



# Watsonville Pilots Association

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## "National Weather Service...tools you can use!"

Topic: National Weather Service

On **Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 7:30 PM**

Location:

Watsonville Aviation Education Center (WAEC)  
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville, CA 95076

### **Description:**

With so many weather forecasting tools how can pilots use them to our advantage?

Briefing by the internet, trying to understand coastal stratus or inland convection, or just getting the latest on NWS services? Please join the KWVI FAA Safety Team as we host Dan Gudgel of the National Weather Service.

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAA Safety Team**

## **FAA Safety Team Seminars Schedule 2010**

Effective 2010 the Watsonville based FAAST members, Sven Bock, Abe Hazbun and Rayvon Williams will host WINGs specific seminars. Seminars are posted on [FAASafety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov) and held the last Wednesday of each month @ 1930, Watsonville Aviation Education Center

July	National Weather Service
August	No Meeting or Seminar
September	MRY & SNS Tower Controller Q&A
October	Fuel starvation and exhaustion
November	No Meeting or Seminar Fly safe, enjoy the Holidays
December	No Meeting or Seminar Annual dinner meeting

**EAA 119 Chapter Potluck**  
 Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:00PM  
 Tom Hoyt Park, (end of Y Hangar, WVI)  
 Bring a main dish or a side-dish to share.  
 The Chapter will provide soft drinks and dessert.

Friends and family welcome

***Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show Sept. 3,4 & 5, 2010***

Volunteer Sign Ups

It's Time to Get Ready

Fly-in Jobs: Field set-up, Judging, Pilot Registration, and/or Parking planes.

Judging Fri. & Sat	Leslie Grate -- 588-1451 <a href="mailto:lesliegrate@comcast.net">lesliegrate@comcast.net</a>
Judging Photography Saturday	Brian Moffet <a href="mailto:moffetb@cruzio.com">moffetb@cruzio.com</a>
Pancake Breakfast Sat & Sunday	Chris Laws 831-88-6551 <a href="mailto:chris@k6rmw.net">chris@k6rmw.net</a>
Hot Dog Stand Fri, Sat & Sun	John Davi 831-688-2809 <a href="mailto:714aptos@sbcglobal.net">714aptos@sbcglobal.net</a>
Field Setup/Take down Thurs. & Mon	Hank Wempe 724-5591 Hankw9046@aol.com
Pilot Registration Fri. & Sat.	Alice Talnack -332-3549 <a href="mailto:atalnack@comcast.net">atalnack@comcast.net</a>
Plane Parking Fri. & Sat.	Dan Kelsey – 438-8987 <a href="mailto:Coupe415@yahoo.com">Coupe415@yahoo.com</a>

Volunteers work a minimum of 4 hours in exchange for a daily admission wristband and a cup/patch/pin. Friends and relatives are welcome to volunteer. Car parking is free at the Hospital with a shuttle to the airfield. You will need to have the admission wristband before you arrive. Wristbands should be available ahead of time.

## Post Lawsuit Actions are Critical

WPA's attorneys have acknowledged that the lawsuit is over. Congratulations to all those who contributed to the litigation in any way. They were successful in preventing General Plan 2030 from being implemented. That prevented high density housing from being built off the ends of runways, and prevented runway 8-26 from being closed. The City could have appealed to the State Supreme Court but wisely decided not to.

However, new concerns have emerged. It appears that the City of Watsonville will try to resurrect parts of General Plan 2030. Evidence of this is a memorandum of understanding (MOU) dated June 7, 2010 which referred to General Plan 2030, and remarks by city staff member Keith Boyle. The MOU was a city-county agreement about future land use planning around the airport, prepared by downtown city staff. These references seem strange because the city council on May 11, 2030 rescinded General Plan 2030 and its EIR, complying with the courts decision. Rescind means eliminate or void. The council put GP 2030 in the garbage can, where it belongs.

To put the post-lawsuit situation in perspective lets quickly review what's transpired:

1996—City rejected a land use plan prepared by the Advisory Committee (WAAC).

2002—City failed to adopt a Compatibility Plan produced by WPA

2003—City declined to accept grants for preparation of an airport land use plan

2005—General Plan 2030 formulated, WPA/ Friends of Buena Vista input ignored.

2005—City Council passed Res. 74-05 eliminating zone 3 in Buena Vista and the density criteria (in the state's planning handbook)

2006—General Plan 2030 final draft with EIR prepared, providing for high density development off the departure end of runway 26. Airport noise problems would be created; and runways 8-26 would have to be closed because of safety and noise.

May 23, 2006--Council approved GP 2030 with a 6-1 vote (Dale Skillicorn voted no)

May 24, 2006—Notification letter to City regarding lawsuit by WPA (et.al.)

March 2007—Superior Court decision: City violated Aeronautics Act and required the City to rescind GP 2030 and its EIR, Res. 74-05 and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

City appealed to 6<sup>th</sup> Appellate Court in San Jose

March 15, 2010—Appellate Court upheld lower court, plus ruled city “adjusted” factual information.

April 12, 2010—Appeals court changed ruling to “published” making it precedent setting.

May 11, 2010—City Council rescinded GP 2030, its EIR, and Res. 74-05

What transpires post lawsuit is critical and will affect Watsonville Airport long into the future. Both city and county general plans must incorporate land use planning around the airport. How this gets done could be contentious. It seems that whatever the pilot community promotes as a long range solution, the city is opposed to; and whatever the city promotes, the pilot community opposes. Long range, the pilots see the court decision being the best solution because it has more permanence. The appeals court ruling stipulates that the criteria in the Handbook **MUST** be adopted. For local implementation a “General Plan Details” is needed that contains specific and definitive directions for those making planning decisions.

*Dan Chauvet 7-17-10*

## Coming Events 2010

July 28 WPA Meeting  
Aug 3 EAA 119 BBQ

### NO WPA MEETING AUGUST

Sept. 3, 4, 5 WVI Fly-In  
Oct 1,2,3 SNS Air Show  
Oct 17 WVI Open House  
October 30 WRAP Dinner

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Next issue of WPA Newsletter will be October, 2010. If you want to take over the newsletter please contact Sarah at [chauvetsarah@gmail.com](mailto:chauvetsarah@gmail.com)

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Freedom, CA 95019.  
On the memo line note "legal fund" Thank you for your support

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### ***NEXT MEETING***

7:00PM Wednesday, July 28 2010  
at EAA-WAEC Building  
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport

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