



# Watsonville Pilots Association

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## AT THE AIRPORT

### FAA's RUNWAY SAFETY PROGRAM VISIT *from Linda Garcia-FAA Western Pacific Region*

In order to support your airport in its efforts to enhance its surface safety situation, the FAA's Runway Safety Program Office has determined that we would like to pay your facility a visit on February 25, 2009.

This activity will involve meetings between your airport management and the Runway Safety Program Manager and staff in order to review and discuss your surface safety situation. We would also like to conduct a tour of your airfield. Please keep in mind that this is not an inspection but a safety visit with the purpose of creating a Runway Safety Action Plan (RSAP) for WVI, based on our mutual recommendations and input from you and your staff.

1) Once a date is agreed upon, would you kindly book a meeting room for this event and send us the address (meeting site)? If the address/location of the airport listed on the agenda is incorrect, please send us an update. The specific location(s) of the meetings will be added to the agenda once that information is received from you, and the announcement of our visit will be distributed to all interested governmental entities.

2) Please arrange some kind of transportation for us (van, minibus, vehicles, etc) in order to conduct our tour of the airfield. As of this writing, we "guesstimate" that there will be (a maximum of) 6 to 7 FAA participants including representatives from our Runway Safety Team and FAA Airports. Should they accept our invitation, representatives from Flight Standards and California DOT may also be in attendance. The number of participants from your end would depend entirely on how many individuals you choose to invite to the meetings (excluding the facility tour). We greatly welcome the attendance of any parties interested in improving your airport's surface safety, including FBO's, tenants, and pilots, since we value any input from the airport's users.

3) We'll also be contacting the Watsonville Pilots Association in an effort to provide a runway safety presentation at their Wednesday Night "WINGS Seminar" if they're interested.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated coordination and assistance.  
We're looking forward to meeting with you on February 25th.

Linda Garcia  
Program Analyst  
FAA Western-Pacific Region Runway Safety Program Office

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# AGENDA

## RUNWAY SAFETY ACTION TEAM MEETING

**February 25, 2009**

**Watsonville Municipal Airport  
100 Aviation Way  
Watsonville, CA 95076**

- 1:30 p.m. Briefing (**Airport Conference Room?**)
- \* Opening remarks and introductions (Regional Runway Safety Program Manager)
  - \* Discussion of runway safety concerns and local airport data
  - \* Airport management input (runway and surface safety issues)
  - \* Review/update of previous runway safety action items
- 2:30 p.m. Airfield Tour
- 3:30 p.m. FAA Lines of Business Staff Meeting  
(**Airport Conference Room?**)
- 4:30 p.m. Airport Safety Action Plan Meeting (with airport representatives & users)  
(**Airport Conference Room?**)
- \* Opening remarks and introductions (Runway Safety Action Team)
  - \* Airport overview (runway and surface safety issues)
  - \* Review of recommendations and action items
- 5:30 p.m. Adjourn

## Come see what's new at Specialized Helicopters!

If you have yet to hear of it, then you've been missing out. Specialized Helicopters is a nationally recognized gem right in our own county. Specialized offers flight operations including: helicopter maintenance, tours around the Monterey bay, photo flights, agricultural flights, charter rides and flight training, out of our very own Watsonville airport. Now at their three year mark, Specialized continues to advance and grow as a company, serving this community and the helicopter industry.

2009 is a new and exciting year for Specialized Helicopters. Coming this February, Specialized will be installing the world's first R22 Glass Cockpit IFR Trainer! The Glass Cockpit, or R22-GT, represents new technology and training solutions and will be officially launched at the Heli-Expo 2009 this February 22-25.

Specialized is also currently offering a free flight training consultation! Call or come by our offices and have your flight training questions answered; no question is too big or too small. We are currently in the middle of an 18 session private pilot ground class, and will be beginning a new one mid-April. This is a great opportunity to build a solid knowledge base towards becoming a helicopter pilot.

Don't forget to check out our new website, the "help desk" feature is especially beneficial, allowing you to carry on an on-line conversation with flight instructors here. Coffee is hot every morning and our doors are open seven days a week, so come on in and see what all the buzz is about, our pilots are available to answer any questions you may have!

## **Wings Registration Cheat Sheet**

So you attended the recent Watsonville Pilot's Association (WPA) WINGs seminar and learned a lot. However, you forgot to register on-line at FAA Safety.Gov but you remember signing in before you left. How do you get credit?

This has happened to quite a few pilots and to assist you here's a "cheat sheet":  
Remember it only works if you have a "profile" on  
FAA Safety.Gov. If you don't have a profile, why not sign up today!

- (1) Log on to FAA Safety.gov...
- (2) On the left hand side look for the Events/Seminars link; select it...
- (3) Now on the "Event Search" page enter the airport ID and check the "Only Past Events" box...
- (4) Select "Perform Search"...
- (5) Look at the bottom of the page (last entry)...
- (6) Mouse over the icons to the right (the red pen on paper is "Request Credit")...
- (7) You are now on the Validation page; you'll need to "Find a "Validator"
- (8) Pull down menu: Find = FAAST Reps; within=50; miles of = 95076....
- (9) You are looking for the FAAST Safety Rep who hosted the seminar...
- (10) Click submit!!

That's it. Easier than the engine out procedure on a twin! Well maybe?

Rayvon Williams  
FAAST Rep - KWVI

## **Flying Companion Seminar Monterey Bay 99s**

On February 28, 2009, 8:30 am to 4:00pm, the Monterey Bay Chapter of the 99s will host a Flying Companion Seminar at the Santa Cruz Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz. The Flying Companion Seminar is for non-pilots who would like to be more comfortable in the cockpit of a small airplane. This seminar is designed to bring increased awareness of the basic principals of flight and to increase your overall knowledge and enjoyment of flight.

Advanced registration is required.

Donation of \$55.00 includes lunch and materials.

Contact:

Theresa Levandoski-Byers (831) 728-5511

Make checks payable to :

Monterey Bay 99s

PO Box 924, Freedom, CA 95019

## 2009 Safety Seminar Schedule

January - Civil Air Patrol:  
February – FAA-Runway Safety  
March - VFR into IMC: Dan Chauvet  
April - Stall/Spin: John Cowan  
May - no seminar-Fly-In  
June - Mountain Flying: Michelle Ruprecht  
July - Flight Planning: Abe Hazbun  
August - Tower Controllers: James Babcock  
September - Emergency Landing: Rayvon Williams  
October: Ramp Check: Matt Hill  
>> November - no seminar  
>> December - no seminar

### FROM THE TREASURER:

Dues are due for 2009.  
\$20.00 per year  
Make your check payable WPA and mail to:  
PO Box 2074,  
Freedom, CA 95019

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### NEXT MEETING

7:00PM Wednesday,  
February 25, 2009 at EAA-WAEC Building  
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport

**FAA: AIRPORT OPERATIONS  
AND RUNWAY SAFETY**

### WPA Officers

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### WPA Airport Legal Fund

Please help WVI with your 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