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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE





To all Members and Associates,

I would like to first thank everyone who made our Anniversary a fun and successful one, especially being hosted by Morris Garcia and the whole crew at CVAA (a chapter of CalPilots) thanks so much. We were honored by Assemblyman Patterson with a very wonderful certificate commemorating our 70th anniversary. It was also brought out that Carol Ford, our President had been named the recipient of the 2019 Michael A. Shutt Award which is given to a person or company whose efforts and hard work show a significant growth, development and safety at Californians' G. A. Airports , at the ACA conference in September in South Lake Tahoe. We would also like to congratulate Rayvon Williams the manager of the Watsonville Airport as the new President of the ACA and thank Scott Malta manager of Castle Airport for all his work in the past as President of ACA. We look toward a bright future at California's G.A. airports even with the many challenges.

I would now like to address all members; we need to come together as active members at all our chapters statewide. What's this mean? Well just this we have a lot of members up and down the state that if active were at events at their 'local' airports to promote not only to get more members in each chapter but also in CalPilots organization this would go a long way to promote what we do for general aviation airports along with educational programs to get young people excited about aviation, aerospace and aeronautics. In the past 4 years I've been associated and worked with CalPilots it's usually been the members of the board of directors that are at the few events we can get to. With the advent of many cities wanting to try to close airports and diminish the need to continue these airports it's even more important now to bring us together to fight to keep them open. As many might know with the introduction of 'Air Mobility' our role as guardians has become a widened and more complex job. This new addition to aviation is coming and we must work with all agencies, cities and the public to inform and educate as to what it will mean. To a lot of G.A. airports that haven't seen much growth this will change that, in commuter and light to medium cargo freight traffic so they must be ready to move forward and integrate air traffic. I feel we also need to address the fact that being in a chapter doesn't necessarily mean you're a CalPilots member, I will be having further discussions at our board meetings about this. I think this is an oversight and possibly a splitting of dues so your local chapter can maintain, and all are members of CalPilots to be able function better statewide. I have been asked to put this forward to all as a move to brining all of us together for our common cause.

Commentary by

Sincerely, Tony Marchese
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Carol Ford Receives Michael A. Shutt Award from Association of California Airports

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Carol Ford receiving the Michael A. Shutt Award from Scott Malta, Presi-

dent of the Association of California Airports.

We are pleased to announce that Carol Ford, President of the San Carlos Airport Association, received the prestigious <u>Michael A. Shutt Award</u> on Sept. 13, 2019 at the <u>Annual Conference of the Association of California Airports</u> in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

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 was awarded the Airport Defender of the Year by the <u>California Pilots Association</u> in 1997. She now serves as President of CalPilots; a Director of the CalPilots/ACA Political Action Committee; <u>AOPA</u> representative for San Carlos Airport; President of the San Carlos Airport Association; and Past Chapter Chairperson, International Or-

Amy Choi, Caltrans Division Chief of Aeronautics, with Carol Ford at the 2019 Conference of the Association of California Airports.

ACA's Michael A. Shutt Award annually recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the growth, development and general safety of California airports. Mike was one of the founders of ACA and the Board has recognized those efforts by gifting an annual award on his behalf to industry professionals. The Michael A. Shutt Award is designed to recognize the efforts of an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to the growth and development of California airports. Qualified applicants can be consultants, airport sponsors, Funding agencies, and all other associated professionals working to improve and develop of California Airports. Individuals and organizations that have been nominated for the award will be evaluated against criteria that include:

Recognized as a leader in the aviation industry.

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A reputation for enhancing the relationship between airports and the community.



ARE You prepared for the Transformation of Aviation ??? Gill Wright, VP Region2 California Pilots Association Email; gill. Wright@calpiolts.org

In the past few years there has been an increasing discussion in the aviation community regarding the growth of Drones in the National airspace. Everyone has been concerned about how these 'little flyers' might be used by those who are not aware of the National Air Space (NAS) rules and regulations. This has prompted the growth of the FAA's efforts to create the Drone operators' rules known as Part 107, which is a relatively new class of airman.

The growth of Drone operations has been a significant expansion of the aviation enterprise, which has prompted some important evolutions in the NAS. Earlier this summer, I wrote about the LAANC (Low Altitude Authorization & Notification Capability) and the AIRMAP system where drone operators can enter their flight plans in real time and gain flight authorization from ATC, thus keeping responsible airman safe in our skies.

The LAANC system is the foundation for the eventual growth of ON DEMAND AIR TAXI SERVICES in the coming years. Currently in the skies of California there are several new Part 135 air taxi services that are growing a customer base, in anticipation of the eventual certification of the emerging technologies of VTOL and eVTOL airframes. Globally there are over 200 of these VTOL designs concepts that are in development or actual flight testing towards certification for passenger service.

This is a global effort to develop these VTOLs. Two of the most advanced, and well-funded are from Germany. One is called VOLOCOPTER, the other is LILIUM. In the last 36 months both of these firms have raised over to \$150 million Dollars to bring these airframes to market operations of Air Taxi Services. Most likely initial service markets will be in Europe, Singapore, Dallas, Los Angeles, or Melbourne Australia, and likely within the next 24 months.

This may seem farfetched to some of you, but I would ask you to GOOGLE VOLOCOPTER and VOLOPORT, or LILIUM, and see what you find. In this morning's (October 23, 2019) there was a report from Singapore of the formal opening of the world's first VOLOPORT in Singapore to begin testing off routes between Changi Airport and Downtown Singapore, with the goal of passenger services by 2022, or sooner. This is clearly a "Built it, and they will come" situation.

You may say..." that's halfway around the world, so what??" Let's look at the growth of California's air taxi services of SURF AIR, VOOM, BLADE, FLOAT, and other Part 135 operators in the last 3-5 years. Many airports in the urban areas of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, have experienced significant growth of these AIR TAXI services. There has been impact on smaller airport's car parking space, terminal use, aircraft operations for these compressed urban airport ramps. When the VTOL's become certificated this situation will be compounded in a very short time window.



Our smaller urban airports will become the first and most impacted areas as these new Air services come on- line in the next 18-36 months. In addition to the increase of aircraft traffic and passengers, there will also be the need for new electrical charging stations to be built on the aircraft apron for the electric VTOL's currently in advanced testing. One firm in particular, JOBY, will be seeking three phase electrical power @ 480 volt, with 100 to 300 AMPs, to do 4-5-minute recharges of their battery powered VTOLs. That amount of electrical power on an aircraft ramp will need some candid engineering, and FAA regulations to be created in the near term.

The question for airport managers will be how to address these electrical needs within limited budgets, and the constraints of the local legislative process for approval. But there may be additional fuel sources necessary too, as some of these new VTOL aircraft will use cryogenic Hydrogen, or Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) as a ramp side fuel. With existing fuel farms of 100LL and JET A the available space for these addition aircraft fueling systems will get crowded. All of these improvements will have to be rationally expensed and payed for in advance of the first VTOL refueling.

CalPilots is looking into these emerging technologies and the anticipated impact on California's aviation community and airports. These new technologies will greatly enhance the importance of our State's airport infrastructure in some important ways. For airport communities outside of the urban centers of San Francisco and Los Angeles the various electric aircraft in development will drop both time, and cost, to access to the urban centers by a significant factor, and thus enhance the rural economy.

There will be further follow up on this subject in the January edition of CalPilots monthly newsletter.

Sincerely, Gill Wright VP Region 2

World's First Full-Scale Air Taxi VoloPort Unveiled in Singapore



10 / 23/19 From Transport UP

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Santa Monica (SMO) - Actively under threat, "excess" pavement being destroyed, estimated closure ~ 2028. Litigation continues to keep the airport open.

Reid Hillview (KRHV) - Actively under threat - no federal funds for 10 years, Possible closure in 2029. Already planning discussions about what else to do here.

Gustine (301) – Degradation of hangers and overall airport maintenance has been lagging. Pilots are moving their planes to other airports. Misuse of Runway for car testing.

Livermore Airport (KLVK) - Consideration of elimination of height restrictions on buildings near airport within the Airport Influence Area.

San Jose (KSJC) - successfully have eliminated small GA from SJC, now moving to close where those planes went - RHV

Sacramento Executive (KSAC) - City Council Considering zoo at end of runway or closing airport for zoo - County airport director has mentioned wanting to close this airport

Banning (KBNG) – City Council passed Resolution to close airport. Pilots and Law enforcement working to keep the airport open.

Los Banos (KLSN) - Suggestions of moving airport, but no action on new airport, potential for closure despite runway lengthening in 200Become a member of CalPilots or Board Member2/3-time frame

Bermuda Dunes (KUDD) – CalPilots won Legal Battle against city/orthopedic hospital on 1/2 mile final.

Oceano (L52) – City has asked SLO County to study what other uses could be made of the airport.

Cloverdale (O60) - City council moved forward with a proposal for a resort that would close the airport, only cost to eliminate funding stopped them. Also, 1/2 of Chief of Police salary assessed against Airport fund making airport appear unprofitable, despite repeated attempts to build new hangars blocked by city council (according to public testimony, all nearby airports are impacted for T- hangers and there's a demand for 20 more

South Lake Tahoe (KTVL) - Airport requested FAA procedures required to close the airport.

Hoopa Airport (O21) - Native American owned, not eligible for CA Grant Match~ Change State Rules.

BOEM (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management) – Proposed Wind Generators could affect coastal Airport operations. Attend meetings and Webinars.

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Start a CalPilots DART Program at your Airport

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Your Airport Standing Committee Meetings.

