



Airport Support

WRAP Dinner

On Saturday evening, November 4 at 6:00 p.m., the Watsonville Regional Airport Promotion - PAC dinner will be held. This year it will be at the Green Valley Grill, at the Banquet Room on the 4th floor. Ed Rosiak, President of the California Pilots Association will be the speaker, on "Saving Your Airport" illustrated with Power Point.

WRAP is heavily involved with supporting many candidates who have voiced support of the Watsonville Airport. There are three critical races going on this year for the Watsonville City Council. We are supporting the only pro-airport incumbent Dale Skillicorn from District 7. We are supporting three (3) candidates who have voiced interest in airport safety: Edward Din, District 6; Greg Caput (pronounced cap-ut) District 5; and Nicolas Rivera running for District 4. The current Mayor, Antonio Rivas, Councilman from District 3 is running unopposed. He voices airport support, but has a bad voting record regarding the Airport. The bottom line is that, if everyone we support won, the Council situation would be vastly improved, going 4-3 the right way.

WRAP is supporting Joe Pendry who is running for PVWMA water board. He is a member of Friends of Buena Vista, the group involved in legal action with WPA, against the City. Yes, the water issue is strongly related to the airport issue. And we are backing Robert "Bob" Vallergera running for Port Commissioner - also a strong backer of the Airport. We expect all of the above mentioned candidates to be present at the WRAP dinner. Yes, they need to hear Ed Rosiak's message.

Your attendance at the WRAP-PAC dinner will help us to continue our political efforts to protect and support WVI. We need your help again-as WRAP is breaking the record in financial outlays this year, a politically critical election on Nov 7.

We don't sell dinner tickets. The cost of the dinner is \$50.00 per each. It's a co-educational affair, so bring your significant other or a friend. We have a list and you get on it by sending a check made out to: "WRAP" to Dan Chauvet, 147 Mesa Verde Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076-0949. You can call me at 724-8256 as an alternative RSVP. The Green Valley Grill needs to know how many a week in advance.

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

Common Airport Problems along the Central Coast

Watsonville Airport (WVI), Salinas Airport (SNS), and Hollister (307) have a common problem. Imminent encroachment is planned in runway safety zones. Downtown Watsonville City staff wants to build houses in Buena Vista, Pulte Homes wants to build just north of Hollister, and Hartnell College wants to build in the runway 14 approach area (departure area of runway 32). The Watsonville Pilots Association (WPA), the Hollister Airmen's Association (HAA), and Salinas Owners and Pilots Assn. (SOPA) are involved with trying to preserve the viability of their respective airports.

Developers want to circumvent responsible, legitimate airport land use planning in all three cases. In California airport protection and safety is supported by four legs, like a chair or stool. The first support is State Laws (P.U.C. Section 21670 and others) that require airport land use planning. The second leg is the California Airport Land Use Planning Handbook (January 2002) (the Handbook) that defines and describes airport land use planning. The third leg is a local Compatibility Plan, which applies specific airport land use planning that fits a particular airport's unique situation. And the fourth leg is an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) which uses the airport's Compatibility Plan in approving or disapproving a planned project. If any of these four legs of support are missing—or defective—then airport protection and safety is jeopardized.

At WVI downtown city staff and local politicians have attacked all four legs of airport protection and safety. Salinas had a problem with the local plan in that runway safety zones were omitted (that has recently been corrected). Their ALUC seems to be weak. Hollister may not even have a Compatibility Plan and the ALUC is not compliant with the Code in that aviation/airport experts have been intentionally excluded.

At WVI legal action had to be initiated to stop encroachment. At 307, Ruth Erickson, HAA President, has contacted the State Department of Aeronautics and is active locally to stop encroachment. At SNS Lori Atkinson, Chairperson—SABA (Salinas Airport Business Assn.) is active in trying to resolve encroachment problems there. Every pilot and operator needs to support and aid these people and organizations "...to prevent the creation of new noise and safety problems."

