



## Solidarity

The pilot community, widely represented by the Watsonville Pilots Association (WPA), EAA Chapter 119 (EAA), and the Monterey Bay Chapter of the 99s (99s) presented a common front regarding the City Manager's proposal to form a "stakeholder committee" that would develop a Watsonville Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. At a Action Pajaro Valley meeting the City Manager said there were certain individual pilots who voiced a willingness to participate in a "stakeholder committee", but they were not identified. He said without the cooperation of the above organizations he could not proceed.

At a recent Watsonville City Council meeting the pilot community asked that the Council delay any action on the "stakeholder committee" proposal until after litigation is completed. The Council agreed, on a 4-2 vote.

Since then the California Pilot Association Chief Counsel, Jay White, and the State Division of Aeronautics land use planning expert, have voiced the opinion that a "stakeholder committee" is not the proper mechanism to develop an objective, legitimate Compatibility Plan. I had already smelled a rat in the woodpile and questioned, at the City Council meeting, that a special committee was not the proper way to arrive at a Compatibility Plan. We need a Compatibility Plan that protects the airport—not one that allows development off the end of runways.

The City Development Director stated at a recent Action Pajaro Valley meeting that any Compatibility Plan developed by the pilot community would be "unacceptable." He likely was referring to: (1) the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) developed in 1996 by the Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee (which the City rejected), (2) the Compatibility Plan produced by the WPA in 2002 (not adopted by the City), (3) the Airport Manger's and city consultants airport land use planning put into the Airport Master Plan (removed 9 months later), and (4) any such future plan. In other words, a Compatibility Plan must reflect the planning needs (dollar numbers) for development envisioned by the City Development Director and City Manager. You can see the impasse. The State Division of Aeronautics and/or Court action can only resolve it.

The vigilance and solidarity of the pilot community is imperative and necessary, if responsible airport land use planning is to occur around WVI. So far, we have that solidarity. This solidarity includes people from Oregon, around California, and Arizona, who have put their money where their feeling are.

~ Dan Chauvet ~

## Annual Fly-In to fill up sky and land

Jets will be flying in formation, stunt pilots will be doing loops and the military plans to show up with Super Cobra and Seahawk helicopters. And that's just in the skies over the 43rd annual Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show.

On the ground, the Show & Shine exhibit of more than 200 muscle and classic cars will rev up the Memorial Day Weekend event at the Watsonville Municipal Airport.

Gates will open at noon May 25, and at 9 a.m. May 26-27. Tickets, at \$12 adult, \$4 children ages 6-12 and \$8 for seniors and active military personnel, are available online at [www.watsonvilleflyin.org](http://www.watsonvilleflyin.org)

For information, check the Web site or call 763-5600.

~ Santa Cruz Sentinel ~

## California Flying

**Apr 21 — Shafter, CA.** Minter Field (MIT). Warbirds in Action. Minter Field Air Museum Annual Warbird Airshow. Base Reunion of Military & Civilians 1942-1945. Contact Jim, 661-837-1551

**Apr 26 — Oakland, CA.** Oakland Intl Airport (OAK). Business Aircraft & Jet Preview. Sneak preview! Airport Journals invites you to see the latest business aircraft. Contact Paul Lips, 866-202-0096

**Apr 28 — San Andreas, CA.** Calaveras County Airport (KCPU). Calaveras Air Fair 2007. Calaveras Air Fair 2007 Fly-in & Open House 8am-5pm. Static Aircraft displays, Local non-profit food vendors, Classic car displays, Radio control airplane display, \$5 scenic airplane rides, and more! Contact Kathy, (209) 736-2501

**Apr 28 — San Diego, CA.** Gillespie Field, San Diego Air & Space Museum (KSEE). 13th Annual Super Safety Seminar. A full day of Wings Safety Seminars from 9:00am to 4:30pm. AOPA "Handling In-flight Emergencies" and "Say the Right Thing". Other topics

include Special Use Air Space, Single Pilot IFR, Light Sport, Helicopters and more. Presented by AOPA, SAN FSDO FAAStea. Contact Rich Martindell, 619-253-7649;

**May 4 - 6 — GROVELAND, CA.** PRIVATE PROPERTY. Central Sierra Helicopter Meet 2nd annual. Focus is for home built Experimental Helicopter Meet bring your ships and share your ideas factory ships are also welcomed. Contact Nancy Miller, 707/833-5905

**May 4 - 5 — Long Beach, CA.** Long Beach Airport (LGB). An iFly Open House & Max Trescott G1000 Seminar. Join iFly at Mercury Air on Friday from 2 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to find out more about a smarter way to fly. G1000 Seminars held Friday 3-4 p.m. and Saturday 11-12 p.m. & 2-3 p.m RSVP now space is limited!. 866/463-5946.

