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## Calif. Land Use Bill Gutted

(from Pacific Flyer, Aug. 2008)

California senator Gloria Negrete McLeod introduced Senate Bill No. 1118 which would require all California counties in which a public use airport is situated to have an Airport Land Use Commission.

Members of a properly constituted Airport Land Use Commission would include county, city and public representatives. Two members must have expertise in aviation. It was too good to be true, of course.

The purpose of an Airport Land Use Commission is to formulate a plan for compatible uses of land near an airport. Currently several counties are exempt from that requirement.

The original version of SB 1118 was designed to remedy that deficiency. Cities in these counties have done their own planning for land uses near airports.

This has led to encroachment of

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## Annual WRAP-PAC Dinner Speaker: Assemblywoman Anna Caballero

The annual WRAP-Pac dinner will be held on Saturday November 1st, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Green Valley Grill, 40 Penny Lane, Watsonville. The speaker will be State Assembly Member Anna Caballero. The details of her speech are not known yet, but we suspect it will be about Watsonville Airport and Senate Bill 1118 regarding Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUCs), and other related legislation.

WRAP is the Watsonville Regional Airport Promotion – Political Action Committee. This PAC represents aviation people and airport supporters. It supports local candidates for the Watsonville City Council, County Board of Supervisors and other public offices, whose positions recognize the importance of Watsonville Airport as a regional asset. This year the PAC is more active than ever in supporting candidates for the Watsonville City Council and Board of Supervisors. In the last election we made significant progress by supporting some really good pro-airport people who won that election. Watsonville Airport needs local representatives who will not try to convert a safe airport to an unsafe airport.

The WRAP dinner will give you an opportunity to meet Assembly Member Anna Caballero, members of the Watsonville City Council, County Supervisors plus several City Council candidates.

Bottom line—we need political progress.

WRAP needs your support more than ever.

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### SB 1118

incompatible residential projects such as one approved by the City of Watsonville. However, pressure from city lobbyists caused SB 1118 to be amended.

If passed as amended, cities could ignore existing state compatibility law and instead form their own Airport Land Use review group composed of city-appointed members. This is a classic example of “The Fox Guarding the Henhouse”.

*NOTE: This issue was addressed in great detail in the July WPA Newsletter by Dan Chauvet*

#### August, 2008 Meeting Notes:

WPA Meeting of July 30, 2008 was opened by Vice-Chair John Cowan. Treasurer Sarah Chauvet reported that all the bills are paid and that \$2,500 has been transferred to the Legal fund account. Dan Chauvet reported on the City of Watsonville’s appeal of the lawsuit and that our attorneys have capped the cost of the appeal at \$45,000. A payment of \$25,000 is due on August 1, 2008 and Dan reported that these funds are on hand due to 2 individual pilots who have donated \$10,000 each, the remainder coming from the Friends of Buena Vista and WPA.

The evening speaker was Dan Gudgel from National Weather Service who discussed "Using the Internet for your next Weather Briefing!"

Next meeting is August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
WINGS Seminar “Landings, the good, the bad, the ugly”

### WRAP Dinner

For the last two years the dinner has been at the Green Valley Grill and the food was—great. We plan the same fare again, with three (3) choices. You can choose one or all three.

Yes, it’s kind of a dress up affair, with men wearing a sport coat and tie, and women wearing the usual, anything they want.

The cost is \$50.00 per each. There are no tickets, just an attend list. If you are not already on the list, get on it by calling Chairman Dan Chauvet at 831-724-8256 or the CFO, Hal Zamora 687-0719.

Or better yet, send a check made out to “WRAP” to: 147 Mesa Verde Drive,

Watsonville, CA 95076-0949.

We need to know attendance ahead of time, by October 24th.

Thanks for supporting KWVI.

Dan Chauvet, WRAP Chairman  
Grant Wrathall, Vice Chairman  
Hal Zamora, CFO/Treasurer

#### Ried-Hillview Airport

On Aug. 12, 2008 Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted to put to rest the proposed closure of Reid-Hillview Airport. The County Counsel’s report concluded “Should the Board determine to pursue the sale or lease of the Reid-Hillview Airport, the legal procedures would be extremely complex and lengthy. A major portion of funds realized from any potential sale would have to be shared with the FAA, and it is uncertain that the County could be successful in any attempt to close the airport.

