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A Monthly Newsletter for the Members and friends of the Yolo County Sheriff's Aero Squadron

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Larry Lawson



Greetings.

We have now confirmed the date for the annual Awards Banquet and Installation Dinner and the date is **January 17, 2004**, at the same location that we have utilized for the last several years: the Lions Clubhouse.

You will recall that at the February General Members' Meeting, I made it abundantly clear that this event was mandatory for attendance. This is not only the time that we install new officers; but, it is also the time that we recognize those individuals who have devoted their time and energy in making this organization function. These folks need recognition, are deserving of recognition and I believe that it is all of our obligation to honor them with our presence.

The other event that is deemed mandatory on an annual basis, is the Almond Festival, which

always occurs the fourth Sunday of February. This is the time when the Sheriff has asked for our assistance pretty much from sun-up to sunset, with heavy emphasis from noon to afternoon and early evening hours. There are occasions when we have had three and four planes in the air at one time during this event. This is also an opportunity for us to get together on a social level when individuals are not doing their flight time. We need the coverage and that is why attendance is mandatory. In the past, we have had a lot of promises of members being there and then we purchase large quantities of food only to have a hand full of members show up. Moreover, we have had to double up the flying time due to lack of participation. So, please put this event on your calendar right now: the fourth Sunday of February (**February 22, 2004**), **as your presence is mandatory at Woodland-Watts Airport partaking in the Almond Festival activities.**

In terms of training at the Membership meetings, for the September meeting, Yonet made a presentation

regarding marijuana eradication and for October's meeting, we will have someone from Dispatch presenting general radio communications. Radio communication always seems to be a hot topic in terms of what we do and how we do it, so please be sure you are in attendance and hopefully all of your questions will be answered.

Trading Cards have been ordered and those who participated should be getting the cards probably before receipt of this Newsletter. I have to admit however, that I was a little disappointed in the Trading Card scenario. Several members went to a lot of effort to make this happen including having a professional photographer come to Woodland-Watts Airport and shoot all of the pictures. This individual did this for us complementary/free of charge and although there were fifteen to twenty people who came out to have their picture taken, a total of four people ordered Trading Cards. When we discussed this topic in various meetings

and asked how many members wanted to get involved in this, I saw a whole bunch of hands go up; but, when it came time to actually placing the order, the desire dropped off considerably. I believe that had it been known that only four members were going to order cards, we would not have extended the time or effort to get involved in this program.

We now have secured insurance with an open pilot warranty. What that means is that if you have a commercial rating or better, total hours of 750 or more, and 15 hours in type (172 Cessna), you are automatically covered by the insurance and you need do nothing further except fly the plane. If you do not fall into this category, you must be a designated or named pilot on the policy. Those specifically listed are **Vern Henry, Rick Hunter, Don Johnston, Larry Lawson, Jerre McClelland, Al Epstein, Carl Norton, George Oatis, Randy Price, Shawn Silva, Mike Spoerhase and Don Turner**. If you submitted an application and your name is not on the list, that means that you had too few hours to qualify for coverage. As new members join the Aero Squadron, we will have to submit an application for specific approval if they do not fall within the open pilot warranty. If you have any questions on this, please see

me at one of our upcoming meetings.

You will recall that last year we were limited to 15 pilots no matter how many hours and no matter what ratings they may have held. That means that all of the airline pilots who were not flying on a regular basis had to be removed from coverage to make room for those who were flying. Now, however, all of the airline pilots that we had to remove from insurance coverage are automatically qualified and are insured. The best that I can tell is that this leaves us with only a couple of pilots who are not actually named on the policy and in both of those situations, it is due to a lack of total hours of pilot in command time.

On another note, Sacramento Uniforms has moved to a new location and their new address is **2230 Arden Way, Sacramento 95825**. The telephone number is **916-567-7877**. Those who need to secure uniforms, please note the new address, which is effective immediately.

Finally, I want to thank those of you who have been participating in terms of flying missions, attending meetings and completing hangar duty. The Squadron can only

function and accomplish our goals when we work together as a team and each individual carries his weight. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and I thank you for your continued commitment.