~ Dan Chauvet, WPA Member

WPA Plans Fun Fly-outs for its Members

The Watsonville Pilots Association is long on education, flight safety and protecting both the safety and utility of Watsonville Airport. But we've been a bit short on flying, socializing and just plain having fun. At our last meeting, we decided to remedy this by organizing an occasional group fly-out to an interesting destination.

The first excursion is planned for a weekend day in October, and the destination has yet to be chosen. Suggestions so far are Half Moon Bay, Columbia and Delano. Additional destinations visited by the Santa Clara County Airmen's Association are Concord, Clear Lake, Auburn, Santa Barbara, Georgetown and Harris Ranch. They also fly out of state, but we should wait before considering that.

We would expect to leave by late morning (VFR weather permitting) and have lunch at the destination. Grant Wrathall has generously offered to organize this outing. The email address is: watsonvillepilots@yahoo.com. Suggested dates are: October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 and the 29th. If you are interested, please email Grant with a list of the dates when you are available, as well as your favored destination (even if it is not listed above). If you don't use email, you can call Grant at (831) 662-3068 This is a new undertaking for us and as such, a bit of an experiment. If you have any suggestions for interesting destinations or for making this excursion more enjoyable, please email them to Grant. Many thanks, fly safely.

~ John Cowan

WPA December Dinner Meeting

We are considering a WPA dinner meeting in early December - to celebrate our efforts throughout the year and to fill the three-month gap between the October and January meetings. Reaction to the suggestion has been favorable. Wednesday, December 6, would seem to be a good choice - our usual meeting evening, two weeks after Thanksgiving, but well before the Christmas rush. One possibility would be to meet at a decent Italian or Mexican restaurant, with a bar, in Capitola, Soquel or Aptos, starting at about six-thirty for drinks and talk, followed by dinner at seven. Guests would be welcome.

If interest proved small, we could each order and pay for our own meals, if great, we could arrange a buffet. In any case, the bar would be no host. Things would be more complicated if we had a very heavy response. If you would be interested in attending, have a restaurant to suggest or have other suggestions, please email them to WatsonvillePilots@yahoo.com.

As an example, Maya Restaurant in Scotts Valley would be a good choice for a group of no more than forty. Good food, a bar, and reasonable cost. But it is probably too far North for the convenience of those who live in Watsonville.

We will decide when, where and whether at the October WPA meeting, and publish the decision both in the November newsletter and via email.

~ John Cowan

We need your email address!

Email is proving to be the most effective and the most cost effective means for communicating important WPA information. But we have valid email addresses for only about half our members. If you have an email address and are willing to receive occasional club related mail from WPA (typically one or two messages per month), please send your preferred email address to:

watsonvillepilots@yahoo.com

We will, of course, respect the privacy of your email address and use it only for important WPA business. Many thanks.

WPA e-news

For several months now the WPA newsletter has been available on the WPA's web page at: <http://www.watsonvillepilots.org/>. The current, and many past issues can be found here under the "Newsletter Archive" button. This web-based newsletter uses an Adobe-acrobat reader, which most folks already have. If not it can be obtained free through a link on the web site. If you would like a monthly e-mail with the link to the current newsletter when it's published, instead of a mailed hardcopy newsletter, please send me your email address to wpanews@yahoo.com. Your email addresses will of course be treated with strict confidentiality. I'll remove you from the monthly hardcopy mailing list and add you to the monthly e-newsletter list. They are both basically the same document. To those that prefer a real paper newsletter I will certainly still mail these to you. This is mainly just a matter of preference, (e-mail vs. U.S. mail), but it is also an opportunity to operate more efficiently and reduce costs.

WPA meeting minutes of September 27, 2006

Dan Chauvet called the meeting to order.

Minutes

The August meeting minutes were accepted as published in the September newsletter.

Treasures Report

Sarah Chauvet reported that funds are sufficient for business and that there are no outstanding bills.

Announcements

- ◆ WPA Flyout: The very first organized WPA Flyout is in the makings. Please email any suggestions that you might have to: Grant Wrathol at watsonvillepilots@yahoo.com
- ◆ There will be a Watsonville Airport Open House on October 28th, between 9am and 3pm. There will be airplane rides offered for 10 cents/lb. Participation by WPA members is encouraged. The local chapter of the 99's sponsors this event.

Old Business

- ◆ There was a vote taken for the approval of the new WPA Revised By-laws. It passed unanimously.

New Business

- ◆ Dan Chauvet reported on the up-coming WRAP-PAC Dinner, and is encouraging all airport supporters to attend this event. For more information please see front page.

~ Minutes by Chris Olmsted

Discussion with our Tower Controllers

Monterey's Operation supervisor Bill Flecher and veteran Salinas Tower Controller and seasoned pilot Alley Medcaft were greeted by a packed house at September's WPA meeting. Pilots welcomed controllers with many questions and the resulting discussion was very informative. There was more good advice that could ever fit here but these are some of the McNuggets.

- ❖ A good preflight should include writing all the frequencies to be used.
- ❖ Monitor CTAF before taxi.
- ❖ Keep a sterol cockpit.
- ❖ An important part of cockpit resource management is active listening.
- ❖ Try not to hear what you expect to hear; keep an open mind.
- ❖ When calling ATC, include altitude, heading and airspeed.
- ❖ Never enter a runway before scanning.
- ❖ Always report your position on the runway before making an intersection departure.

There were three items that the controllers could not stress enough.

- 1) Know your Aeronautical Information Manual.
- 2) Do not be afraid to clarify.
- 3) Always state your call sign.

Controllers welcome both pilots and student pilots to visit their facilities. To arrange an appointment please call:

- ◆ Monterey (831) 375-1211
- ◆ Salinas (831) 424-5022

Next Safety Meeting

The next WINGS Seminar will be on October 25th at the next scheduled WPA meeting. The topic will be in-flight Emergencies. For further information on upcoming WINGS Seminar's, go to the WPA Home page at <http://www.watsonvillepilots.org/> and press the WPA "WINGS" Seminar Calendar button.

City Council Candidate

There was a guest appearance by Watsonville City Council District 5 candidate Greg Caput. He believes in preserving the Watsonville Municipal Airport and stresses its importance to the city. Caput said he is concerned that future development near the Watsonville airport could threaten the city institution, and he thinks, though housing is needed, the city's growing too fast.

WPA Dues

The address label on this month's newsletter is slightly different. Notice the number located in the upper right hand corner. This is the WPA record of each members starting year with the year their dues were paid through (i.e. 98/06). In an effort to efficiently keep our dues current please check this number to assure that our records are correct. If you do still owe membership dues, please make your check out to WPA and send to:

Watsonville Pilots Association
P.O Box 2074
Freedom, CA, 95019

Of course you can always see me at the next meeting if that is more convenient. On the memo line please note: "WPA dues". Our yearly dues are now \$20. Thank you very much for your support.

~ Sarah Chauvet

Fuel Prices

At WVI Fuel Island, 100LL is **\$3.68** and Jet A is **\$3.10** (10/17/2006)
At KLSN (Los Banos), SS 100LL is **\$3.40** and Jet A is **\$2.79** (10/15/2006)

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

Local Events

Oct. 25 -- WPA regular Wed. night meeting begins at 7 PM
Nov. 4 -- Young Eagles Rally, Saturday between 10AM & 1PM
Nov. 7 -- EAA Chapter 119's regular Tuesday night meeting starts at 7:30 PM. at the WAEC Building, 60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport
Nov. 12 -- Northern CA Aerobatics Club IAC38 Chapter meeting; 2 - 4 PM at Attitude Aviation. (LVK)
Nov. 15 -- Monterey Bay 99s Chapter Meeting starts at 7pm at the EAA Hanger, Watsonville.
Civil Air Patrol Squadron 13 -- meet in the National Guard Armory at Watsonville Airport every Tuesday evening, beginning at 6:30 PM

WPA Officers

Mike McIntyre: Chairman
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Next Meeting

7:00 PM, Wednesday, **October. 25**
at the EAA-WAEC Building
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport