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Watsonville Fly-In changed to Labor Day Weekend

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After 45 years of flying the skies over the Pajaro Valley on Memorial Day weekend, the board of the Watsonville Fly In & Air Show has voted to break tradition and move the event to Labor Day weekend effective 2010.

After fighting fog for nine out of 10 years this past decade, "even the staunch traditionalists on the board decided that it was time to attempt a change," executive director Theo Wierdsma wrote in a press release. "Weather patterns tend to be more favorable to air shows like the one in Watsonville early September. Memorial Day 2009 was again cold and overcast, putting a damper on an otherwise superbly organized event. As a result the event barely broke even after the board met its obligations to the various charities that lent a helping hand." Wierdsma said the board hopes to use the additional time to raise more money to fund the popular air show.

The board is raffling off a private cabana on the flight line complete with tables, chairs, refrigerator, access to the food and refreshments at the VIP Flight Deck Club, and 20 general admission tickets for each day of the event, he said.

The package typically only goes to sponsors at the \$10,000 level. Raffle tickets sell at \$25 each, and the winning ticket will be drawn Aug. 1.

Another fundraising event is a repeat of what was done earlier - a 50/50 raffle - potentially offering a cash prize of \$5,000. The organization will sell tickets at \$100 each. The winning ticket will be pulled just before Christmas. The winner will share the proceeds with the Air Show on a 50/50 basis.

At the Air Show in May the winning ticket went to a supporter who two weeks prior to the show died in a plane crash. Tickets for either fundraiser can be purchased by contacting Theo Wierdsma, executive director, at P.O. Box 1001, Freedom, Ca. 95019.

"Pilot Airworthiness and Ramp Inspections....what we should know!"

Topic: A discussion of Pilot Airworthiness and FAA Ramp Inspections.

On Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Location: Watsonville Aviation Education Center, 60 Aviation Way, Watsonville, CA 95076

Description:

Have you ever wondered what happens during a FAA ramp inspection? Have you ever been through a ramp inspection? Inspector Matthew Hill from the San Jose FSDO will take you through one without ever being put on the spot.

Come join us for a night of informative and educational real world experiences.

The sponsor for this event is: WPA and SJC FAAS Team

Cal Pilots Annual Meeting

The annual Cal Pilots (CPA) meeting was Saturday October 10 at Hiller Museum at San Carlos. Watsonville Pilots Association was represented by board members Sarah Chauvet, Treasurer and Dan Chauvet, Asst. Sec. for Legal Affairs.

During the chapter reports, Sarah Chauvet invited all to the Watsonville Airport Open House on October 17th. She reminded them that this was the 20th anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. She thanked all that participated in the airlift that brought tons of supplies to Santa Cruz County. Additionally, she reported on the status of the lawsuit between the WPA (and others) vs the City of Watsonville. She thanked CPA for their support of the WPA legal fund and the publicity in the Airport Advocate, which resulted in contributions from around the state.

Dan Chauvet invited everyone to the Watsonville Regional Airport Promotion—PAC dinner, on November 7th. The importance of PACs was discussed.

The CPA meeting program was very informative. Sandi Sawa, Manager San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (16 airports), spoke about Airport Land Use Commissions and Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans. She is well informed on both and discussed airport safety, avoidance of noise problems, airspace protection, and overflight. Sandi outlined the purposes of ALUCs and Compatibility Plans, (1) to protect the public health, safety and welfare, (2) prevent the creation of new noise and safety problems, and (3) prevent encroachment around the airport.

On the agenda was the problem of locating and planning power generating plants around airports. They produce plumes of hot air that create windshear (severe turbulence) for arriving and departing aircraft. Blithe Airport has lost its FBO because of the dangerous plumes. It could be the end of that airport. It is another hazard that must be addressed in an airport land use plan (ALUP).

Dan Chauvet

WVI Emergency Airlift Plan

Hello all... Hello all...

I am working (finally) on the emergency airlift plan I took on at the beginning of the year. Below is a link to an outline of the plan I drew up based on the CPA airlift plan they published.

(<http://docs.google.com/present/edit?id=0ARbLjWSKLXuHZGdtMnBwNGtfMGc4NTljZGRy&hl=en>)

You shouldn't need any special software to look this over, it is all web based and should be easy to review. It isn't long.

I am scheduling a planning meeting for October 24th in the EAA hangar at 9am to go over this and get feedback and get volunteers for some of the tasks that need to be done.

I welcome comments and questions and I am thinking of opening up a Google Group on this subject so that discussion can be held there by those who want to participate offline and can't make it to the physical meetings.

99's and WPA leadership, please forward this to your membership, I don't have global addressing for everyone. Also forward to others you think would be interested in participating.

Tom Hail, President,
EAA Chapter 119, Watsonville

Watsonville Regional Airport Promotion—9th Annual PAC Dinner November 7, 2009

President of the California Pilots Association, Ed Rosiak, has agreed to be the feature speaker at this year's annual WRAP dinner, Saturday November 7th at 6:00 pm at the Green Valley Grill, upstairs in the banquet room. President Rosiak will be addressing what's going on now with CA airports. Does that include Watsonville Airport? Oh, yes.

Prior to his presentation Kathy Lynch, a lobbyist working for aviation interests, will discuss some legislation "from the 30,000 foot level" and then come down for some lower altitude particulars. You will hear a unique perspective of state goings on. Arrive at 6:00 pm and you can visit with Ed and Kathy. Q&A? Of course.

Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Fare is Tri-Tip of Beef, Grilled Chicken Breast, and Wood Grilled Alaskan Halibut. Select one, two, or three. Put November 7th on your calendar.

The purpose of the WRAP dinner is twofold. #1 is to have an interesting, informative program. #2 is to raise funds for the PAC. WRAP supports local candidates for public office that will support, protect and keep Watsonville Airport safe.

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. Dinner is \$50.00 per each. There are no tickets, just an attend list.

If you are not already on the attend 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 projected attendance ahead of time, by at least seven days. Thanks for supporting KWVI.

Dan Chauvet, WRAP Chairman

Grant Wrathall, Vice Chairman

Hal Zamora, CFO/Treasurer

WATSONVILLE AIRPORT 16th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

The Watsonville Airport Open House was held on October 17th, 2009. Watsonville pilots displayed their airplanes, flew for the 99's Dime-A-Pound fundraiser and directed traffic on the ramp. Cal-Fire and the CHP brought their helicopters, the Watsonville Fire Department and Cal-Fire brought their fire trucks, there were table displays by CAP, The Red Cross and other local organizations. EAA Chapter 119 served free hot-dogs to everyone. Preliminary counts is that there were over 100 people flown by 12 pilots between 10am and 4:40 pm.

Watsonville Airport Manger, Don French and his staff were their usual generous hosts for this event and did all the set-up and take down necessary. They have our most sincere thanks for a great day.

Coming Events 2009

October 28 WPA Meeting
Safety Meeting: Ramp Check
Nov 3 EAA Meeting
Nov 18 99s Meeting

NO WPA MEETINGS
November and December

WPA Officers

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| Mike McIntyre | President |
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WPA Airport Legal Fund

Please help WVI with your Tax deductible Contribution
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

WPA
PO Box 2074
Freedom, CA

NEXT MEETING

7:00PM Wednesday Oct. 28, 2009
At EAA-WAEC Building
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport

SAFETY SEMINAR 7:30
Ramp Check