



Watsonville Airport Open House

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Silent Auction to Save Runway 8-26

Mark on your calendar Sunday October 7, 12:00 noon at the Corralitos Community Center, 35 Browns Valley Road in Corralitos. Attend the Harvest Festival and enjoy a barbecue lunch and silent auction. This is a fundraiser to pay for the legal action to prevent housing encroachment in Buena Vista off the end of the east-west runway 8-26. As everybody knows by now, the City of Watsonville plans to annex the Buena Vista area and then build 2,250 or more houses there.

The Friends of Buena Vista (FOBV) and the Watsonville Pilots Association are participating jointly in this silent auction event. FOBV is doing the heavy lifting so far as organization and implementing details. WPA will be contributing by providing items for auction and attending, we hope, in large numbers.

So far WPA members plan to put up for auction: a one week stay at a residence in Palm Springs, a San Francisco Bay tour by aircraft, and a dinner for two at the Shadowbrook Restaurant. We are looking for more auction items to be donated by WPA, other airport people and businesses.

Last May the WPA, EAA Chapter 119 and Monterey Bay Chapter of the 99s joined to oppose City manipulation of airport land use planning using the ploy of a proposed stakeholder committee. That was successful. Again solidarity makes sense, this time for the pilot community and FOBV to join hands in this fundraiser. The common goal of legal action by WPA and FOBV, to prevent high-density housing in Buena Vista, is represented by one legal brief. It's a joint effort going to same cause.

Tickets are \$10 for lunch, beverage and desert. At the WPA meeting on Wednesday August 29th, Karin Kerber Smith of FOBV explained details. For tickets call Dan at 724-8256

Please plan to attend this fun event on Sunday October 7. The Women's Club is located on the Left Side of the road, just east of Corralitos Market on Browns Valley Road toward the bridge.

November 3--Annual WRAP-PAC Dinner

The annual WRAP-PAC dinner will be Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m., November 3rd at the Green Valley Grill, on Green Valley Road.

WRAP is the Watsonville Regional Airport Promotion - Political Action Committee. This PAC represents aviation people and airport supporters backing local candidates for the Watsonville City Council, County Board of Supervisors and other public offices, which are important to the future of Watsonville Airport. At last years election we made significant progress by supporting some really good pro-airport people. Right now WVI needs all the political support it can get. Last year we moved the dinner to 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 kind of a dress up affair, with men wearing a sport coat and tie, and women wearing the usual, anything they want. Entry is \$50.00 per each. There are no tickets. You get on the attend list by calling our 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.

We haven't firmed up a speaker yet, but are working on several very interesting possibilities. When we a speaker solidified, we will put out the word.

~ Dan Chauvet, WRAP Chairman ~

~ Grant Wrathall, Vice Chairman ~

~ Hal Zamora, CFO/Treasurer ~

Pipeline workers find WWII plane wreckage near Watsonville

Watsonville - Pipeline workers unearthed the wreckage of a Navy dive-bomber that crashed in a field during a Central Coast training flight in 1944. The workers were digging a pipeline trench for the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency on farmland last month when wreckage was discovered six feet down along Trafton Road near the Pajaro River levee east of Highway 1.

Archaeologists for the agency unearthed more plane parts and bone fragments and determined it was the wreckage of a Navy plane that crashed Jan. 14, 1944, Sgt. Mike Richards of the Monterey County Sheriff's Coroner Division said this week.

Old photos of the area show the crash site, now a mushroom farm, was once the location of an airfield and tower. "The Navy probably

did what they could to remove the bodies," Richards said.

A Navy accident report showed Ens. Delbert Crammer Goodspeed and Aviation Radioman 2nd Class Robert Henry Paulson died when the Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless dive bomber crashed during a training flight. The military said the plane "was observed to leave formation at about 10,000 feet in a left gliding turn, present cause undetermined." Goodspeed and Paulson were assigned to Navy bombing squadron VB-18, which had arrived at Watsonville Airport the previous October. The airport was leased by the Navy during World War II and was returned to the city after the war.