**May 4 - 6 — Santa Maria, CA.** Santa Maria Hancock Field (SMX). Mooney Pilot Proficiency Program. Weekend flight and ground recurrent training for Mooney pilots by Mooney specific instructors - leading to BFR, IPC and WI NGS.. Contact Lela Hughes at MAPA, 210/525-8008

**May 6 — Atwater, CA.** 1/2 mile from Castle Airport (MER). Strawberry Waffle Brunch. Annual Castle Air Museum spring fundraiser. Two aircraft will be open for viewing, Avro Vulcan and KC-135 tanker.. Contact Caroline Venable, 209/723-2178;

**May 11 - 12 — Torrance, CA.** Zamperini Field (TOA). An iFly Open House & Max Trescott G1000 Seminar. Join iFly at the General Aviation Terminal on Friday from 2 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. to find out more about a smarter way to fly. G1000 Seminars held Friday 3-4 p.m. and Saturday 11-12 p.m. & 2-3 p.m RSVP now, space is limited!. 866/463-5946.

**May 12 — Modesto, CA.** Modesto City/County Airport (KMOD). Modesto Airshow/Airport Appreciation Day. Family affair with rides for children, airplane and helicopter rides. 1.5 to 2 hr. Airshow. Several display aircraft and old cars.. Contact Jerry Waymire, 209/529-8254

**May 12 — Oceanside, CA.** Oceanside Municipal Airport (KOKB). Oceanside Airport Association's Annual BBQ. Annual fundraiser & fly-in to support the Association. \$6 donation - Hamburger, chips, and beverage.. Contact Carl Hixon, 760-724-7177;

**May 17 - 19 — Hayward, CA.** Hayward Executive (KHWD). 43rd Annual Hayward Air Rally. Preflight planning, navigation, and fuel management competition. Approximately 500-nm course flown in two legs, terminating in Palm Springs, CA. Cash and merchandise prizes. Participation qualifies for credit towards FAA's Wings proficiency program.. Contact Chris Verbil, 408-626-0570

**May 17 — Van Nuys, CA.** Van Nuys Airport (VNY). Business Aircraft & Jet Preview. Sneak preview! Airport Journals invites you to see the latest business aircraft from the all new Legacy by Embraer, Raytheon's Premier 1A, the sexy Avanti from Piaggio, Adam A500 & A700, Cessna, Cirrus, Diamond, Eclipse, Pilatus, Piper, Socata, Bombardier. Contact Paul Lips, 866-202-0096;

**May 19 — Half Moon Bay, CA.** (KHAF) 2007 KHAF Flyathlon. The KHAF Flyathlon has three segments, Fly, Run & Kayak. The Track is a total of 4 Miles. At the end of the Kayak segment there will be lunch and award ceremony. Contact Arnon Matityau, 650-400-0221;

**May 25 - 27 — Watsonville, CA.** Watsonville Airport (WVI). Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show. 43rd annual featuring classic, neoclassic, homebuilts, warbirds; air show; vintage car show; vintage farm equipment; Kid's zone; food and commercial concessions.. Contact Dave Brockmann, 831 763-5600; email - [watsonvilleflyin@hotmail.com](mailto:watsonvilleflyin@hotmail.com); web page - <http://www.watsonvilleflyin.org/>

**May 26 — Columbia, CA.** Columbia (O22). Columbia LSA Seminar & Fly-In. LSA Seminar & Fly-In 9AM-3PM with Seven different LSA's on Display, Demo rides by Appointment, BBQ. Contact Alan Wallace, 209/533-5685, 209/614-7388

**May 26 - 27 — Llano, CA.** Brian Ranch Airport (CL 13). The 13th annual "World's Smallest" Air Show will be held Saturday May 26 & Sunday May 27, 2007 for 8 AM until 2 PM. There will be ultralight, light sport, & general aviation flying & static displays, RC airplanes, & other events. There will be food & me. Contact Felice, 661/261-3216

**May 27 — Atwater, CA.** Castle Air Museum (MER). Open Cockpit Day. Located adjacent to Castle Airport, the museum will host a wide variety of warbirds to view, including the SR-71, B-36 and B-52. Hours are 9am to 5pm.. Contact Anita, 209 723 2178/ 209 723 2182

## Watsonville Pilots Association Minutes

The March 28, 2007 meeting was called to order by vice president, John Cowan at 7:05pm.

### Minutes

- ✓ The minutes of the February meeting were approved as posted in the newsletter.

### Treasures Report

- ✓ The Treasurer's report – Sarah Chauvet reported that the funds are in order. The results of the mail out were very successful. We have 30 new members as a result of the mailing which brings our total to 249. 146 members renewed their dues and many sent donations to the legal fund. Contributions range from far and wide (Carmel, Los Angeles, Truckee, Mendocino, Brookings, Bend and Eugene). We appreciate everyone's efforts to help with the fight to keep Watsonville airport's clear zone free from encroachment.