**Team Work
key to success**

Important Dates

Nov 4th 2003 Executive Board Meeting

Nov. 19th 2003 General Members' meeting

January 17th 2004 Awards Banquet and Installation Dinner

February 25th 2004 General Members' Meeting

February 22nd 2004 Almond Festival

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Wendy Lawson

As we rapidly approach the end of 2003, we realize that it is time to start planning and budgeting for the upcoming new year. In that regard, it is also the time in which our annual membership dues and annual flight-time fees need to be collected. For those of you who are new or for those members who may have forgotten, let me explain our procedures for billing and collection and for what the funds are utilized.

Annual Dues

Each member is required to pay an annual \$100 membership dues. It is from these funds in which all bills are paid related to "membership costs".

Membership costs include hangar supplies, general supplies, monthly bills from Schedule Masters, expenses for the Annual Dinner, members' badges, etc. A member has the option of paying the entire \$100 annual dues in January or he/she can pay \$50 in January and \$50 on July 1, of each year, hence paying semi-annual membership dues.

Flight-Time Fees

In addition to the annual membership dues, each member, whether pilot or observer, is required to pay an annual \$156 "flight-time" fee. These funds assist in covering the cost of fuel for the aircraft. Once this fee is paid, the

member has the ability to fly the aircraft on an unlimited basis. This fee is mandatory whether the member wishes to fly the aircraft or not and whether the member is an observer, pilot or pilot in command. The entire fee is due and payable by January 1, of each year.

Thus, by January 1, of each year, each member is required to submit a payment of **\$256** (\$156 flight time + \$100 annual membership dues) or **\$206** (\$156 flight time + \$50 semi-annual dues with the remaining \$50 due and payable by July 1 of each year).

By way of this Newsletter, this article is considered notice to all members that all fees/dues are due and payable by January 1, 2004. These can be sent immediately to Wendy Lawson, Treasurer, 2220 Douglas Blvd., #200, Roseville, CA 95661.

Thank for your attention to this matter and should you have any questions regarding membership dues or flight time fees, please don't hesitate to e-mail me or see me at one of our upcoming meetings.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By Randy Price



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest Aero Squadron members. Please join me in welcoming **Andrew Baur, Michael Firth, James Fischer, Raymond Kinsey, Clinton Laurie and Britton Willson**. Please introduce yourself to them and make them feel at home! If you know someone who would like to become a member of the Aero Squadron, please bring him/her to one of our meetings, have them visit our website or contact me directly.

With the new insurance coverage the Commander spoke about it is important that I receive the following documents from each pilot.

1. Total hours
2. Copy of medical certificate
3. Copy of pilot certificate
4. Flight review endorsements

On a final note schedule masters is not just to schedule the plane it also serves as an excellent database for membership info. Therefore it is imperative that all members continue to update their own information as needed

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New Members Welcome

The purpose of this squadron shall be to cooperate with and assist the legally constituted Sheriff's Department of Yolo County, in the state of California.

The Squadron is orientated to people interested in aviation who have a desire to volunteer their talents and efforts for the cause of law enforcement.

At the present time, we fly patrol missions in a Cessna 172 based at Woodland Watts Airport. Some of our members own aircraft which we utilize at certain times and functions. The membership consists of General Members who are patrol qualified pilots and

patrol qualified observers. Our pilots must have a private rating or better, single engine land and must have a minimum of 750 hours, with 25 hours in type

The Squadron is a non-profit organization that meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Yolo County Sheriff's Department Monroe Training Building. Prospective members must attend three meetings and then be approved by the majority.

There are semi-annual dues of \$50.00 and an annual flight time fee of \$156.00 both fees are due at the time that a

General Member is accepted to the Aero Squadron.

Further information can be attained by either calling the Sheriff's Department or by contacting the

Executive Officer, Randy Price by email at

exec@yolosherriffsaerosquadron.com. The

Commander of the Squadron is **Larry Lawson** and he can be contacted by email at commander@yolosherriffsaerosquadron.com



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