~ Associated Press ~

~ August 23, 2007 ~

California Flying

Sept 12 - 16 - Reno, Nevada, Reno Stead Airport (4SD) The National Championship Air Races and Airshow ("the Worlds fastest motor sport"), will return for it's 44th year with six classes of racing aircraft and a first-class Airshow including some of the worlds top aerobatic performers and military aircraft. For more information, contact: <http://www.airrace.org/indexJS.php>

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Sep 16 - La Verne, CA. Brackett Field (POC). Antique Aircraft/Classic Car Display, Sept.2007. From 10AM-3PM, display your special aircraft, car, or motorbike. Fly-ins welcome. Historical Aircraft Sign-off. Event is free, restaurant on field. . Contact Yvonne, 626-576-8692.

Sep 20 - San Diego, CA. McClellan/Palomar Airport (CRQ). 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; [Email](#). [Website](#).

Sep 21 - 23 - Lakeport, CA. Lampson Field (102). 28th Annual Clear Lake Splash-In. The West's Oldest and Largest Seaplane Fly In returns Lakeport in the California Wine Country. Contact Chuck Kimes, 877/828-2286; [Email](#). [Website](#).

Sep 22 - Livermore, CA. Livermore Municipal Airport (LVK). Airport Open House. Livermore Municipal Airport hosts its 12th annual Airport Open House on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This free community event features exhibits, food, entertainment and a fabulous static display of Livermore based aircraft. Contact Airport Staff, 925/373-5280; [Email](#).

Sep 28 - 30 - Salinas, CA. Salinas Municipal Airport (SNS). California International Airshow. Performers include: [US Navy Blue Angels](#), [Canadian Forces Snowbirds](#), [Wall of Fire](#), [Fireworks America](#), [Shockwave Jet Truck](#), [Flying E Team](#), [Dan Buchanan](#), [Bill Stein](#), [Eddie Andreini](#), [US Navy F/A-18F Super Hornet](#), [US Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt](#). For more information contact: <http://www.salinasairshow.com/index.php>.

Sep 29 - Murrieta, CA. French Valley Airport (F70). 99's Inc Cross Country Caper & Poker Run. The Coyote Country Chapter of the 99's 16th Annual Poker Run starts at 10:30am from any of six designated airports (L18,SEE,OKB,RNM,HMT,F70) and ends at French Valley Airport at 2:30pm. Prizes are awarded for the best poker hands. Call for flyer and detail. Contact Marie Donovan, 760/728-6568; [Email](#).

Oct 6 - Mariposa, CA. Mariposa-Yosemite Airport (KMPI). EAA 1261, Mariposa-Yosemite Airport Open House and FlyIn. Static Display of antique, vintage, experimental aircraft. Tri-tip lunch, Firehouse Breakfast, Raffles, Young Eagles rides, entertainment. 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.. Contact Maria Liddle, 209-966-2143; [Email](#).

Oct 13 - Corona, CA. Corona Municipal Airport (AJO). 2007 Corona Airfaire. Fly-in/Historical Aircraft Sign-Off/Vendors/Venues; Free Admission to Public. Contact Rich Brodeur, 951/736-2289; [Email](#)

Oct 19 - 20 - Borrego Springs, CA. (LO8) Borrego Akrofest. This is the third Aerobatic Contest in the 2007 California Series. Contact Ron Rapp at: ron@rapp.org

Watsonville Pilots Association Minutes

The August WPA business meeting was called to order at 7:12 by vice president John Cowan.

Minutes

- ✂ The minutes of the last meeting, as published in the WPA newsletter, were formally accepted by the attending members.

Treasurer's Report

- ✂ Sarah Chauvet reported that the WPA funds are sufficient for operations and that there are no outstanding bills.

New Business

- ✂ Dan Chauvet reported that the upcoming court case between the City of Watsonville and WPA/Caltrans Aero and the Friends of Buena Vista has been postponed till Friday, October 26 at 9am at the Santa Cruz County Courthouse, Dept.8. The presiding Judge will be Judge Paul Burdick.
- ✂ Karen Kerber Smith of the Friends of Buena Vista spoke to the WPA members in attendance about the silent auction fundraiser on October 7, 2007. There will also be food, a band and a raffle. Tickets are \$10. For further details, please see the front page.
- ✂ The annual WRAP-PAC dinner will be held on Saturday, November 3 at the Green Valley Grill in Watsonville at 1900 hours. WRAP is the aviation-oriented political action committee that supports candidates who support WVI. WRAP was instrumental last year in electing two Watsonville City Council members who support the airport. There will be great food and an interesting speaker. Cost is \$50. Contact Dan Chauvet at danchauvet@sbcglobal.net or at 831-724-8256 to reserve a spot.

Announcements

- ✂ Sarah Chauvet announced details of the Watsonville Airport Open House that will be on Sept. 15. The 99s will be doing Dime-A-Pound rides. There will also be a car show on display. This will be held in front of Pacific Air Care
- ✂ The October WPA meeting will be held on Wednesday November 7, instead of the last Wednesday in October. The guest speakers will be the Tower controllers from both the Monterey and Salinas Airports. Please send any questions that you would like the controllers to address to John Cowan.

Changes to the FAA WINGS Safety Program

Jack Hocker from the San Jose Flight Standards District Office gave a 45-min. presentation concerning changes in the FAA WINGS Safety Program that will start in January 2008. His first concern was a question of "How safe are pilots that participate in the WINGS program?" The new program will be able to track this, the present program cannot. The new program will also satisfy a pilot's requirement for the BFR. Also the flight Instructor must participate and be registered to get credit for the BFR

The FAA will focus on the three major problem areas of 1) Approach & Landings, 2) Fuel Management, and 3) Continued VFR into IMC. There will be 3 major phases in the new program; 1) Basic Phase, 2) Advanced Phase, and 3) Master Phase.

To start, one must go to <http://faasafety.gov/>, register, and then set-up a profile.

~ Bob Olmsted ~

Next WINGS Seminar

. The next WINGS Seminar will be on Sept. 26th at the WPA meeting. The topic will be **Emergency Procedures**. For further information on upcoming WINGS Seminars, go to the WPA Home page at <http://www.watsonvillepilots.org/> and press the **WPA "WINGS" Seminar Calendar** button.

User Fee Petition Online

There's no place for user fees in the world's largest, safest, most efficient air transportation system. So far nearly 60,000 pilots agreed when they signed AOPA's petition against general aviation user fees. You can help by signing this same online petition by going to https://www.aopa.org/faafundingdebate/petition_form.cfm. For complete coverage of the FAA Funding Debate, please see <http://www.aopa.org/faafundingdebate/>.

- Famous Quotes -

- ✂ Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! -[Pericles \(430 BC\)](#)
- ✂ I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life. - [George Burns](#)
- ✂ Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them. - [Bill Vaughan](#)
- ✂ Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. -[James Bovard, Civil Libertarian \(1994\)](#)
- ✂ Usually, terrible things that are done with the excuse that progress requires them are not really progress at all, but just terrible things. - [Russell Baker](#)
- ✂ In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock. - [Thomas Jefferson](#)
- ✂ Things are more like they are now than they ever were before. - [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)
- ✂ "When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return." - [Leonardo da Vinci](#)

Fuel Prices

At WVI Fuel Island, 100LL is **\$3.99** and Jet A is **\$3.34** (09/07/07)

At K301 (Gustine), SS 100LL is **\$3.99** (09/07/07)

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
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Sarah Chauvet: Treasurer
Hal Zamora: Secretary of Legal Affairs
Dan Chauvet: As. Sec. of Legal Affairs

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

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PO Box 135
Brookdale, CA 95007-0135

Next Meeting

7:00 PM, Wednesday, **September 26**
@ the EAA-WAEC Building
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport