

# Redlands Airport Association Newsletter



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## *The Mission of the RAA*

- To advocate for all users of REI.
- To promote, support, and encourage the continued use of REI.
- To communicate the airport's importance to the community.
- To educate airport users of relevant regulatory and legislative airport/aviation matters.
- To provide a forum whereby those concerned about REI issues can voice their concerns.
- To advise the appropriate authorities regarding safety, security, and other concerns at the airport.
- To support government authorities in carrying out their duties regarding aviation and the utilization of REI in disasters, and public service events.

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## Presidents Letter

By RAA President Ted Gablin

Recently Cindy and I traveled to Paso Robles for a long weekend. The trip was originally planned so we could attend the "Cal Pilots Expo". Unfortunately, about two weeks before the event, the venue was changed to San Carlos Airport. We opted to keep our reservations in Paso Robles, as they were already paid. So, we missed the Cal Pilots event this year.

Paso Robles has become a destination of late. There are many wineries and fine restaurants. There are also some really nice hotels. It's a great place for a weekend getaway if you haven't been there yet. The Paso Robles Municipal (KPRB) airport makes it an easy destination for GA pilots too.

KPRB is a nice airport. It is an uncontrolled field like Redlands. But, it has four runways vs REI's two. Runways 1 and 19 are a bit longer than REI's runways at 6008' so there is some light jet traffic. There are many hangars, some small airport businesses and an awesome car and aircraft museum on the edge of the airport. There is also a tidy and inviting city owned terminal building with a restaurant and full service FBO, ACI Jet.

Many people don't really understand the concept of a full service FBO. These FBO's not only sell fuel (Avgas and Jet A), they also offer services and amenities. Here's what they list on their website for their location at KPRB:

**SERVICES** - Catering, Crew Car, Ground Power Unit (GPU), Lavatory service, Belt-loader, Hangar space, Air stairs, Air start, Aircraft detail, Vehicle detail and Conference Room.

**AMENITIES**- Weather & flight planning, WiFi, Concierge services, Coffee & ice, Baggage cart.

Their concierge services include arranging hotel and rental car reservations with preferred rates. **Cool!** So, we booked our room at the Paso Robles Inn and our Enterprise Rental Car with one phone call to ACI. The rates for the car and hotel were very similar to those I found on-line. I also got the car and room I wanted without any issues.

When I landed, I self-parked our plane in the transient parking, a lineman rolled a baggage cart out for our luggage and the Enterprise person was in the lobby to pick us up for the drive to town and their office. It was about the same distance from Redlands airport to the downtown area.

Upon departure, ACI waived my parking fees as I filled up with 18 gallons of fuel. I **felt guilty** about receiving such great service and opted for full service fuel. It was only \$.65 a gallon more. Even after tipping the line person, my experience with ACI at KPRB was a bargain. We really enjoyed our stay in Paso Robles and with the service we received at ACI we left knowing we would go back to Paso Robles again.

If you are flying into our local area around Redlands, San Bernardino airport has a full service FBO, Luxivair. In addition to fuel (Avgas and Jet A) they too provide services and amenities like ACI at KPRB. Our own Redlands PD Redhawk 1 often filled up at Luxivair where their pilots and crews could get a free snack and a cold drink with the fill-up. San Bernardino, may not be a destination, but it does draw air traffic as it is close to businesses and attractions in the local area.

At Big Bear airport, L35, *the Big Bear Airport District staff* operates a full service FBO that provides services in addition to selling Avgas and Jet A. Check out their website at: <http://www.bigbearcityairport.com/facilities-and-services/> You can walk into their lobby any day and find a tray of cookies and a warm and inviting fire in the fireplace on cold days. Big Bear is a destination too!

Riverside Municipal airport, RAL, has a full service FBO. Riverside Air Service provides services and amenities that are typical to many full service FBO's. The City of Riverside, like San Bernardino had a great location in the Inland Empire and is close to the "refreshing San Bernardino Mountains and the glistening waters of the California coastline". This FBO also pitches RAL has "close access to local freeways allowing you to reach your destination quickly when traveling to surrounding cities including San Diego and Los Angeles".

The City of Redlands has a large university, businesses and attractions that make it a destination. Redlands Municipal is close to our local mountains and desert attractions. Redlands airport is a convenient way for visiting GA pilots to access these attractions. Visitors will also spend money at hotels and restaurants in the City of Redlands.

Where am I going with all of this? The cruel reality is that Redlands has **no service FBO's**. There are no services and amenities offered by any FBO. There is no Jet A fuel. You can't even buy a quart of oil. Someone flying into Redlands Municipal airport after searching for our transient parking area notices a shabby peeling sign outside the lobby that lets visitors know they have arrived. They park their plane and walk by an overflowing trash can into a dirty lobby with dirty furniture that is falling apart. It's truly sad these conditions still exist when visitors arrive at Redlands Municipal airport. ***If you were planning a flight to the inland empire for a few days, where would you park your plane?.....***

## **Welcome to Redlands Municipal Airport!**



## Update on Airport Issues

### Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Ensley!



RAA Director Phil Ensley and his fiancée Emily Holmes tied the knot on September 30, 2017 on the compass rose at REI. It was a beautiful service and many from the airport community attended and participated. The bride and groom arrived for the service in separate aircraft. They parked at the compass rose and walked to the alter that was set up at one end of the compass rose.

Phil has been hanging around REI since he was 4. He also took Emily on their first date to the airport. So, the airport was the perfect venue for this couple.

More pictures of the event can be found by clicking [here](#).

### Ark Christian Preschoolers Visit REI

Larry and Ruth Rice once again hosted some really young eagles at their hangar on 11-14-17. CFI Larry Rice gave them a brief ground school to the junior aviators followed by an aerial demonstration. The kids had a blast.

For the last 4 years Larry and Ruth Rice have invited young students to their hangar to learn about planes and pilots. Larry gets hands on with the kids as he lets them in the cockpit two at a time to pull on the control yoke and see what it does.

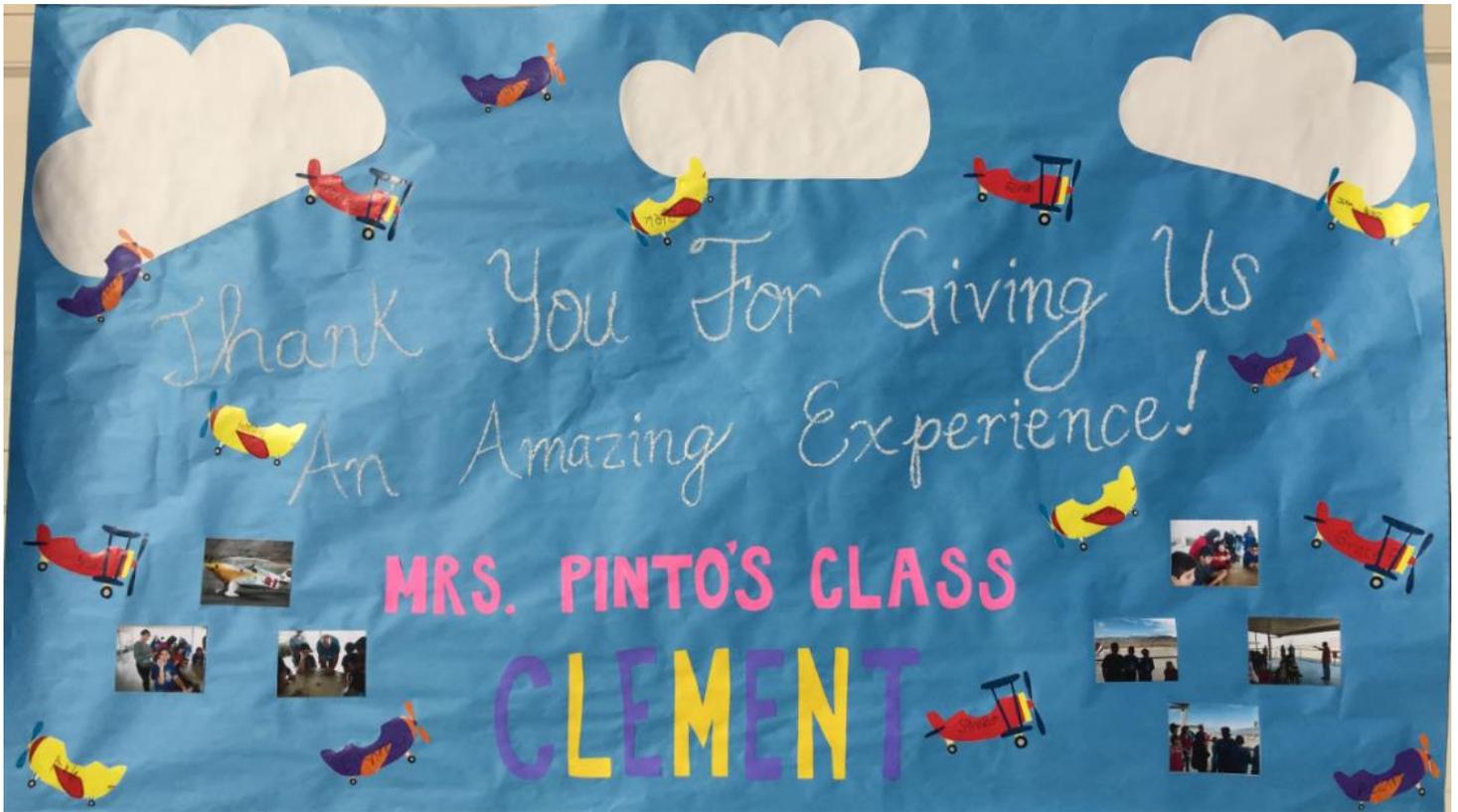
The kids learn a little about what makes a plane fly. He tells them about position lights and that Avgas is blue. After the lesson they head to the lobby patio and get to see him fire up his plane and do some fly-bys. Click [here](#) for more photos. Thanks Larry and Ruth!



### Clement Middle School Students Visit REI

Rick Stapleton, Tony Higa, along with Ted and Cindy Gablin hosted some special kids from Clement Middle School for an airport visit on 11/30/17. The 14 special needs students along with 7 adults spent an hour learning about planes and the airport. They had fun assembling some gliders and were treated to a private aerobatic display by our very own Tony Higa. They also enjoyed their lunch on the patio at the airport lobby. They were all smiles when they left. We are sure it's a day they won't soon forget.

The kids really appreciated their airport visit. A couple of weeks after the visit we were contacted by Martha Dahlstrom, one of their teachers. She presented us with a thank you card, cookies, and a poster the kids made, expressing their appreciation for the visit. The poster will also remind us of these great kids and their special day at REI.



### **Short Notice Airport Maintenance Closure-November 7th**

On Monday morning November 6<sup>th</sup>, the RAA received an e-mail from our airport supervisor, Will Hamilton, notifying users that a 1-hour airport closure would occur on November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. The closure of the taxiway and runway was to facilitate a GIS analysis to inventory hangars, signs, lights, stripes, and tie-downs as well as other various stationary assets. The other reason for the closure was to facilitate a pavement inspection to help determine specific repairs needed to maximize the life of the airfield. A NOTAM for the closure was also filed.

The scope of work did not appear to be of an emergency nature and undoubtedly was scheduled in advance of the closure notice. Ted Gablin sent an e-mail to Chris Boatman inquiring about the short notice airport closure, but never got a response.

This issue was discussed by the RAA at the November leadership meeting and regular meeting. Concern has been expressed by members about the City issuing short notice of an airport closure for planned non-emergency purposes. If you know of someone that suffered a monetary loss from an aircraft scheduling issue, or because of having to divert to an alternate airport because of the short notice, please contact the RAA as soon as possible.

## Goodbye to Redhawk One and Helidoc

We have heard rumors that the funding for the Redlands PD air support unit was from asset seizures laws. These laws changed toward the end of the Obama administration. Legislators changed the laws because there was concern that some law enforcement agencies were cherry picking things for enforcement to maximize the asset seizures received.

Attorney General Jeff Session has reversed these changes recently, but there are bills working through Congress to stop the reversal. The other reason we learned that may have bearing for the demise of the unit is Redhawk One has a timed-out engine. Pablo Perez has shared the overhaul is estimated to cost at least \$40K.



There are quite a few RAA members that have volunteered their time to fly "Redhawk 1" since it started operation in May 2007. The air support unit did net some impressive results for the Redlands PD. The following statistics for "Redhawk 1" from May 2007 to December 2012 were published by the League of California Cities in 2013 in this article. "Redlands Police Department Air Support Unit - Redhawk 1"

- Calls for Service – 8,500+
- Actual Flight time – 4,100+ hours
- Missing Persons Searches – 59
- Felony Arrests – 309
- Misdemeanor Arrests – 211
- LoJack Stolen Vehicles Recovered – 44
- Value of Recovered Stolen Vehicles – \$397,795
- Vehicle Pursuits – 58
- Foot Pursuits – 104
- Average Response Time from the Air – 1 Minute
- Average Response Time from the Ground – 6 Minutes

The same statistics show air support unit volunteers donated 15,000 hours of time from 2007 through 2012. The total number of volunteer hours to date could be double that value as the unit operated for another 5 years. Here's a link to the entire article: ["Redlands Police Department Air Support Unit - Redhawk 1"](#)

We applaud the law enforcement successes and the impressive safety record of all involved with Redhawk 1. We will all miss the Redlands PD Air Support Unit operation at REI.

Helidoc, Pablo Perez's maintenance shop, is also leaving Redlands Airport. Apparently, his rent was increased \$400 per month by Redlands Aviation. Pablo shares the rent for the old MAF hangar with another party. He also stated the large electric bill was also a factor as the MAF building is a large building with office space.

Pablo is not moving very far, so he will still be available to provide maintenance services to his customers. He did some shopping around and got a deal on a new hangar at San Bernardino Airport that he couldn't pass up. He will have a new hangar with utilities and the same square footage he occupied in the MAF hangar considerably cheaper than what he was paying at Redlands. We wish Pablo well. He will be missed at REI.



## AirFest 2018



2018 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hangar 24 Craft Brewery. We have heard some rumors about this, but it's official. They would like to commemorate the event with a two-day AirFest at REI. The proposed show will be held on 5-19 and 5-20. The Saturday schedule would be like previous AirFest events. The Sunday schedule would be shorter.

According to Sue Cook, their leadership struggled with having a 2 day show internally, but when they were awarded the Royal Canadian F18 Jet Team and the USAF Viper F16 Jet Team, the decision was made. These performers do not typically do 1 day shows. They are very excited to have these world class teams perform and come to REI. So are we!

Sue Cook will be presenting preliminary details about the two day event and airport impacts to the airport community and AAB Adhoc committee at the December 27<sup>th</sup> RAA meeting.

## **Airport Advisory Board**

### Board Meeting Summary

**October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting** - There was considerable discussion about some preliminary engineering that City staff had commissioned for a self-service Avgas tank near the City hangars. Redlands pilots and some of the AAB board members expressed concern to city staff about the proposal. Pilots and board members were concerned about the location, fuel type, and economics associated with the City's decision to install the self-service station. Concern was also voiced about the expenditure of \$40K for engineering the site without input from the AAB or pilots. Chris Boatman shared the engineering costs were paid by the City's equipment and maintenance fund. He also stated staff was open to recommendations and stated the design engineer would attend the November meeting.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting** - This meeting was held at the Redlands Airport Lobby. The City included a draft schedule of fees for airport use and services with the meeting notice. The draft schedule of fees included some outrageous proposals such as annual gate card fee of \$148.50 and an aerial competition permit fee of \$250.00. Other items included raising fuel flowage fees from \$.02 per gallon to \$.07 a gallon. Undoubtedly, the draft proposed fees concerned airport users as there was a much larger turnout of airport users at this AAB meeting.

Significant discussion took place regarding the new proposed fee schedule and increases. Questions were presented to City Staff about the basis for fees being proposed as well as general comments that we need to attract new pilots/planes and users and shouldn't discourage them with high fees.

The proposed large increase in the Annual Gate Card fee was a real concern to all. City staff present did not present any data on why a proposed gate card fee of \$148.50 was necessary. RAA members stated that there were no other gate card fees anywhere that compared to what Redlands was proposing and many airports don't even charge for gate cards including neighboring San Bernardino. Chris Boatman indicated that the significant increase in this fee was simply to find a new source of revenue for improvements to the airport. He further stated, as income is limited, this proposed fee is not set in concrete but simply a starting point for discussion about new revenue. If the Pilots and Board do not want this increase, they should make that recommendation to the City Council. Director Boatman indicated to the AAB that the

proposed fee schedule will be brought back to the AAB for recommendation after they have additional feedback from the AAB at a later meeting.

Two guests attended this meeting. Both flew in at the request of City staff to make brief presentations. The consultant and author of the Redlands Airport Business Plan, Randall Wiedemann (Georgetown, KY), made a presentation regarding the various elements of the Plan. The second guest was a Texas Engineer that is involved with the self-service fuel station the City is considering for installation. Both made a brief presentation regarding the proposed fuel station at the Airport. There were a significant number of questions and statements from the audience. Where did this end up? The proposed self-service fuel installation will be brought back to the AAB for recommendation after some discussion with the AAB at a later meeting.

**December 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting** - Cindy Gablin gave public comment on the results of the “Stuff a Plane with Toys for Tots” toy drive. She went over both the results of the November 4<sup>th</sup> kickoff event and the December 2<sup>nd</sup> airlift. She expressed gratitude for all the donors and exhibitors that made the event a success.

She was followed by Ted Gablin who gave public comment on airport finance issues. Ted raised concerns about potential under-reporting of tax revenue, and loss of potential revenue because of violations of the hangar use policy. Another concern is about how City staff was not prudent with expending airport and taxpayer monies. He reminded all that the two out-of-state consultants that were flown in to show a few PowerPoint slides at the November AAB meeting. He reminded all the travel expense could have been avoided by using a conference call or webinar for the presentation.

Board members discussed airport finances and once again requested an unaudited airport finance report. Once again, the report was not available to the AAB, even though at a previous meeting Chris Boatman stated the Board would have access to such data. The board members concluded their discussion with a motion to establish a finance task force to look at airport finances. The committee would be board members Mason, Johnson, and Pearce.

Will Hamilton shared he was in contact with Andy Wingert, the Code Enforcement Chief, County of San Bernardino. Will shared that Mr. Wingert says the property owner east of the airport is almost complete with the removal of the stockpile that is closest to the runway. Mr. Wingert and Will Hamilton will meet at the site, in the near future, to assess the situation. Will shared he has obtained a contact at the Citrus reservoir and a wildlife monitoring schedule will soon be shared with the City of Redlands.

Sue Cook, Hangar 24 Charities presented a \$3,000 donation for the airport to the City at this meeting. She also shared their plans for Airfest 2018. The AAB created an Adhoc committee to look at Airfest and provide a recommendation for City Council. All decided that a presentation by Hangar 24 Charities to the airport community and AAB Adhoc committee members at the December 27<sup>th</sup> RAA meeting was necessary before any AAB review of the event.

Board members voted to change the date of the next meeting to January 17<sup>th</sup> to resolve some board members holiday scheduling conflicts.

## **Redlands Airport Advisory Board Special Committee Meetings**

### **AAB Finance Committee Report - By Ensen Mason, RAA Treasurer & AAB Board Member**

On 12-15-17 Rich Johnson, Ted Gablin and Ensen Mason met with Chris Boatman, Director Quality of Life, Tim Sullivan Quality of Life, and Councilman Eddie Tejeda, AAB Liaison. The topic was financial issues related to the airport. Here are the specific questions and a summary of what was discussed:

*Airport Enterprise Fund Debt Obligation* – It is believed this debt is from two events - the purchase of the city hangars which was appropriate and property taxes in lieu, which is not a lawful use of airport enterprise funds. If this is the case, we should consider an adjustment to the liability.

*Mr. Boatman stated that he believes that was for the city hangars and something else. He will look into this and get back to us.*

*Recent Legal & Professional Charges to Airport Enterprise Fund* – The airport 2015-2016 budget included three big vendor payments to consultants. We believe only one of the charges made to Randal Wiedemann and Associates for the Airport Business Plan was appropriate use of airport enterprise funds. The other two were legal services from Gratzke, Dillon and Ballance, and for land use compatibility reviews by Coffman and Associates. These charges are for services that facilitated the City review and approval of the Diversified Pacific Developments near the airport. If this is the case, the charges to the enterprise fund should be adjusted to remove development related expenses. There may be a hold harmless clause in the developer's contract with the city that would allow the city to recoup those expenses from the developer.

*Mr. Boatman will look into this and get back to us.*

*Airport Enterprise Fund Financial Reporting* – The AAB would like to have the unaudited financial reports for 2016-2017 and ongoing quarterly reports for review. An important component of this inquiry is the need to review the general ledger. With the focus on improving the airports financial performance, we need to see the individual transactions. *We were advised that this is not something the AAB should be privy to. Ensen stated that he felt the finances are an important component of airport management and that he would use a records request if necessary. Mr. Boatman stated he would ask but there was a concern about city staff resources. Ensen stated that it's a report that is generated by their accounting software. It shouldn't take any measurable amount of resources.*

*Airport Tax Revenue Accounting* - There is approx. \$35K of tax revenue shown as income reported annually for the airport enterprise fund. What is the source of this revenue? Does it include personal property tax on aircraft and real property tax on buildings at the airport?

*We discussed that roughly one fifth of tax revenue generated from tax on airplanes and hangars should accrue to the airport enterprise fund. Doing some rough napkin math, the amount the airport receives should be over 100K. Mr. Boatman stated he would look into it.*

*Enterprise Fund Reimbursement for City Hangar Expense* - The Redlands PD has used a large box hangar for their air support unit for 10 years. Is the City reimbursing the airport enterprise fund for the hangar used by the air support unit? *Mr. Boatman stated that the air unit was exempted from paying for hangar rental because the airport received a benefit in the form of police coverage. It was mentioned that the FAA just came down on Tehachapi for city not paying fair value for use of airport resources.*

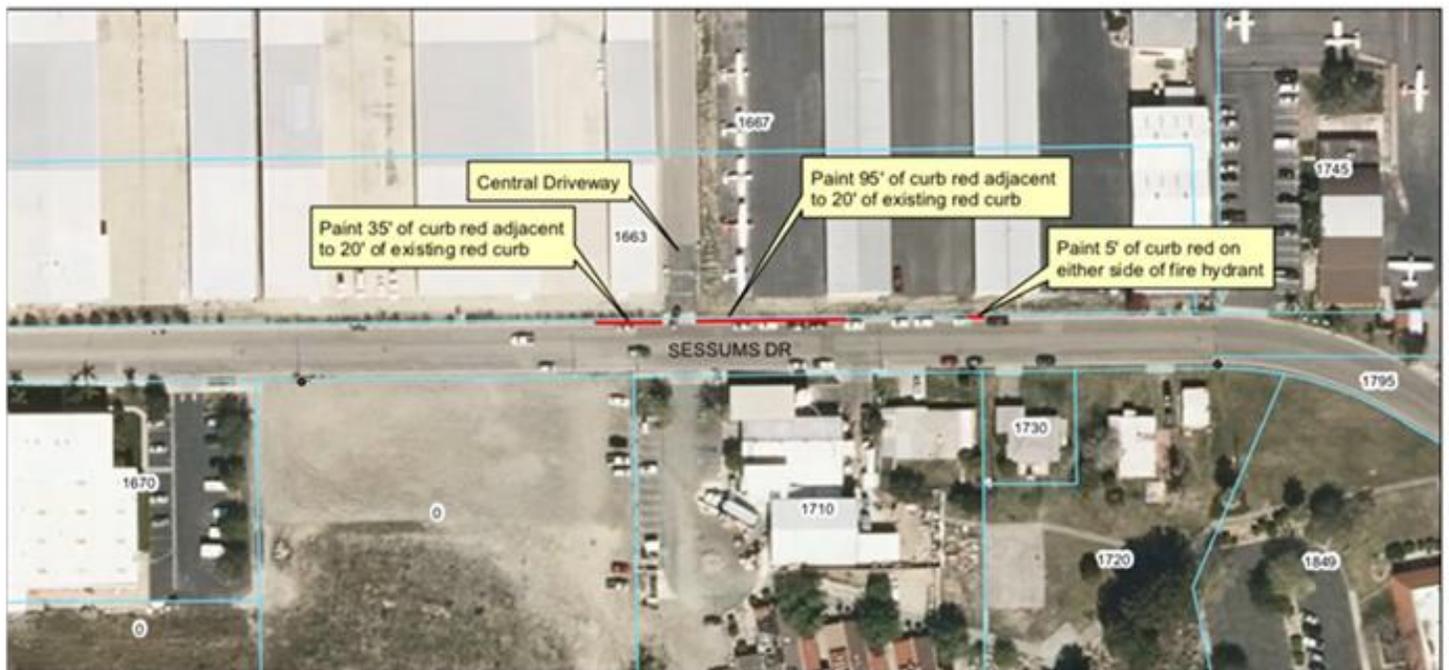


**AAB Committee Meets with City Traffic & Parking Commission to Address Central Gate Safety Issue**

Board members James Hoyt and John Loy volunteered to address complaints made to the AAB about ingress and egress issues at the Central Gate resulting from parked vehicles impairing visibility on Sessums Drive. This problem has been in existence for years.

There were some red no parking zones unofficially painted by Redlands Aviation to address the issue years ago. They were officially refreshed a few months ago by the City to expand the no parking zone to 20' on the north side of Sessums. After further review by this AAB committee and City staff, a proposal was made to establish a much larger no parking zone on the north side of Sessums at the Central Gate. The proposal is depicted below.

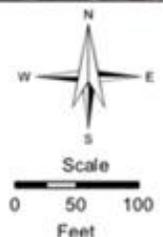
The larger zone will eliminate visibility issues for vehicle leaving through the central gate, improve large vehicle access to the Central Gate and eliminate a choke point on Sessums Drive resulting from traffic at the Hangar 24 Brewery. The proposal was presented by this AAB committee on 12-15-17 to the City Traffic and parking Committee and they approved the recommended No Parking Zone. They also included the addition of some no parking signs to reinforce the no parking zone. Next steps, the proposal goes to City Council for review.



**LOCATION MAP  
Redlands Municipal Airport  
Restricted Parking Map**



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# What Happened at Tehachapi Municipal Airport?

By RAA President, Ted Gablin

We all know REI is not the only airport with issues threatening its existence. Those of us that have been around general aviation for a while know that small municipal airports are under siege. Meadowlark, Tri-City, Rialto, Colton, Shandin Hills are just a few in the local area that are gone but not forgotten. Santa Monica and Banning are probably next.

We all hear there are various state and federal laws that were enacted to protect airports. But, these laws like many others are not enforced. We know the pilot population is declining, but many municipal airports are part of the national airspace system. As such, you would think the feds would be more aggressive about ensuring their survival.

Well, there was recently a glowing light at the end of the dark tunnel. The FAA has gotten involved with the City of Tehachapi over various violations of their grant assurances. Even better, the FAA office involved with Tehachapi is our very own LAX Airport District Office (ADO). Just maybe they have had enough of cities (like Santa Monica?) that have disrespected FAA grant assurances for taxpayer funded airport grants and blatantly mismanaged their municipal airports.



At Least They Have an Airport Sign!

