



# AERO SQUADRON

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## Commander's Corner

by Larry Lawson



Greetings.

We are rapidly approaching the end of yet another year of service to the

Yolo County

Sheriff and to the citizens of Yolo County. Without a doubt, this has been the most successful year for the Aero Squadron. Not only has our flying time increased several hundred percent over historical performance, but our man hours (yes, woman hours, too) have seen a dramatic increase. We are flying more missions and finding ourselves playing a much more active role in support of deputies as well positive intervention with law enforcement, in general. More and more deputies are starting to initiate contact with 1 Victor 1 for various types of assistance including general back-up. Moreover, our involvement has produced beneficial results for law enforcement. Just to mention a few of our outstanding missions for 2000: it was the Aero Squadron who first located the major marijuana finds in Yolo County; from the air we were able to spot a suspected rapist and lead officers to his location; we found missing people; we spotted fires during this year's fire season; and in a recent shooting/murder incident, we spent

in excess of five hours relaying information to the command center and directing the SWAT team onto the premises. This is certainly not a total list of our involvement, but it certainly highlights some of our most significant missions for the year 2000. All of you who have participated in these and other activities are to be congratulated for these accomplishments and are to be acknowledged for your dedication of time and energy to the Aero Squadron, the Yolo County Sheriff's Department and

law enforcement, in general.

Speaking of jobs well done, as will be set forth in greater detail in this newsletter, our Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet is scheduled for January 13, 2001, at the Lions Clubhouse in Woodland. A number of individuals are deserving of awards and recognition and we don't want to leave anybody out or let anybody go unnoticed.

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### IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS

The General Member's Meeting for November will be held on **Wednesday, November 29th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Monroe Training Center. Elections for the 2001 officers will be held. *(this meeting date is the only exception to the fourth Wednesday of the month rule, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.)*

December's Executive Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sheriff's administration building.

The second scheduled photo shoot will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., at the Squadron

hangar. *Please dress in full uniform for the picture.*

**There will be no December General Member's meeting, due to the Christmas holidays..**

The annual Installation and Awards Banquet will be held on January 13, 2001 at the Lions Clubhouse in Woodland.

January 2001 meeting dates are as follows: January's Executive Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sheriff's administration building. The General Member's meeting will be held on **January 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Monroe Training Center.**

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Therefore, all you have to do is give us a name and a reason, and we will take care of the rest.

**MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!:** we sure could use some. If you have any ideas or if you know of anybody who would like to make a tax deductible gift before the end of the year, now would be a perfect time to inquire. Since this is a tax deduction, a person or organization could provide a meaningful contribution rather than paying taxes.

There are two positions that need to be filled for the coming year: The Events Coordinator and the Contributions Chairman. If you have any desire to fill either of these positions, please contact me. I would like to have these positions filled for announcement at the Installation and Awards Banquet. If you have any questions as to either of these positions, please feel free to ask.

We have submitted four additional names for insurance exemption. I also spoke with our agent, who has agreed to contact the carrier to explore the possibility of lowering the total time requirement. We are seeing if the insurance company will make some concession to lower the total time requirement in exchange for a small increase in premium, consideration for additional ratings, or even raising the total number of hours in type. For those of you who don't meet the total hour requirement (open

pilot warranty) and have not received a clearance for exempt status, I want you to know that we are doing everything possible to rectify the problem and get you back in the air. The problem is two-fold: first and foremost, there are only three carriers who are writing this type of insurance right now and unlike car insurance, you can't change horses mid-stream. Companies won't even give you a quote until you are within 90 days of renewal. That means that we can't go to a different carrier right now and must work with our current carrier in dealing with this problem. As I have explained before, the insurance coverage issue has not only effected us, but has literally closed down flight schools across the country. Moreover, the carriers that remained in business, have increased the premiums, lowered the coverage limits and/or have upped the open pilot warranty time limits.

Remember, this was all brought about by Avemco Insurance Company refusing to acknowledge that they had written the coverage improperly for the last several years and now since they have decided not to write commercial coverage, have refused to put us in the proper classification of non-commercial or rather, business/pleasure coverage. For those of you who own your own aircraft and are insured by Avemco, I would encourage you to change carriers and tell Avemco exactly why you are changing.



*You are*

*Cordially  
Invited to  
Attend.....*

*The 2000  
Installation & Awards  
Banquet  
January 13, 2001  
6:30 p. m. - 10:00 p.m.  
at  
The Lions Clubhouse  
417 Lincoln Avenue  
Woodland, CA*



# Operation Officer's Report

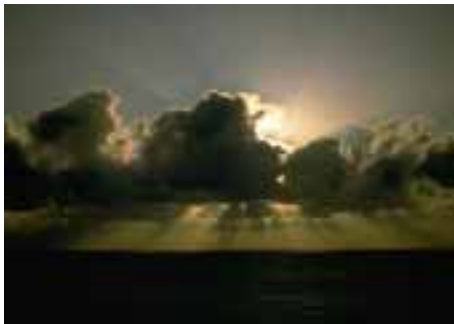
*By Jim Divine*



The aircraft is in good flyable condition, with all general maintenance up to date. People still need to be conscientious about general handling of the aircraft and cleanliness of the hangar. Remember, this is the only aircraft that we have, so treat it like your own.

that at 1000 feet, but it drops even further when passing through the venturi area of the carburetor. At the first sign of a rough engine, apply carburetor heat.

Happy holidays and happy flying.



As we get into the winter months, just as a safety issue, always be aware of the need for carburetor ice. Some of these mornings are a little deceiving and even though you can't see the moisture in the air, it is clearly there. When the ambient temperature is 50 to 70 degrees on the ground, not only is it less than

## Thoughts From Your Executive Officer

*by Christian Ott*



I would like to take this time to inform the membership, with much regret, that for the time being **Gustavo Heredia** will be on inactive status due to personal reasons.

We continue to accept new membership applications, so if you know someone who might be interested in membership, feel free to bring him/her to one of our meetings or have them contact me. An excellent way to introduce someone to the Aero Squadron is to give them our website address. Not only is there information explaining who we are, but **Randy Price** has even included an on-line application. (although the new applicant would still need to mail **Wendy Lawson** the initiation and background fees.)

Have them check us out at:

[www.yolosherriffsaerosquadron.com](http://www.yolosherriffsaerosquadron.com)



# Treasurer's Report

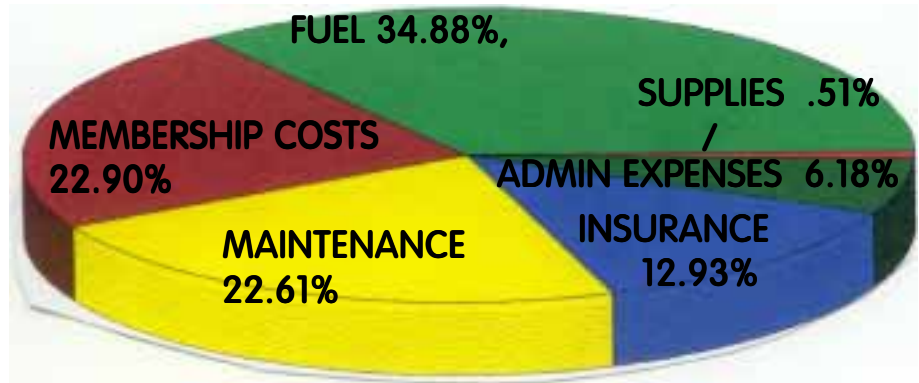
by Wendy Lawson



November is the month in which we prepare the annual budget for the year to come. Since the budget is created by closely reviewing the previous year's income and expenditures, it is important to review the current year to see where the money is coming from and where we are spending it. The following pie chart depicts our spending in terms of the major categories in which they have been recorded.

- 1) Fuel 34.88%  
\$6,691.15
- 2) Membership Costs 22.90%  
\$4,393.59
  - Annual Dinner
  - Purchase of Wings/Pins
  - Schedule Masters
  - Name Tags
  - Badges & Shipping
  - Ball Caps
  - Initiation Fees
  - Reimbursement
  - Website Costs
- 3) Maintenance 22.61%  
\$4,338.13
- 4) Aircraft Insurance 12.93%  
\$2,480.00
- 5) Admin Expenses 6.18%  
\$1,184.74
  - Printing/Copying
  - Postage
  - Envelopes, Paper, Folders
- 6) Supplies .51%  
\$97.08
  - Non-Admin Costs, ie:
    - Supplies for Hangar
    - Supplies for Plane (oil, etc.)

- Film/Developing
- Food (other than Annual Dinner).



**TOTAL EXPENSES:**  
\$19,184.69

In terms of the income acquired for 2000, the Squadron has taken in following:

- 1) Contributions \$1,570.00
- 2) Dues/Fly-time \$13,218.00
- 3) Initiation/Background \$1,450.00
- 4) Sale of Wings/Pins \$120.00

**TOTAL INCOME:**  
\$16,358

As you can see, we have a deficit of \$2,826.

As we continue to work on the budget in the next couple of months, we will continue to keep you informed. Should you have any questions regarding the same, please feel free to e-mail me or see me at the next general member's meeting.

As you know, 2001 dues and flight time payments are due on January 1, 2001. The following payment options are available.

