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Serving Pilots Of California With Pride Annual Meeting Mojave 2012

For those who were unable to attend our Annual Meeting in Mojave, CA. Oct 19-21 2012, you really missed out. Not only did we have a great line up of speakers, and some interesting tours, Mojave Spaceport is truly an innovative, mysterious and fascinating place.



Where else can you find a Conqair 880 and F4 Phantom guarding the airport gate? The mothballed airliners are parked everywhere, and the airport staff are willing to provide a tour of the airport for a small fee, for those who land there.

During our weekend meeting there was a retired 747, in old United Airlines colors, sitting right there on the ramp without its engines. The cowls were on but no engines. We saw an old 727 parked on the ramp too, and it left sometime during the weekend.

When you drive around the Mojave airport/spaceport, you see all kinds of aviation projects. We saw old two place jet fighter fuselages stacked in rows, a C-130 fuselage sitting on its wheels but without wings or its tail. And then there were the space projects, which were interesting and to be honest, a bit mind boggling.

Huge military helicopters were operating on Saturday with rotor sounds that were very usual. And the winds were higher at night then during the daytime. One had the feeling of not knowing what was going to happen next.

And then there are the companies (yes more than one) competing to be the first to take private citizens into space. We were provided with fascinating presentations on what each was doing, and the different approaches they were taking. We had no idea just how much competition there was to provide rides into space.

What shown through it all was that these people, and many of the businesses at Mojave, are involved with the next frontier in aviation – Space. Mojave Spaceport has the feel of the old days when everyone was welcomed to look around their airport and ask questions. And, it's difficult to focus with everything that is happening there.

We want to thank the companies and speakers who provided us with such interesting presentations.

- Rick Searfoss---Director of Flight Test Operations and Chief Test Pilot, XCOR Aerospace
- Steven De La Cruz--- Program Manager and "Drone Driver," General Atomics Aeronautical
- William "Idle" Power--- Senior Test Pilot, Unmanned Systems, Inc.
- Dr. Allen L. (AL) Peterson--- CEO, National Test Pilot School
- George T Whitesides---CEO and President, Virgin Galactic



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Presidents Corner by Ed Rosiak

Congratulations Jay

Jay White, past President and current General Counsel of California Pilots Association, was awarded AOPA's Joseph Crotti Award during this year's AOPA's Summit in Palm Springs.

Jay's work over the past 30 years reads like a "How To" instruction manual for the promotion and protection of general aviation airports and flight privileges.

Jay's selfless work inspired many, myself included, in joining the effort to save our state's general aviation airports and work to protect our flight privileges. And here's the thing, Jay is still at it in his 80's.

To be honest, awards don't interest Jay. Those of us who know Jay understand - he is a quiet and humble man. Nonetheless, this honor from AOPA is well deserved and all of us who know Jay are very happy for him. And as you can see from the picture, Jay is happy too (AOPA, you did good).

The California Pilots Association is only a small part of Jay's legacy. Yet every aviator in California has Jay to thank for the strides made for general aviation advocacy in the state today.

Jay, on behalf of the state's aviators, thank you for everything you have done for general aviation in the state. You have made us all very proud to

be a part of the movement you started 30 years ago.



"The Crotti Award for general aviation advocacy in California is named in honor of the late Joe Crotti, longtime AOPA regional representative and former chief of the state's Division of Aeronautics."

After Jay retired from United Airlines as a Captain on Boeing 747s he perused his studies to become an Attorney and passed the California State Bar.

He has worked on many Aviation Litigation issues as well as assisting others in their fight for aviation,



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- Jim Payne---Chief Pilot, Perlan Project
- Ed Dunlap---Orbital Sciences Manager of L1011 Operations---Mojave
- Bill Weaver---Orbital Sciences Chief L---1011 Pilot
- Greg Mungas---Owner, Firestar Technologies
- Aleta Jackson---Co---founder and manager, XCOR Aerospace
- Dr. Lee Valentine--- XCOR Board of Directors

The California Pilots Association would *especially* like to express our appreciation to [Firestar Technologies](#) for their generous provision of hangar space for many of our event activities.

Save the date October 18-19th 2013 -

Next year the California Pilots Association's Annual Meeting will be held at [San Luis Obispo](#) (SBP). This will be a completely different type of a meeting focusing on the fun and joy that general aviation provides us. We'll have a live band for a Friday night dance, some great general aviation speakers, a great lunch, aircraft rides, fuel discounts and much more. So stay tuned.

