA President Mark Baker

Saturday 8am-4pm

- **→Pancake Breakfast**
- **→**Annual Meeting
- → Keynote: Bob Johnson, USN Ret.
- → Lunch: Famous O52 Cheesesteak Sandwiches
- **→Wings Credit Seminars for Pilots & Passengers**
- **→ Historical Significance Aircraft Sign-off**



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DART News

By Paul Marshall, DART Program Manager, paul.marshall@calpilots.org

DART at CalPilots Airfest

Come to the CalPilots Airfest to see and hear more about DART. We'll briefly present the CalPilots DART Network during the membership meeting, and have a static display of DART paraphernalia with DART volunteers to explain what it is and how it works.

DART members can meet their peers from around the state and talk about how we can create a better DART network and grow our numbers. DART members will have an opportunity to get together Friday evening and at the Saturday pancake breakfast.

Watsonville WEACT DART success

Watsonville's WEACT ran the most recent DART practice mobilization on May 20, 2017. Marjorie Bachman organized the day's events and reports that they flew 12 operations, including transporting a doctor over the hill to Stanford Medical Center, and flying a patient all the way to SoCal to the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. They also picked-up American Red Cross packages at outlying airports, transported a county emergency operations center worker, and transported documents to the Napa County Sheriff. The event was coordinated with local fire and police, the American Red Cross, and was supported by numerous DARTs from across California. Both the local newspaper and television station covered the exercise and provided valuable publicity conveying the value that airports provide to their communities. Congratulations to Marjorie and her team for overcoming many obstacles for a successful exercise.

Zombie Tsunami Yak Attack at Half Moon Bay

Marian Harris, Vernon Rooze, and the Half Moon Bay Airport Pilot Association conjure their "Zombie Tsunami Yak Attack DART Exercise and Barbecue" only 3 days before Halloween. They are still wizarding the details, but good witches on broomsticks and yaks may stem the tide of the zombie tsunami.

Santa Monica, Watsonville, San Martin, and the Association of California Airports

Following that on November 11th, Santa Monica will be hosting its second DART exercise, making for two scale exercises for them in one calendar year, a first for any DART. Watsonville plans to take the first step for next year's DART exercise by hosting a WEACT DART Open House on September 9th. Paul Marshall and Rod Pharis of the SCAPA DART at San Martin are co-hosting the August monthly meeting for the Santa Clara County Emergency Manager Association in conjunction with the City of Morgan Hill Emergency Manager and honoring the retiring City of Gilroy Emergency Manager. September 13 the Association of California Airports will be dedicating 60 minutes at its Annual Conference to a presentation by Paul Marshall, Rayvon Williams, Marjorie Bachman and Colette Armao on the DARTs forming at California Airports. We hope more airport managers will learn from the example of Rayvon Williams at Watsonville and encourage their pilot organizations to form local DARTs.

DARTs in formation

DART formational activities continue at several airports. Dewitt Hodge at Concord Buchanan has been building contacts with local Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VoADs) which have a monthly meeting and give him an opportunity to tell them what he is doing at the airport. This group includes members from CERTs (Community Emergency Response Teams), Saint Vincent De-Paul, Salvation Army, and similar groups that care for their constituencies in a disaster. These ties are important to build – if people don't know the service that you can offer, they won't remember to call on you when they need it. Dewitt has also linked in to his local Sheriff's Air Squadron which can provide pilots and volunteers who can help staff a DART. "Rocky" Green and Bob Butera at the Lincoln Regional Airport Association are combing through the CalPilots Disaster Airlift Response Plan and editing it for use in their operational environment, targeting an exercise next year. Jim Gates and Anne O'Brien of the Torrance Airport Association pushed out their October DART exercise date into next year, but flew up and attended the Watsonville exercise, and also attended the Santa Monica exercise back in January. Pilots at the Vacaville airport continue to meet with Cedric Hughes and Aubrey Mathews and focus on a table-top training session as their next step. DARTs graduate to operational status when they hold their first scale exercise and declare themselves operational.

CalPilots DART needs YOU

CalPilots DART needs **YOU** to support DART at your airport. You can join the DART, help start a DART, or just be one of your airport pilot representatives on the Statewide CalPilots DART Contact List. If interested or curious, contact paul.marshall@calpilots.org.

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Happenings Around the Northern Portion of California



Paula Jessup

A lot is happening in the north! On June 5, 8 classes from the Elementary School and two daycares came out to Alturas Municipal Airport for the 8th Annual Career Aviation Day. The airport had a wide spectrum of aviation to look at, touch, and ask questions about. Forest Service had two great and informative displays regarding wildland fire. California Highway Patrol had the new helicopter and one of the fixed wing aircraft on display.

Region 1 VP There were pilots from Fall River, Klamath, and Alturas here with aircraft ranging from a PT-9 Fairchild to a 700 series Zenith with a shark face painted on the side. It was a great day to be a kid! On June 10, there was a Young Eagles Rally. The turnout was slow but the kids that came truly loved the flying experience. Pilots came from Susanville and Alturas to provide the rides. Alturas will consider adding another day in September when the weather is a little better. On June 14, the CHP helicopter from the Redding Air Ops Division came out to the airport to provide training to the Modoc County Sheriff's office on medical transport.

California Pines Airport had some activity there as well this past week. Modoc County Sheriff's office and OES participated in a multi-agency fire drill. Forest Service, BLM, Cal Fire, and SEMSA came out to the airport to a training session focused on a multi-agency response to fires. As the Modoc area is 81% state and federal lands, having good partners with integrated training is a necessity, especially during fire season.

Nervino (O02), at the moment, is without Avgas. Dony Sawchuk, the Director of Facility Services and Airports, states that a new tank will be put in place eventually. He thanks everyone for their patience during the process.

Redding Municipal Airport is entering into construction. The West Apron Pavement Reconstruction Project is already underway. The airport will be reconstructing the pavement on the main Aircraft Tie-down Area. The project is anticipated to be completed by September, 2017. Please check out their Facebook page to see details as they move forward.

Redding's EAA Chapter 157, with the help of the Mt. Shasta Chapter of 99's and Benton Air Center, had their 32nd Annual Aviation Celebration this June 18th at Benton Airpark in Redding. They had aircraft ranging from vintage to warbirds to modern. They even had helicopters! REACH, PHI, and CHP were present. Air Shasta has been wonderful in giving helicopter rides for a small charge. Look for it again next year!

Susan Daugherty and Matthew Leitner from the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority were recent attendees at the FAA Western-Pacific Region Airports Conference this past week. They came home with a very prestigious award for the work that they do at Jack McNamara Field in Crescent City. This year there was only one annual Safety Award with eight nominees. Congratulations to the two of them for their hard work and dedication. Have you seen the plans for their new terminal building there? Check out their Facebook page!







STRANGE AIRPORTS (PART 2)

Karen M. Kahn, Director Region 4, Retired Captain, Master Flight Instructor

Probably the hardest thing for any pilot to handle is the departure out of an airport that you haven't flown into. That is, you arrived at this location by some other means and now you have to instantly familiarize yourself with the area, the procedures, the layout and all the airport details you'll need, prior to taxi. Once again, thorough preflight planning will

relieve you of much of the natural anxiety over what's where and how do I get from here to there?

The "strangeness" of unfamiliar airports will, I've found, continue throughout your entire aviation career. The keys to keeping those unknown factors to a minimum are threefold: 1) ask questions, 2) pre-plan your trip carefully and 3) confess when you're not sure or think you might be "temporarily disoriented" (aka lost).

Asking questions sounds like an easy enough solution, but you'd be surprised at how many pilots don't, or won't, take the time to display what I choose to call their "willingness to learn" (as opposed to their "lack of knowledge"). I recommend you talk to other pilots, and be sure to ask them specific questions. Which runway did you use? What kind of traffic pattern did they have? Are there any landmarks that stand out like rivers, mountains, special terrain or man-made features to help you find the airport sooner? How far out could you pick up the ATIS? Which FBO did you choose and why?

Listen carefully during hanger-flying sessions and ask questions about any items that may concern you, be it the local terrain, or how to get an IFR clearance when the tower's closed. Most pilots are happy to share their inside information about an airport, since everyone was once in your same position. Hopefully, one day you'll find yourself "paying it forward" to someone who has the same need to know.