2001 Annual Dues	\$100
2001 Flight time	\$156
Total.....	\$256

Or

2001 Bi-annual Dues	\$50
(January 2001 - June 2001)	
2001 Flight time	\$156
Total.....	\$206

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# Treasurer's Report

by Wendy Lawson

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Bills will be mailed to you in the next few weeks, but if you would like to mail in your payment before then, please feel free. Payments should be mailed to:

Wendy Lawson, Treasurer  
Yolo County Sheriff's Aero Squadron  
2220 Douglas Blvd., #200  
Roseville, CA 95661



# Wings & Mini-Badges

by Wendy Lawson

We ordered and have in stock the wings, for your uniforms and the mini-badges. These can be purchased for the following prices:

Wings.....\$10.00  
Mini-Badges.....\$ 5.00

Please note that these items will only be sold at the General Member's meetings. These

items will not be available via mail, so please try and purchase them at one of the monthly meetings of if you can't attend, have one of your flying buddies pick up your set! Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

# Election 2000

by Wendy Lawson



On Wednesday, November 29, 2000, the Aero Squadron will hold its election of officers for the 2001 Executive Board. Hopefully all will run smoothly and we will have no problem tallying the votes or hearing cries for a "re-count" as witnessed in that "other" election this month.

The election committee consisting of **George Oatis and Al Epstein**, have proposed the following slate of candidates for the 2001 Executive Board:

**Commander:**  
Larry Lawson  
**Executive Officer**  
Christian Ott  
**Operations Officer**  
Jim Divine

**Treasurer**  
Wendy Lawson  
**Secretary**  
Open

Write-in nominations will be accepted at the night of the elections. If you are interested in running for an office, or would like to nominate somebody else, please contact either **George Oatis or Al Epstein** prior to the 11-29-00 election.

## 2000 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

**Commander:**  
Larry Lawson  
**Executive Officer:**  
Christian Ott  
**Operations Officer**  
Jim Divine  
**Treasurer:**  
Wendy Lawson  
**Secretary:**  
Erin McCrory  
**ISO:**  
Randy Price



# Info From Our ISO

by Randy Price



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## NET PRIVACY

Think that most of your Internet activity like browsing, shopping, posting messages and sending e-mail is private? Think again. Any time you connect to the Net, your PC is open to the world. Visit [www.privacy.net](http://www.privacy.net) to learn more about this.

Because Internet privacy attacks come at us from every direction, the best way to defend ourselves is to take on each enemy individually. Accordingly, in the next few issues, I will explore them one by one.

## BEFORE YOU DO ANY-THING ELSE

**Your first step toward achieving security online is to make sure your browser supports the highest level of encryption.**

The standard Internet Explorer and Netscape browsers use 40 or 50 bit encryption for secure socket connections. These numbers are weaker than they could be. The optimum legal setting is 128 bit. To check the

encryption depth of your installed version of Internet Explorer, select **Help/about**. You will see the current Cipher Strength listed. If it is 40 bit, click the [update information](#), link for a download that upgrades the browser to 128-bit encryption. In Netscape Navigator, when you have an online connection, select **Help/software updates** to open a Netscape site; click the *Your Installed Software* link to find the Cipher Strength. If it is 56-bit, select **upgrade to Netscape Communicator** to obtain 128-bit protection.

## CONTROL COOKIE INTAKE

**Web sites give you these little data tracking beacons. But you can tell them where to go.....**

No matter what level of encryption you have, you can maintain some degree of control over the way the browser handles cookies. At their simplest, cookies (small data files sent by a web site and written to your hard drive) identify you when you return to a site, making your re-entry, quicker. Or they can be more insidious, tracking everything you do, both on the sending sites page and wherever else you go on the Web. Tweak your browser: both Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer provide

limited options for disabling cookies. If you turn off cookie acceptance altogether, you will be stopped in your tracks online. Yahoo, Amazon.com and the New York Times demand identity conformation at almost every link, while Hotmail flatly refuses to let us in unless we enable cookies. In IE (Internet Explorer) 5, you can either raise the browser's security level to maximum or create a custom setting. To specify maximum security, select *Tools/options/security* and move the slider to the top of the range. Bear in mind that this setting will prevent Active X and Java from forming automatically, and will prevent you from entering certain sites. Custom settings provide more flexibility, and they're easy to implement. Select *Tools/Internet options/Security* and click the *Custom Level* button; scroll to the *cookies* section and click **Prompt** under "Allow cookies that are stored on your computer."

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# Info From Our ISO

*by Randy Price*

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In Netscape Communicator, select *Edit/Preferences* and click *Advance*. Under cookies, click either *Disable Cookies*, *Warn me before accepting a cookie*, or *Accept only cookies that get sent back to the originating server* (an option that prevents other sites, such as advertising partners from viewing your cookies.)

Next month we will take a look at how to eliminate Spam, browse incognito and privatize E-mail.

## **SCHEDULE MASTERS**

At this time Schedule Masters has been brought up to date with 13 inactive members removed and 8 new members added. Currently there are 50 members on the roster. All observers have been blocked from scheduling the plane but are still able to view the schedule and users roster.

This is a great program! It has the ability to track your BFR and medical currency, give you a reminder when one is about to expire and even block you from the system if it does expire, although this feature has not been



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