The volunteers of the California Pilots Association not only protect our GA airports and flight privileges, we are also doing our part to grow general aviation and get our state's pilots back in their planes. Next year's meeting promises to be a lot of fun, and will be easily accessible in its mid-state location. We'll see you there.

Cal Trans Division of Aeronautics 2012 Aviation Planning Workshop



The Division of Aeronautics held the inaugural Aviation Planning Workshop on September 12-14, 2012 in the Commuter



Terminal at San Diego International Airport. The 2.5 day workshop was geared towards providing an overview of aviation planning from the Divisions' perspective. It was explained that the State Aeronautics Act, published at California Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq. guides the manner in which aviation planning is performed by the Division as opposed to other methods employed around the country. While the workshops primary audience was ap-

proximately 40 Caltrans transportation planners, day two included Airport Land Use Commissions represented by 18 commissioners or staff, in attendance were members of California Pilots Association.

The workshop entertained a variety of topics ranging from a primer on the anatomy of airports to considering airports in 3D by exploring Part 77 imaginary surfaces. With this foundation, the workshop progressed to various

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Friends Of Oceano Toys for Tots

Get ready for the fun and a worthy cause at Oceano Airport on December 1st

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December 1st, 2012

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Friends of Oceano Airport



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11:00 Live holiday music
12:00 Central Coast Smokers BBQ \$15 includes all the fixings and dessert.

There is no admission charge. Aircraft and antique autos on display. Banner Airways: Take a ride back in history in the 1943 Super Stearman Yellow Bi-plane. SkyDive Pismo Beach is on hand for those wishing to skydive with a view of the Pacific Ocean. Oceano Fuel Discount \$.25 per gallon, plus \$.25 per gallon donation to Toys for Tots.

<http://www.FriendsofOceanoAirport.com>

Make a child smile at Christmas!

Grass Valley Ignores NCAULC For Housing Development



The Grass Valley City Council voted unanimously on September 11, 2012 to overrule the recommendations the Nevada County Airport Land Use Commission and CalTrans Division of Aeronautics and approve the Loma Rica Ranch Specific Plan.

The 452-acre Loma Rica Ranch lies adjacent to the western boundary of the Nevada County Airport and most of the property underlies the airport's area of influence, generally a 1- to 2-mile radius from the runway. Planning for the Ranch's four neighborhoods and open space considered the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan as required by state law. Unfortunately, the Nevada County's ALUCP was adopted in 1989 and did not reflect current standards of acceptable land use or occupant density.

(Since an ALUCP should be updated every 10-years and projects may not be funded for up to 4-years, we highly recommend that all interested parties add their ALUCP project to the CIP as soon as possible to be considered for future State fiscal year's funds.)

In July 2011, the Nevada County Transportation Commission, acting as the Airport Land Use Commission, presented a new, updated Compatibility Plan that illustrated many portions of the Loma Rica Ranch proposal were not suitable. The most serious concern was the Lakes Neighborhood, a cluster of more than 100 residences to be sited just a few hundred yards from the threshold of the airport runway and well within the approach zone.

This determination presented a dilemma for Grass Valley. Fail to adhere to the stricter recommendations and residents could be subjected to greater risk than deemed acceptable by the state's Airport Land Use Compatibility Planning Handbook. Comply by eliminating scores of homes and the viability of the development would become questionable.

Citing over ten years of effort and expense in creating the Loma Rica Ranch Specific Plan, the City of Grass Valley requested the ALUC to delay formal adoption of the new ALUCP until after the LRRSP was approved. The idea seemed logical: if the Ranch

predated the ALUCP then it would have to be classified as an existing land use and be exempt from complying with the stricter standards to be imposed.

CalTrans Division of Aeronautics' Land Use Planning Handbook provides guidance for defining "existing land use." The Nevada County Airport Land Use Commission evaluated each condition but could not rationally classify the LRRSP as such and Grass Valley's request was denied.