### Announcements

- ✓ Dan Chauvet reported that the WVI city council voted 4 to 2 in support of the airport. The vote to table the stakeholder meeting was also 4 to 2 since the pilot groups and the Friends of Buena Vista all were advised not to participate at this time. The council will revisit this item in June.
- ✓ Dennis Thomas, President of the EAA spoke about the Day in the Sky. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>. It provides adventure outings for handicapped children. The EAA is providing insurance for members who donate their time and airplane for this event. They are in need of pilots. Please contact Dennis if you can help for this event. Also the EAA's B-17 bomber "Aluminum Overcast" will be at Watsonville airport on April 23-25. There will be ground tours and flights on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. For reservations and inquiries contact any EAA member or call 800-359-6217.
- ✓ The WPA fly out last year was rained out and we are going to try again. Saturday seems to be the best day (shown by a quick hand vote) so the organizers will be putting another date together. They are looking at Paso Robles airport with a visit to the museum. Grant, John and Dennis will organize the event and get the word out.

### National Weather Service

- ✓ Rayvon Williams, who has been presenting safety programs since 2003, introduced Dan Gudel as our speaker. Dan, Sr. Forecaster/Meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Monterey, spoke for about an hour on all types of weather issues. He brought to light all the services available for aviation weather on <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mt/>. It was a very informative session.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.*

*~ Submitted by Charlene McIntyre, secretary ~*

### Next Safety Meeting

The next Safety Presentation will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the next scheduled WPA meeting. The topic will be Propeller Safety. For further information on upcoming WINGS Seminar's, go to the WPA Home page at <http://www.watsonvillepilots.org/> and press the [WPA "WINGS" Seminar Calendar](#) button.

### Hollister Airport - 307 to Become CVH

According to the Airport Facilities Directory effective January 18, Hollister will henceforth be known as CVH (or KCVH).

See [http://www.naco.faa.gov/pdfs/sw\\_91\\_18JAN2007.pdf](http://www.naco.faa.gov/pdfs/sw_91_18JAN2007.pdf).

The new identifier will now comply with ICAO rules (no numbers), necessitated by our having an instrument approach. The new AFD also includes the AWOS information.

*~ Deane Judd CALPILOTS Hollister Airport Rep ~*

## Links to California Aviation Museums

[Air Force Flight Test Center Museum \(Edwards, CA\)](#)  
[Air Museum "Planes of Fame" in Chino, CA](#)  
[Aviation Museum of Santa Paula](#)  
[California Science Center](#)  
[California Space Authority](#)  
[Castle Airport and Air Museum](#)  
[Central California Historical Military Museum: Dos Palos](#)  
[Confederate Air Force: Southern California Wing: Camarillo](#)  
[Discovery Museum Science & Space Center: Sacramento](#)  
[Edward F. Beale Museum](#)  
[Estrella Warbird Museum: Paso Robles](#)  
[Hiller Aviation Museum: San Carlos](#)  
[Lewis Center for Educational Research: Apple Valley](#)  
[March Field Air Museum](#)  
[McClellan Aviation Museum](#)  
[Museum of Flying: Santa Monica](#)  
[NASA Ames Research Center](#)  
[NASA Dryden Flight Research Center](#)  
[NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory](#)  
[Pacific Coast Air Museum: Santa Rosa Palm Springs Air Museum](#)  
[Reuben H. Fleet Science Center: Balboa Park: San Diego](#)  
[San Diego Aerospace Museum \(Balboa Park\)](#)  
[San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum](#)  
[Santa Maria Museum of Flight:](#)  
[The Tech Museum of Innovation: San Jose](#)  
[Travis Air Force Museum](#)  
[U.S. Naval Museum of Armament and Technology at China Lake](#)  
[USS Hornet Museum: Alameda:](#)  
[Western Aerospace Museum: Oakland](#)  
[Western Museum of Flight: Northrop: Hawthorne](#)  
[Wings of History Air Museum \(San Martin, CA\): South County Airport](#)

~ CPA ~

### Fuel Prices

At WVI Fuel Island, 100LL is **\$4.11** and Jet A is **\$3.27**  
(04/14/2007)

At KOAR (Marina), SS 100LL is **\$4.18** and Jet A is **\$3.03**  
(04/11/2007)

### Local Events

**WPA --** meet on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport.  
**EAA Chapter 119 --** meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport  
**Monterey Bay 99s --** meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport.  
**Civil Air Patrol Squadron 13 --** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport.  
**Northern CA Aerobatics Club IAC38 --** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at the Livermore Municipal Airport

### WPA Airport Legal Fund

Please Help WVI with Your Tax Deductible Contributions. Checks should be made to "WPA" or "Watsonville Pilots Association". On the memo line note: "legal fund". Send your contribution to: 137 Falmouth CT., Aptos, CA 95003  
*Thanks for Your Support*

### WPA Officers

Mike McIntyre:	Chairman
John Cowan:	Vice-Chairman
Charlene McIntyre:	Secretary
Sarah Chauvet:	Treasurer
Hal Zamora:	Secretary of Legal Affairs
Dan Chauvet:	As. Sec. of Legal Affairs

### Committee Heads

Dan Chauvet:	WAAG
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Bob Olmsted:	Newsletter Editor
Chris Olmsted:	News Ed./As. Sec.
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## Next Meeting

7:00 PM, Wednesday, **April 25**  
@ the EAA-WAEC Building  
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport