



AERO SQUADRON

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Commander's Corner

by Larry Lawson



Greetings.

For those of you who attended the August General meeting, you will agree that we had a very interesting

presentation by **Stan Dodge** from TRACON. This coming month we will have another presentation from FAA, this one on mountain flying. While Yolo County isn't blessed with an abundance of mountains, the principles of mountain flying are still very important when we are flying in the mountainous area surrounding the Capay Valley. Down drafts and tricky wind currents are not limited to big mountains.

I wish to thank all of those members who participated in the EAA fly-in, which took place earlier this month. We had a good display and good attendance by our members. A special thanks to all those who were part of the committee in preparing the airplane, acquiring and setting up the display and of course, tearing it down and carting it home. While the air show was a success, there were a couple of unfortunate situations. It is one thing for our members to talk amongst themselves about who participated in certain missions, but these same

conversations are inappropriate when the general public is in close proximity. We will be discussing this in more detail at the next meeting, but please remember that while participating in an airshow, discretion must be used at all times.

I would like to announce the appointment of **Erin McCrory** as the new interim secretary. **Erin** replaces **Ted Narasaki**, who had to resign for personal reasons. We thank **Ted** for all of his contributions and wish him the best

of luck in his future endeavors and we welcome **Erin** as the new secretary.

Still nothing new on the insurance situation, although at the General Meeting we will be passing out pilot application forms for submission as low flight time exceptions. The submission for approval will be based upon recommendation by our insurance agent after review of each

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IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS

The General Member's Meeting for September will be held on **Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Monroe Training Center. FAA will be presenting an hour long seminar on mountain flying.

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

October's General Member's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Monroe Training Center.

November's Meetings are as follows: The General

Member's Meeting is **Wednesday, November 29th, at 7:30 p.m.**, (*this is the only exception to the fourth Wednesday of the month rule, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*) November's Executive Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sheriff's administration building.

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applicant's flying history.

Patches are being submitted to Sacramento Uniform for pricing. We will let you know when they are ready and the correct placement on your uniform.

You should be receiving under separate cover, a copy of the new Standard Operating Procedures. Upon their receipt, you should discard the old set as the new set is in effect.

You should also be receiving your copy of Executive Order 20-01 and 20-02. 20-01 deals with the ISO position and 20-02 pertains to the Events Coordinator position. Both of these orders are in effect until cancelled. Which means the orders issued in 1999 are still applicable and in effect.

In October I will be selecting the 2000 nominating committee, who will be in charge of the election of officers for the year 2001. If you have any ambitions of holding any office or if you wish to nominate anybody for an office, you must present this information/request to a member of the nominating committee.

Operation Officer's Report

By Jim Divine



It was R & R (remove and replacement) time for N1187M during the month of August. Missing screws were replaced, an alternator and regulator were replaced, and the old seat covers were removed and replaced, plus the aft access panel behind the rear seats was secured. As far as avionics go, the power was adjusted to the appropriate level, the new channel settings were identified and a placard was hung for easy reference.

How to close the hangar doors continues to be a mystery to some of our pilots. Closing the left hangar door (as you face the doors) seems to be especially challenging for some. The outside door must be pulled instead of pushed for it to remain in the track. But, we have powerful individuals who can push those doors out of track and grind those doors on the hangar cement floor toward a closing spot: an amazing feat of strength! Pity the weak old pilot who is next on the schedule as his ancient muscles are no match for the vim and vigor of the younger studs. Please do not embarrass older pilots and observers! **Please keep the doors in the track when closing and opening them!** And, we seem to have some new scrapes and dents on the airplane. The leading edge of the right wing now has a door indentation and the left elevator tip has a little more scrape damage. Pilots are known for their great hand-eye coordination. It is the brain that seems to be a problem.

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Treasurer's Report

by Wendy Lawson



We have finally reached success with all dues paid to date. Thanks to all of you who paid your dues.

Gustavo Heredia, our Contributions Chairman, has been working hard campaigning for donations by speaking with the community and sharing the importance of keeping the Aero Squadron in the air and the significance that we make to the County. I join him in recognizing and thanking our latest contributors: **Timothy Sloan, Joe Gnos of Circle G. Ranch, Lewis Montosa and John Martin of Double M Trucking, and Marlin Karlstad of Viking Propane, Inc.**

Please help us to show our gratitude to these companies by flying over their grounds when conducting a routine patrol mission. Speak with **Gustavo** to find out the exact locations so we can assist them by providing an "eye in the sky."

We now have the much awaited Squadron wings and pins for purchase. The wings are \$10 and the pins are \$5. See me at the next meeting to purchase your set.



Operation Officer's Report

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2000 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Commander:

Larry Lawson

Executive Officer:

Christian Ott

Operations Officer

Jim Divine

Treasurer:

Wendy Lawson

Secretary:

Erin McCrory

ISO:

Randy Price

We did manage to fly 22 productive sorties, even with our necessary maintenance down time. For the month of August, we accomplished 51.1 hours of flight time, with a resounding 486.6 hours so far for the year. It appears (after some extreme scientific calculations) that our fuel flow is averaging 6.3 gallons per hour. Some pilots use more, some less. Remember that the cost of fuel is on the rise, with Woodland-Watts charging \$2.52 per gallon. At one time we had a fuel hawk measuring tube in the aircraft, but that has disappeared.

As a parting thought, remember to use the engine shut-down procedure that is in the Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH.) Lead fouled plugs are such a nuisance.

Thoughts From Your Executive Officer

by Christian Ott

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to **Nancy Ginesi**. Nancy has just taken a new job as club manager with the American Aero Club and her new time constraints have forced her to bid us adieu. We wish her much luck in her future endeavors.

As stated for the past three months, it is important that I receive from each Aero Squadron pilot the following information:



1. Total hours
2. Copy of medical certificate
3. Copy of pilot's certificate.
4. Flight review endorsement

For those pilot's who have not gotten this information to me by Wednesday's General Membership Meeting, they will be temporarily grounded until the information is obtained. It is very important that we maintain this current information

regarding our pilots.

We are currently accepting 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** has even included an on-line application. (although the new applicant would still need to mail **Wendy** the initiation and background fees.) Have them check us out at:

www.sheriffsaerosquadron.com



Photo Ops at EAA

Pictures Courtesy of Jerre McClelland



Charlene Aoytes chats with a visitor explaining the finer points of flying over Yolo County.



1 Victor 1, on display and ready for inspection at EAA.

Info From Our ISO

by Randy Price



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members for appointing me to the position of Information Systems Officer. It is a great honor to be asked to take on the duties and responsibilities of ISO for the Aero Squadron. I will give this job the attention and confidentiality it deserves.

As ISO, one of my primary duties is to maintain the website. **Commander Lawson** mentioned in the last newsletter that we now have our own domain on the web. "What is a domain?," you may ask. Well, in simple terms, a domain on the web is a large piece of rented real estate where our home has been built to allow us to electronically store and share a vast amount of information with our members, potential members and the rest of the world. Rest assured that any personal information pertaining to our members, except for e-mail addresses, will be kept confidential and unavailable to the general public.

A few of the benefits of the website are: the time and cost savings of not having to print and "snail mail" copies of the newsletter to all

on-line members, increased communication amongst the membership and increased public awareness of the existence and purpose of the Yolo County Sheriff's Aero Squadron.

Some of the key features the website has are:

Unlimited Custom email Boxes, such as you@yolosheriffsaerosquadron.com

Unlimited email Forwards, will allow anything sent to you at the Squadron address to be forwarded to your personal existing email address.

An Autoresponder is an automated message sent when someone needs an email to a particular address.

A free for all links page, meaning that you can add links to the page yourself.

Password Protected Directories will keep critical or sensitive information protected from the general public.

A Message Board, where members can post comments, questions and/or responses.

A large amount of storage space, and more!

In closing, although building the website

has taken a lot of time and effort, it has also been very challenging and rewarding to me. If anyone has any ideas, question, comments about the website or computers in general, please feel free to contact me at:

iso@yolosheriffsaerosquadron.com.

"A computer will do what you tell it to do, but that may be much different than what you had in mind."

Joseph Weizenbaum