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## "AN EVENING WITH THE KMRY & KSNS TOWER CONTROLLERS"

Topic: Monterey and Salinas tower controllers visit local pilots for a Q&A session.

On Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Location:

Watsonville Aviation Education Center

60 Aviation Way

WAEC Bldg

Watsonville, CA 95076

To Register on line go to [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov)

Select Number:

WP1526632

Description:

Monterey's Jim Babcock and Eric Fleming, join David Green from Salinas to discuss local aerodrome operations. Pre-submitted questions are encouraged. Please submit to [cfii@straight-and-level.com](mailto:cfii@straight-and-level.com) by August 24.

The sponsor for this event is: San Jose FSDO and WPA

The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs: KEB 1.00

Jim Babcock, a controller since 1973, has been the Air Traffic Manager at Monterey for the last five years. Dave Fleming joined Monterey in 2002 and serves as a controller and tower instructor. David Greene joined Salinas as tower manager in 2007.

Special thanks to EAA Chapter 119 for use of the excellent facilities.

## WATSONVILLE AIRPORT 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Watsonville Airport will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House on Saturday, September 12, 2009 with Dime-A-Pound Airplane rides and display aircraft.

Sponsored by Watsonville Airport, Monterey Bay 99s and EAA #119

## **CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY**

Your public response to high profile accidents has an impact.

By Mark Phelps *FLYING*

8/12/2009

Whether it involves a national TV news reporter or simply a friend looking for fast answers, all of us pilots become designated experts when a high profile accident occurs. And we need to recognize some priorities. Today's news "industry" is extremely competitive, and there is a strong motivation to seek out headlines and quotes that jump off the front page; or the home page of a Web news source. If you can't grab the readers' attention, you're not going to record 'clicks' to your stories. And for better or worse, writers are judged, and promoted, by how many people read their stuff. (Present company included.)

As pilots, we are wrapped in a unique culture of safety. That's good and bad. Good because we subject ourselves, other pilots and our entire industry to constant review. Bad when we are publicly critical of issues that are not readily understood by those not familiar with what it takes to fly a light airplane safely. When we relate a relatively minor lapse in judgment -- say, forgetting to close the cowl flaps in cruise (my favorite gaffe), it might sound as though the flight was seconds from a violent, sudden end.

We're all passionate about flying, and we all have strong opinions and feelings. But we need to think carefully about how we express those opinions -- and to whom. Few non-pilots understand exactly what we do, and most are inclined to believe flying "small planes" is risky, at best. Let's be sure we don't inadvertently render their misperceptions that much worse.

Call to action: If you have any tips of your own you'd like to share, or have any questions about flying technique you'd like answered, send me a note at [enewsletter@flyingmagazine.com](mailto:enewsletter@flyingmagazine.com).

We'd love to hear from you.

## **WRAP DINNER**

*A good lobbyist is one that gets the results YOU want.*

The speaker at the Watsonville Regional Airport Promotion – PAC (WRAP) dinner is a lobbyist in Sacramento .

This year’s annual WRAP dinner is Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Green Valley Grill, upstairs in the banquet room. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Dinner fare is Tri-Tip of Beef, Grilled Chicken Breast, and Wood Grilled Alaskan Halibut. Select one, two, or three. Put November 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

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 different perspective of state goings on. The program is not set completely, but will be pertinent and timely. Q&A? Of course.

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

The cost of the WRAP dinner is \$50 per each. As usual, tables can be purchased. Get on the attendance list by sending a check to “WRAP”, 147 Mesa Verde Drive , Watsonville , CA 95076-0949 or call 831-724-8256 or by e-mail.

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

## **EAA CHAPTER 119 MOVIE NIGHT**

Join Us for Another Great Aviation Movie !

Last month we saw The Spirit of St Louis. What will it be this month? Come & see!

Saturday August 22nd - 7 PM at the EAA 119 hangar

Family & Friends welcome. Free Admission

The Popcorn machine will be going too.

## Coming Events 2009

Aug. 26	WPA Meeting
Sept 1	EAA 119 Meeting
Sept 5	Young Eagles
September 12	WVI Open House
September 16-20	Reno Air Races
September 30	WPA Meeting
Oct 3	Young Eagles
Oct 6	EAA 119 Meeting
October 28	WPA Meeting

NO WPA MEETINGS  
November and December

## WPA Officers

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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 August 26, 2009  
At EAA-WAEC Building  
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport

**SAFETY SEMINAR 7:30**  
**Tower Controllers, MRY & SNS**