Not deterred, Grass Valley had one more option to fulfill its plan for the Loma Rica Ranch. It would need to employ its status as the local agency and proceed to overrule the Land Use Commission. The State Statutes delineate specific steps in order for an overrule to occur, and Grass Valley marched down the list. This includes a requirement for the City to provide specific findings that their action is consistent with the State Aeronautics Act. By law, any findings utilized as a defense for an overrule must be provided to CalTrans Aeronautics for review and, if appropriate, comment.

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"Disturbing marine mammals or seabirds by flying motorized aircraft, except as necessary for valid law enforcement purposes, at less than 1,000 feet above within the Sanctuaries Failure to comply with these minimum altitude limits is presumed to disturb marine mammals and seabirds and is a violation of federal regulations for the sanctuaries."

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Cal Trans Link to newsletters :

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/aeronaut/AeroNewsletter2010.html>

When The Media Speaks



"Jolie and I have prepared a fast paced multi-media presentation titled PGA Squared [promote GA/protect GA airports]."



One of the very good points to come out of AOPA's GA Serves America campaign was how to interview with the media. Basically it guides us to always stay positive with any media persons] while being interviewed.

When you interface with the media concerning airport issues, this is not the time to express negatives that are happening at your field, e.g. hangar rents, fuel prices, hangar maintenance., ASOS seems to be out of service frequently, not enough funds being used at the airport, etc. Reason being, the media loves negative press and will run with it.

Instead, while being interviewed, focus on the positive things the airport provides to the communities. Express how emergency responders use the field, air ambulance transfers patients, volunteer Angel Flights, tissue donor flights, Highway patrol aircraft, fire fighting, business flying, flight instruction for future pilots

[airlines, corporate, helicopter, fire fighting, etc] and of course recreational flying. Jobs are provided at the airport to help sustain the community economic base. These items mentioned are all the good things that help to serve people in the community.

We as pilots and airport users, have to get involved, stay informed, and stay vigilant . All this while continually educating the community as to the positive ways the airport serves them.

We suggest contacting local media folks such as TV, radio, or newspaper reporters. Ask them to come out to the airport for a tour. While there, inform them about what your airport does to affect the community in positive ways. You might offer to take them up for tour of your area.

Also, please encourage all local pilots and other aviation lovers in your community to join CalPilots. Safety in a united numbers fashion can always speak loudly when

needed and CalPilots can do this. You may direct folks to our web site FAQ section. There is lots of helpful information here about our mission of airport advocacy throughout California.

Jolie and I have prepared a fast paced multi-media presentation titled PGA Squared [promote GA/protect GA airports]. Our presentation provides ways to help you promote and in turn, protect your airport. PGA Squared is a free of charge presentation from CalPilots. We would be delighted to schedule and present PGA Squared to your pilot community.

Stay positive!

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Rosamond Skypark [L00], a private Southern California Airport

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Rosamond Skypark [L00], a private Southern California Airport, was recently faced with a proposed solar panel installation near the East end of their runway.

The local pilots were alerted. Including the San Fernando Valley 99s (a Chapter of CalPi-

lots).

Many of them gathered at the local City Council meeting to voice their objections. The pilots felt that possible sun reflection from the panels could affect their vision while landing or taking off from the airport, causing safety issues.

tential safety issues at their airport.

This is a great example of how we all can help educate our community about general aviation and our general aviation airports. It's also a terrific example of what a bunch of people can accomplish by speaking tactfully and respectfully as one voice. Speaking of speaking as one voice, please encourage your fellow pilots and other aviation lovers to join us as CalPilots. With one large voice, we can be effective Statewide in helping to protect our pre-

Their voices were heard and the proposed installation will be located elsewhere. The City Council thanked the pilots for helping to educate them about the possible unfriendly encroachment and po-



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Region 3 Vice-President's Response to Tehachapi

California Pilots Association

Promoting, Preserving and Protecting California's Airports



October 22, 2012
Mr. Greg Garrett
City Manager
City of Tehachapi

Dear Mr. Garrett,

California Airports play a positive vital role throughout our State. Our airports provide business opportunities and jobs, business transportation, recreational and tourism, free medical transportation in the form of all--- volunteer Angel Flights, emergency responder/disaster staging facilities, just to name a few.

California Pilots Association is committed to preserving safe operational environments for all California Airports. This includes safety for airport users as well as people on the ground. I reference the California Airport Planning Land Use Handbook <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/aeronaut/documents/alucp/ALUCbrochure2.pdf> as guidance for ensuring compatible development near our California Airports.

The recent approval [APN No. 223---560---17] of the Motel 6 construction near Tehachapi Municipal Airport [TSP] is a clear encroachment into Tehachapi Airport safety areas.

The Individual Airport Policies and Compatibility Map for Tehachapi Municipal Airport, zoneB1, clearly states that commercial and/or high--- density developments are prohibited. The Motel 6 project certainly falls into this category. Although other high---density building do exist in Zone B1, this poor planning example should not be a precedent for continuing the Motel 6 project into the safety zones.

If you would please review the recent State of California Sixth Appellate District ruling in favor of the Watsonville Pilots Association regarding safety zones and development issues near the Watsonville Airport [Reference Santa Cruz County Case H033097 and Superior Court Case CV154571.] The Watsonville situation certainly does apply to the Motel 6 project near the Tehachapi Airport.

We ask that you reverse the approval for the Motel 6 project and adhere to the Kern County approved Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

Thank you.

Mitch Latting
Vice President, Region 3
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<http://www.CalPilots.org>

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Importance of Attending Airport Hearings

It is extremely important for pilots to attend any City, County, or other land use meetings that have on their agenda items that will impact the Airport Land or Airspace around Airports. You should also Testify and mention if you're a Member of AOPA (spell it out) and if

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FAI International Aviation Art Contest



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Written by California Division
of Aeronautics

Since 1989 the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) has sponsored the International Aviation Art Contest to challenge young people to illustrate the importance of aviation through art. Demonstrating the impact of aeronautics through an interactive, fun medium such as art motivates youth of all ages to become more familiar with aeronautics, engineering and science. The U.S. portion of the contest is sanctioned by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), managed by the NASAO Center for Aviation Research and Education and sponsored by Embry-Riddle Aeronautic University - Pres-

cott, Ken Cook Co., the Federal Aviation Administration, and the National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education with additional support from NASAO members.



Children between the ages of 6 and 17 may participate. Entries will be judged in three classes, according to age and at least in part for its creative use of the theme in relation to the aviation world. Each FAI member country sponsors the contest in their country, and submits national winners to the International Jury each year.

Entries must be postmarked by **January 28, 2013.**

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MedXPress is mandatory

Effective Oct. 1, all pilots are required to use the online medical application [MedXPress](#) to complete the FAA airman medical prior to visiting an aviation medical examiner (AME).

MedXPress was introduced back in 2007 to complement the paper Form 8500-8, with the ultimate objective of complying with federal requirements to move to electronic forms as a means of cost saving and efficiency.

The move to the online medical application should provide more streamlined processing of medical applications at the FAA's Aerospace Medical Certification Division (AMCD) in Oklahoma City and at the nine regional medical offices around the country. Once the application, along with any additional supporting medical records provided by the pilot, is scanned into the system, that file can be viewed and worked online by any of the regional offices as well as the AMCD. The online form will also reduce errors that were common on the paper form, including incorrect dates,

questions left unanswered, data transposed, illegible writing, and unsigned applications. Because the paper form (and now the electronic form) are considered legal documents, those errors had to be corrected before the FAA could finalize the medical certificate issuance, and that process takes time away from FAA staff who could use that time to review the thousands of deferred cases awaiting a decision.

The new system will also allow pilots to print out the completed form and discuss the application with their AME before the exam is finalized. If you have a question that needs to be discussed, don't provide that confirmation number until you've spoken with the doctor. Once the exam is retrieved from the system, there is no turning back; the AME either issues your certificate, the preferred outcome, or the application goes to the FAA as

a deferral. As time and the federal budget allows, enhancements to the new system will permit AMEs to scan and transmit medical records electronically to the FAA instead of regular mail, adding even more efficiency to the process.

The application process is fairly straightforward, and once you get past the initial registration and set up your password, the application is easy to use. The key thing to remember is after you submit the application, click on the Exam Summary to print out a copy of the application. At the bottom of the form, you will find a confirmation number that you will need to take with you to the AME. That's the number the AME will use to retrieve the form you submitted online. Once it is available, the AME can complete the exam and issue your medical certificate.



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Nevada County SkyPark

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Although in receipt of a lengthy letter itemizing points the Division of Aeronautics found to be noncompliant, the City of Grass Valley Council proceeded to move forward and, by unanimous vote, to overrule the ALUC. It is important to note that state law gives specific concessions to airport proprie-

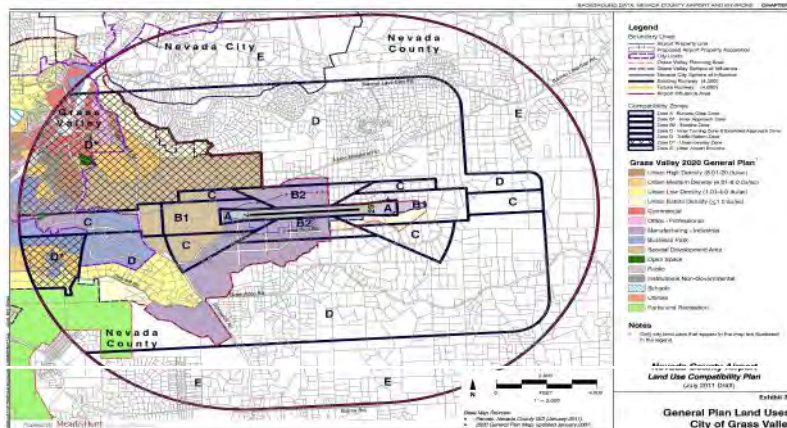
tors in some overrule situations. In this case, Nevada County, the owner of the Nevada County Airport, is provided immunity from liability for damages to property or personal injury caused by or resulting directly or indirectly from the public agency's decision to override the commis-

sion's action or recommendation.

Further reading:

City of Grass Valley: <http://www.cityofgrassvalley.com>
Nevada County Transportation Commission: <http://www.nctc.ca.gov>
CalTrans Division of Aeronautics: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/planning/aeronaut/>

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Vice President
Region 1



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you are a member of California Pilots Association Chapter or an Individual member of CalPilots, This need to be done during the comments period and before it is approved as it will help with future Legal Proceedings and allow the APOA and Cal Pilots to represent the pilots in the Case (editor)

FAA MEDXPRESS

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"To learn more about the AOPA Pilot Protection Services program or to enroll, visit the Pilot Protection Services website ."

If you have questions, a helpline phone number is listed on the MedXPress site to speak with the FAA support staff, or if you have general questions about MedXPress, just give AOPA a call at 800/872-2672.

To learn more about the AOPA Pilot Protection Services program or to enroll, visit the [Pilot Protection Services website](#) .

Gary Crump, AOPA's director of medical certification, is a former operating room technician and emergency medical technician who has been assisting AOPA members for more than 25 years. He's also a medical expert for [AOPA's Pilot Protection Services](#) and has been flying since 1973.

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CALIFORNIA PILOT PAC

WHAT IS A PILOT PAC?

The California Pilot Political Action Committee is sponsored by California Pilots Association (CALPILOTS). The PAC is an independent legal entity administered by a board of Trustees. All bookkeeping is separate from CALPILOTS and regular reports of income and disbursements are made to the California Secretary of State. All funding is received from voluntary contributions. No CALPILOTS membership dues are used for this purpose.

WHY DO WE NEED A PILOT PAC?

As a tax-exempt, California public benefit corporation and a Federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, CALPILOTS cannot engage in any "substantial amount" of political activity. The PAC provides an opportunity for the aviation community to support "aviation-friendly" legislators and candidates. This includes members of city councils, county boards of supervisors and state legislators. Through the PAC the aviation community can support legislation that is favorable to aviation.

The PAC Trustees decide which California Senate and California Assembly incumbents or candidates to support or oppose. Local airport pilot representatives decide which city council or county supervisor candidates to support. Local pilots groups have found that banner towing can be a very effective means of supporting a local "aviation-friendly" candidate. For example, a banner might read "Smith for Supervisor" or "Jones for City Council" or a direct contribution to their campaign. Information for supporting a local candidate can be obtained by contacting the PAC Committee, or 1-800-319-5286.

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modules that emphasized integrating airports into their community and the tools transportation planners may want to consider in support of this objective. The program concluded with a short tour of the airport environs and how the airport/community interface can be positively influenced with good planning and public participation.

Future workshops are planned and will be announced when scheduling details are determined. The intent is to rotate the workshops between the northern and southern parts of the State on an annual basis.

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