The FAA performed some hangar inspections at Tehachapi during May 2017. These inspections were prompted by complaints filed by concerned airport users. The airport community at Tehachapi has significant concerns about the manner the City manages their airport. They have had challenges getting the City to perform maintenance and upgrades. In August 2017, the Tehachapi City Council voted 4-1 to cancel an FAA AIP grant for two very badly needed airport projects that involved runway rehabilitation. The reason given was the relocation of the south parallel taxiway requires a significant dollar match from the City of Tehachapi, almost half million dollars. Airport users have also expressed concerns about a new hospital nearby that is encroaching on the airport.

So, it's not surprising a few airport users leaned on the FAA to perform the inspections. They just were not getting anywhere trying to work with City officials. During the hangar inspections the FAA determined the big violator was the City of Tehachapi. They were using parts of the airport and some hangars for non-aviation purposes and the FAA did not approve the uses.

The FAA also investigated some other issues that were brought to their attention by the airport users. A group of airport users scrutinized airport finances, and discrepancies were noted and communicated to the FAA. The FAA determined the City was using 50 acres of airport property for a non-aviation use to discharge effluent from a city sewage plant and not paying fair market value to the enterprise fund for use of the property. It also did not appear the city got any appraisals of the fair market value of the assets it rented out for non-aeronautical purposes.

The FAA also determined the City was not reimbursing the airport enterprise fund for the use of hangars and vehicle storage. Some airport lease agreements were also reviewed by the FAA as they determined the City missed opportunities for generating revenue when they were renewed.

The FAA issued a report on September 29<sup>th</sup> to the City of Tehachapi. The FAA report did find the airfield was in satisfactory condition and properly maintained, but it also detailed the problems they found during their inspection. The FAA advised the city to put into place a hangar inspection program to make sure the hangars were properly used for aviation purposes and up to Kern County fire and building codes. The advisement will prevent airport leases from being used for non-aviation purposes. The report gave the City 60 days to respond.

Ian Gregor, Public Affairs Manager for the FAA Pacific Division was quoted in the Tehachapi news stating; “The FAA determined the city appears to be out of compliance with some of its grant assurances. The FAA has asked the city to develop a corrective action plan to address and correct the inspection findings. The plan should describe the actions the city will take to improve or eliminate the identified shortcomings,” he was also quoted as stating “Grant assurances are agreements airports enter into in return for federal funds. If the City of Tehachapi fails to take action, fines may follow.”

Initially, it was reported that the City was considering fighting the FAA on their findings. But, On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Tehachapi City Council approved a letter to send to the FAA that promises to look at concerns about Tehachapi Municipal Airport that the agency brought up earlier this year. Bravo!

Of course, it’s always better if airport users can work out airport issues with the airport sponsor. Inviting a big government agency like the FAA to fix issues created by local government can open Pandora’s Box. The FAA can do wacky things too. Pending AIP grants may be suspended during these types of investigations and that can leave airport users without necessary airport capital improvements.

But, it’s encouraging to see the FAA get involved in Tehachapi. It appears the LAX ADO does care about airports in their jurisdiction and is not afraid to enforce federal law. We hope this incident will help the City of Tehachapi do a better job of managing their airport. We also hope this incident sends a clear message to other Cities that have agreed to grant assurances too! A well maintained economically self-sustaining airport is in everybody’s best interests and will hopefully keep it around for airport users for a long time.



# **“Stuff a Plane with Toys for Tots” - Another Great Year!**

**By RAA Secretary, Cindy Gablin**

For those that aren't familiar with the Toys for Tots Program, it was started by the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1947 and continues today. US Marines at each Reserve Center throughout the nation conduct toy collection and distribution campaigns in the communities surrounding the center. Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots train logo and created the first national Toys for Tots poster.

Last year the program collected and distributed 18 million toys to 7 million less fortunate children allowing them to experience the joy of Christmas and receive a message of hope that otherwise would not have been there.

This is the third year the RAA has participated in this wonderful charity program. This year, we asked LifeStream to join our kick-off event and they were very excited. We decided to give this year's event a theme and came up with "Give the Gift of Life and a Smile". What better way to give the gift of life than to donate blood and of course to give a toy to a child brings on the beautiful smile!

We had more exhibitors this year than in previous years. Chick-fil-a Citrus Plaza was our food vendor with their delicious sandwiches. So, who else was there in case you missed it all? YAPS with some adorable pups, Page Project for those who wanted to donate supplies to shelters, and Pilots N Paws to tell you how they help with finding homes for shelter animals. Angel Flight West was there to share how their volunteer pilots fly those whose lives are in turmoil make critical journeys at no cost to them. The Civil Air Patrol had a booth trying to entice others to join their organization that help with emergency service missions when needed.

San Bernardino Valley College had their Aeronautic and Auto Departments represented to show the community what great programs they have.

Our neighbors, Hangar 24 Brewery and Redlands Henry Bush Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning joined us to help support our event.