Your City or County Planning Commission meetings

Your City or County Supervisor meetings

Your County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

BOEM Bureau of Ocean Energy management – Attend your local meetings

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Fun to be had by all at Chandler Event

Photos provided by Tim Sowell Cvaa and Eaa photographer



Highlights from our 70th Anniversary at Chandler Airport



A Congressional Decree was presented to President Carol Ford and staff by Assemblyman Patterson recognizing the 70th Anniversary of California Pilots Association in helping Airports and Aviators move forward.

California Airport and Pilot Political Action Committee

WHAT IS A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)?

The California Airport and 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.

PAC Committee Contributions can be made to payable to: CALIFORNIA AIRPORT AND PILOT PAC 809 S street 101-254, Sacramento, CA 95811PAC (contributions are not tax deductible). CALIFORNIA AIRPORT AND PILOT PAC: California ID 811653





Largest California State DART Exercise Scheduled Oct 26, by Paul Marshall

Five Bay Area DART Operators (SCAPA DART, E16; CAAPSO DART, KRHV; WEACT, KWVI; San Mateo County DART, KHAF and KSQL; North Bay DART, KSTS, KDVO, KAPC, and 2O3) are combining forces to launch representative disaster airlift transport flights to 29 Bay Area airports. The exercise honors the 30th anniversary of the Watsonville Lifeline Airlift after the Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989. The DART Operators are receiving mutual aid from Torrance DART and are working with a variety of organizations active in disaster. The most complex transport operation will feature the Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley (SHFB), which will truck food from its San Jose warehouse to the Reid Hillview airport. From there the food will be loaded into airplanes and flown to 3 local airports near SHFB customers in Gilroy, Santa Cruz, and Half Moon Bay. The food will then be transported by surface vehicle to the final customer locations. CalDART memberships and donations are requested to help cover exercise costs. Visit the <u>caldart.org</u> home page for exercise information including a press release, briefing slides, and a 43-page document detailing CalDART's vision of utilizing GA assets in a disaster which compromises regional surface transportation.

General Aviation and disaster relief - Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, by Mark Wainwright

Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc upon Grand Bahama and the Abaco Islands during the first week of September. Some commented that Marsh Harbor, at the north end of Abaco Island, looked like it had been hit by a nuclear weapon. The storm generated 185 mile per hour winds, and Dorian is noted for being the second strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic. The airports closest to Marsh Harbor were at first rendered unusable; however, the small airport at Sandy Point became the nexus for airborne relief efforts in Abaco. Pilots and volunteers from Melbourne, Florida, ferried supplies in a Piper Navajo and a World War II Douglas Skytrain (C-47, DC-3) into the small airport. Tico Belle, the Skytrain, had dropped paratroopers over Normandy on June 6, 1945.

A friend of mine, William "Dougie" Douglas, organized multiple flights into Marsh Harbor and ultimately evacuated 65 people to Florida and more to Eluthera Island, where Dougie owns a house. Dougie has been actively lobbying the U.S. Government to provide temporary work visas to 5,000 Bahamians who have lost their means of livelihood due to the hurricane's destruction. Below he is shown with some of the displaced people who were able to find temporary refuge in Florida.

Largest Washington State DART Operator Exercise September 21, by Paul Marshall

DART Operators from Kitsap County, Jefferson County, and Clallam County combined efforts with the local grocery store chain Fred Meyers, faith groups, Northwest EVAC (Emergency Volunteer Air Corps), and pilots from the Washington State Pilots Association, to hold their largest-ever DART exercise September 21st. In numerous flights, the DART Operators flew more than 5,000 lbs of food donations into the Jefferson County Airport. The food was loaded into a large trailer and towed to the Jefferson County Food Bank. CalDART flew in a food donation from California, representing the possible contribution of CalDART pilots if called upon to support a major Washington DART response. On September 14, DART floatplanes and seaplanes conducted an exercise on North Harstine Island in Shelton, Washington. Kudos to all for a successful effort, and next year's effort will be hosted by Kitsap County at Bremerton Airport. Watch a 16 minute video on the exercise by George Steed, President of the Washington Pilots Association.

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Tracy Airport 90th Anniversary The Skies the Limit "Pick your Passion"

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On the left is Airport Mgr. Paula Jessup, Helen Condit and CalPilots region2 director Tony Marchese presenting a Congressional Recognition Award of Tracy Airports 90th Anniversary To Paula. As well as two other Awards

Mayor Robert Rickman and Gary Cooper of the Tracy Transportation Committee on the right presiding over the event

















Airport Mgr. Paula Jessup Presented with flowers from CalPilots Members ;Charlene Fulton, George Riddle & Andy Wilson

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- Nov. 2- Dreams take flight Yuba County Fair grounds, See Flyer on page 5 for more details
- Nov. 2-3 San Bernardino Airport—SBD Fest 2019. sbdfest.com
- Nov. 9 10 Sonoma (Schellville Airport) Static fly in Displays. Sonomavalleyairport.com
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