*Max Trescott  
President, Silicon Valley GA*

## AIR POWER OVER THE GOLDEN WEST AT TRAVIS AFB

Travis AFB will open its' gates to the public for the Air Expo 2008 "Above All-Celebrating Air Power over the Golden West" The event is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 8 a.m. both days.

The primary reason for the air show is to enhance community relations by informing the public about the capabilities, equipment, training and mission of the U.S. Air Force, and to inspire younger generations of Americans to join the U.S. Airforce and contribute to its' air and space missions.

Highlights of this year's Air Expo include the USAF Thunderbirds flight demonstration team, the U.S. Army Golden Knights, a C-17 "Globemaster" capability demonstration, a KC-10 "Extender" demonstration, a F-22 from the USAF Air Combat Command Dem Team and numerous warbird demonstrations.

Visit the Air Expo 2008 website at [www.travisairshow.com](http://www.travisairshow.com) for more information.

### **Fuel Vendor Change**

*(from July 8, 2008 letter to Airport tenants from Don French, Watsonville Airport Manager)*

The Airport will be switching fuel vendors from Chevron to Air BP on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2008. Air BP will provide a quality fuel at less cost. We have negotiated a wholesale cost savings of five cents a gallon. Further, users of Air BP Visa cards will receive a 5% rebate and the Airport will not be charged a processing fee; the typical processing fee is 2.5%. By passing on the reduced purchase price per gallon and the savings on the processing fee we can lower the price at the pumps by 19¢ gallon and with an additional .27¢ rebate from Air BP Visa, at today's price per gallon of \$5.54, the savings would be 41¢ per gallon.

## Last Globemaster Flight

On Aug. 30th a historic chapter will come to a close when the last airworthy Douglas C-133 "Cargomaster" transport will make its final flight from Anchorage to Travis AFB in California.

This flight will coincide with the Travis' airbase open house and Airshow over Labor Day weekend. The C-133 is scheduled to arrive at 10:00 am.

The C-133 was designed for the Military Air Transport Service (M.A.T.S.) to carry large, outsized cargo such as missiles and other hardware. It was the only transport that could carry the early ballistic missiles in the late 1950s and ' 60s until replaced by the Lockheed C-5 in 1971.

Fifty C-133s were manufactured with most of them based at Travis AFB or Dover AFB in Delaware. The type was known for its heavy droning sound in flight from its four Pratt & Whitney T-34 turboprop engines and Curtis-electric propellers.

Many people over 40, residing in the Bay Area, recall the imposing sight and sound of the C-133 as they headed out over the Golden Gate to Pacific destinations.

For more information, contact MSGT. Terry Juran, director of Travis AFB museum at [terryjuran@travis.af.mil](mailto:terryjuran@travis.af.mil) or (707) 424-4760

Gary V. Plomp  
Aviation Historian

**Coming Events 2008**

Aug. 30, 31 Travis AFB Expo  
Sept 10-14 Reno Air Races  
Sept 20 WVI Open House  
Sept 27-28 Salinas Air Show  
Nov 1 WRAP Dinner  
Nov 6-8 AOPA Expo in San Jose, CA

**Fuel Prices Locally**

	100LL	SS	FS
WVI		5.32	5.65
CVH		5.45	5.75 Hollister
OAR		5.69	n/a Marina
SNS		5.71	5.99
E16		5.75	5.95 SoCounty
SFO			7.28

SS=self serve FS=full serve

Del Monte Self Serve at MRY is reporting 100LL at 4.80, from the truck 5.85 for residents 6.15 for transients.

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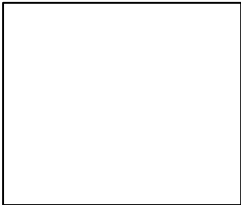
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Write check to "WPA" or Watsonville Pilots Association.  
On the memo line note "legal fund"  
Mail to: PO Box 2074,  
Freedom, CA 95019  
Thank you for your support

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**NEXT MEETING**  
  
7:00PM Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2008  
At EAA-WAEC Building  
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport  
  
**SAFETY SEMINAR**  
LANDINGS---The Good, The Bad  
The Ugly