To get the most out of your knowledgeable source, outline your plans (and concerns) and ask for alternate suggestions, particularly if you're planning a long cross-country trip with a flexible itinerary. Maybe there's another airport nearby that would make a better enroute stop? Learning how the locals do it can relieve a lot of preflight stress and make your trip much more enjoyable.

My second suggestion, pre-planning your flight, may sound like old news to many of you. But there's lot of help available, beginning with charts, either electronic or (gasp!) paper which come in a variety of flavors, including sectionals, terminal area charts, approach charts, and airport diagram charts. The on-line assistance from the various electronic sources provides detailed overviews of specific airports is a great addition to safety and is designed to help you navigate safely on the airport surface as well as help you reduce runway incursions. For you round-dialers, I use www.airnav.com a lot just to give me general airport info, then delve into Foreflight or any of the other electronic flight planning programs.

After I've got a good idea of where the airport is in relation to major landmarks and how it's generally laid out, I'll check out more detailed airport info and look for airport-specific websites that provide more detailed infor-



mation. One of my first concerns is to determine where the airport lies in relation to local navaids and VFR landmarks. Are there any other airports nearby that I might confuse with my destination? Then, I'll start writing notes on my sectional or enroute chart. When I should begin me descent to allow for a slow, shallow descent (which your airplane's engine will greatly appreciate)? When should I start listening for the ATIS or ASOS and when to tune in approach control (if I'm not already with them for flight following) or start listening to the Unicom to get familiar with what's happening at my destination?

When I get my weather briefing, I'm always looking for Notams or other information available concerning my target airport. The last thing you want to learn on an approach to minimums is that the glide slope is out and has been for the past 10 months! This actually happened to me some years ago, going into New Orleans Moissant Field. Unfortunately, the FDC Notam that described that fact has been conveniently left off our airline's weather summary. Learning at the last moment that the approach was to be a non-precision one with multiple step-down fixes, took more hand-eye coordination at changing altimeter bugs and re-reading charts for new minima and procedures than I care to do on short notice.

A handy trick that many corporate pilots use to avoid last-minute surprises is a simple phone call. Telephone ahead to the FBO at your destination and ask them for the answers to your detailed questions. If you need to, ask to speak to a CFI or pilot who's familiar with the field and have them give you a phone briefing. Be sure to let them know of any special requests or needs you may have.

Basically, you'll need to be your own 1-person flight department and do for yourself what many big companies hire several people to do: complete all the pre-planning that's required to make the trip go smoothly. Many years ago I flew a Lockheed JetStar to Israel with the help of a company that specializes in corporate flight planning. They provided suggested routings, flight plan filing, weather briefings, overflight and landing permits, hotel accommodations, parking and tie-down, fueling customs, sightseeing and innumerable other details.

When we inquired about flying into Haifa from Tel Aviv, we learned that it was better left to a smaller aircraft due to the short runway length. We ended up chartering a Navajo for the 40-minute trip and I sat in the right seat at my boss's request. Talk about strange airports...the communications for the entire trip were conducted in Hebrew (as were their charts) and the only word I understood on the radio during the entire flight was the instruction to "back taxi" at the destination airport.

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Region 5 Highlights

LA COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

The EAA 96 Fly-In and Model Expo is on for Sept 23 and Tomorrow Aeronautical Museum's fundraising dinner is also that evening. The EAA Chapter is also stepping "outside the box" and doing a Young Eagles rally for kids on Catalina Island at AVX on August 26, an event that has never been done before.

TAM has some significant funding for a youth program in a rocket competition. There is a attractive pot of prize money for the first team to achieve 45,000' with an alcohol or methane fueled rocket. Major changes are occurring inside and outside of TAM.

~ Dennis Lord, Commissioner, LA County Aviation Commission, President, EAA 96

BRACKETT FIELD AIRPORT (KPOC) La Verne

Over the last month the airport completed an American Airports—sponsored, LA County Aviation Division Special Project which converted all of the airport stadium-pole, sodium vapor lighting to LED (59 units) which are smaller and more energy efficient.

The new fixtures have motion-sensing capability which allows for the light to operate at 20% of maximum (still very bright) until activated by any motion passing near/underneath the light. This provides for reduced electricity use while offering 100% brightness for pedestrian activity/safety, as well as to detect unauthorized activity.

The City of La Verne's annual "Tasting of La Verne" event (City restaurants signature foods) will be held at Brackett Airport on October 10, 2017. We invite everyone: 5:00 pm~8:00 pm. Tickets: \$40 per person www.lavernechamber.org.

Open House will be Saturday, October 14, 2017, 10:00am to 3:00pm. We have Palm Springs Air Museum aircraft (war birds) for display and paid flights: a C-47 (inc onboard gift shop), P-51, T-28, and PT-26. Ride prices: under negotiation. Colleges, local businesses, ATCT personnel, food, drone demonstrations and many other activities.

Brackett Airport features Norm's Restaurant for stopover eating. AIA Pilot Shop supplies aviation gifts and navigation charts for yourself, friends or family (books, jackets, balsa gliders, models etc.).

The Brackett Airmen Association meets the first Thursday of every month (19:00 to 21:00) and holds their monthly aircraft display day on the third Sunday of every month (10:00 am to 2:00 pm).

~ Pete Loncteaux, Airport Manager

EL MONTE / SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AIRPORT (KEMT) El Monte



Work on repaving the southern third of the airport's FAA-designated "non-movement area" is begins in December. Once that is completed, the northern third of the airport non-movement area will begin repaving work, about late spring of 2018. The middle third has already been re-paved, completed during the late summer of 2016. Thus, by the end of 2018, the entire non-movement area will be completed.

The San Gabriel Valley Airport Association together with El Monte Airport management has begun planning for an all-day Open House on a Sunday in October. Stay tuned for further details.

On a sad note: San Gabriel Valley Airport experienced its first fatal accident under its new moniker, and the first one on the airport grounds in many decades. A pilot flying a single engine experimental aircraft appears to have lost power early on climb out, at perhaps an altitude of about 300'. It appears that instead of landing straight ahead in the wash (as has been safely executed many times over the years), the pilot tried to maintain altitude by nosing up



and then turning back to the runway, resulting in what appeared to onlookers as a spin entry, crashing nose first in the tarmac beside the departure end of Runway 19.

Somewhat surprisingly, the pilot was a very experienced aviator, proficient in many types of aircraft including several civilian-owned military jets. The lesson here is in the event of a complete power loss one should maintain a safe landing airspeed – by nosing down as in any glide to a landing – and land (nearly) straight ahead under wings-level control all the way to touch down.

~ Dr. Kevin Baines, CFII, Planetary Scientist, Cal Tech JPL

FULLERTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KFUL) Fullerton

Early May saw the annual Wings Over Fullerton Airport Celebration Day, a community event which features displays from local businesses, services, and organizations, and provides the neighbors who live nearby an opportunity onto the field to learn what an important part of the city the airport

The event was a huge success, with over 8,000 in attendance, hundreds of helicopter and airplane rides were given, and many folks had an opportunity to visit the Tower. The Fullerton Airport Pilot Association was heavily involved in the event from earliest planning stages to administering dozens of important tasks on the day.

~ Michael Jesch, Local CFI and Captain, Major Airline

LOS ALAMITOS ARMY AIRFIELD (KSLI) Los Alamitos

Los Alamitos Army Airfield has a busy 2017 summer. Last month the CA Army National Guard helicopter fleet was called upon



to fight wildfires along the coast. Additionally, the Airfield continues to be used by visiting non-tenant military units on a regular basis. Special Operations Navy (SOCOM) just concluded a local exercise out of the Los Alamitos Airfield; it was a great success for the unit.

Further, the Airfield is prepping to support the Army Special Operations Aviation (SOAR) annual training exercise later this summer. Additionally, the USMC will be conducting "airborne para-jump" operations at the Airfield DZ (Drop-Zone) later this month.

The Airfield is proud to host the US Navy Blue Angels and several other military aircraft in support of the annual Huntington Beach Airshow in October. This is an outstanding opportunity for the JFTB/Airfield, and for the local community supporting our military here.

~ Jeff M. Sibley, LTC, AVN, CA ARNG, Airfield Manager

REDLANDS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KREI) Redlands

National Aviation Day Celebration at REI: The Redlands Airport Association and the EAA Chapter 845 held a National Aviation Day on Sat, August 19th, to celebrate the birthday of Orville Wright. Guests were invited to Fly-In for a BBQ lunch. EAA 845 conducted Young Eagles flights starting at 9:00 a.m.



<u>Update on Citrus Reservoir and Runway 26 Obstacle Issue:</u> Ted Gablin, President of the RAA, presented a history of the Citrus Reservoir and the resulting Runway 26 obstacle at the City of Redlands Airport Advisory Board meeting August 2nd, in a summary of events from 2009 through the construction of the Reservoir resulting in the Runway 26 obstacle created by the excavation materials.

Due to airport users interacting with government officials, the berm nearest the approach path has been reduced to 20' in height from an 80' height! It's still considered a hazard by many pilots but is certainly much less so.

A Redlands Daily Facts reporter was present at the meeting and published this article:

http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/business/20170803/a-pile-of-dirt-at-redlands-airport-frustrates-pilots-heres-why? source=most_viewed A 41 page document with the presentation, including efforts to mitigate potential water fowl from the reservoir is at https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5HBOJPCGTfhQWkwM3JJTWVXeG8/view.

~ Ted Gablin, President, RAA & Cindy Gablin & Bob Pearce



WHEN THE TRUST FUND IS DEPLETED, HOW WILL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BE FUNDED? Under HR 2997, the airlines will slow and then stop contributions to the FAA trust fund once their user fees take effect. 2017 \$14 BILLION 2018 \$14.5 BILLION 2019 \$15 BILLION 2020 Transition to private \$10 BILLION ATC corporation 2021 \$7 BILLION 2022 \$5 BILLION 2023 Airlines only pay user fees 📥 No 💲 to Trust Fund Trust fund is depleted in 2023 - Who pays for \$4 billion in airport improvements?

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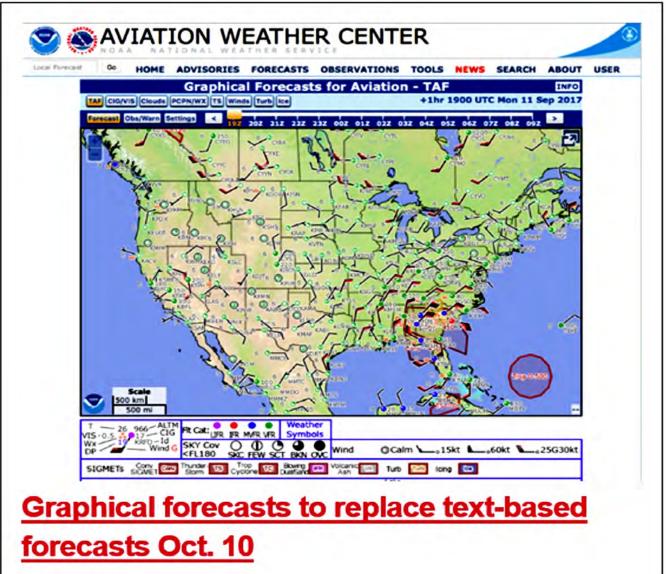
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Region 2	Aircraft Display Days at O52 on the 1st Saturday of each month, at MYV on the 4th Saturday. Truckee Tahoe Airshow, Sonoma Schellville Airport Display Day and Nevada County Airport Day on July 8th. Colusa County Old Time Fly-In on July 15th. Nut Tree (VCB) Legends of Flight breakfast 8am - 11am, pancake breakfast on the 4th Saturday of the month.
Region 5	Whiteman Airport Open House. Our annual Airport Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
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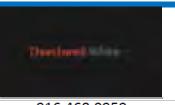
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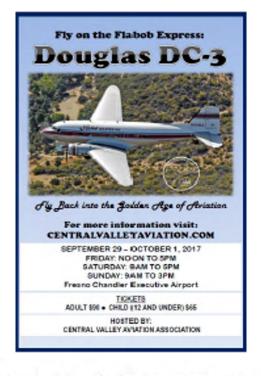




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September 9-10	Capital Airshow, Mather Airport KMHR, <u>www.californiacapitalairshow.com</u>	
September 23rd	Whiteman Airport Open House	
September 23-24	California International Airshow, Salinas, KSNS. www.californiacapitalairshow.com	
October 6-8	Fleet Week in San Francisco. http://fleetweeksf.org/air-show/	
October 13-14	CalPilots Annual Meeting-Airfest in San Carlos KSQL	