We were also represented by the aviation community; Westwind Flying Club and ATA from KREI, NextGen Flight Academy from KRAL and World-Wide Wings from KSBD. EAA also had a booth and were signing up kids for a future Young Eagles flight.

We held some raffles as well! Thank you to Redlands Aviation for raffling off 5 tickets for 10 gallons of Avgas each. Dennis Brown raffled off an aerobatic ride and Ted Gablin raffled off a ride in our RV-7. All proceeds were donated to Toys for Tots.

Of course, we had our heroes from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Association, Redlands Fire Department, and Redlands Police Department (who by the way brought their Mobile Library).

Oh, and LifeStream collected 29 units of blood! It would have been 36, but some were unable to donate that day for one reason or another.

In addition to all this, we had planes, cars, and motorcycles on display for our guests to enjoy. Unfortunately, not as many as planes as in previous years. We need to work on that for next year!

We continued to collect toys until December 1<sup>st</sup>. We had collection boxes at Hangar 24, Arthur's Restaurant, and Johnny's Tacos, whose patrons all donated toys on behalf of Redlands Airport Association. We also had a collection box in the lobby at the airport where we collected a "few" toys.

We had some very awesome donors as well that collected toys and cash for us. Sysco Foods LA collected 7 full boxes of toys and Manheim Southern California held a raffle and gave us all the proceeds for a total of \$380.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 24 airplanes with pilots & crew, loaded approximately 2500 toys we collected and flew them to the Twentynine Palms Airport. We are sorry to miss the 6 other pilots that were unable to go due to mechanical issues. In addition, Alex Mirand from Long Beach, who donated 6 bicycles again this year, was unable to join us for the airlift. Fortunately, Dr. Brian Bearie from Redlands offered to load up his Pilatus with the bicycles and even offered a ride to 4 crew from the airport. Dick & Sandy Davidson flew out from Lake Havasu with another 5 bicycles and toys to meet us at Twentynine Palms Airport.

We were met at the Twentynine Palms Airport by some of the United States Marine Reservists from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion stationed in Twentynine Palms and the local press. We presented the Marines with the toys, bicycles, and a check for \$1180 from the money that was collected. The Marines, with the assistance of local social welfare agencies, church groups and other community agencies will then sort the toys by age group and distribute to children throughout San Bernardino and Riverside County in the weeks that follow.

I wish to send out a Special Thank You to: Jim Philips for letting us use his plane to "stuff", Clean Relief LLC for the donation of the extra port-a-potties, and the City of Redlands for allowing us to have our event at the airport. I would also like to thank Gil Brown & George Saliba for allowing us to store the toys in their hangars until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you Tony Higa for our private airshow – you ROCK! Thanks also to Curtis Parcell for getting us some air time by broadcasting public service announcements on KCAL & KOLA to promote our kick-off event. And the biggest Thank You is to all that volunteered for the kick-off event and our airlift. **We couldn't have done this without you!!!**







## **2017 Was a Great Year!**

**By RAA Safety Officer, Dennis Brown**

I would like to offer congratulations to the group for a successful airlift of toys and presents to the Marines at 29 Palms. The gifts offer hope and a feeling of caring to youngsters that are disadvantaged or economically deprived. The true spirit of the season is shared with our efforts. The fact that we fly these presents is witness to the community at large, that pilots are not just self-serving aircraft owners. There is a broad-brush portrayal that we are rich and enjoy a country club atmosphere at the airport. This effort goes a long way towards discrediting these misconceptions. (I know I'm not rich, I'm in aviation).



In addition to these kudos, I want to extend congratulations to all the pilots who participated in the airlift, recognizing their flying skills. Each followed the arrival procedure and the flow to the airport was unhurried, uncongested, at pattern altitude and spacing was perfect. Thank you for your attention to detail, and a superb effort. Well done.

Lastly, and not a safety item, but an interesting fact, I want to wish everyone a happy anniversary of the start of powered flight. Today (as I sit to write), December 17, 2017 is the 114<sup>th</sup> year since the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk. Today, alive in Japan, there is a woman named Nabi Tajima. She was born on August 4, 1900. She was alive when the flight was made, making all history of powered flight in one lifetime.....her's. Consider what she has witnessed, virtually everything with a wing that carries a pilot with power.

I guess I won't complain about aches and pains at the age of 67 anymore. She is almost twice my age.

It has been a great year. I am grateful for good students, good airplanes, good friends, and great pilots here at REI, the unknown gem of the Inland Empire.

**A very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years to one and all!! Welcome 2018!**

Dennis K. Brown

***Let's All Fly Safe Out There!***

## A Message from Cal Pilots President Carol Ford

Reprinted from the November/December Calpilots Newsletter



Carol Ford

October 13, 2017 California Pilots Association had a reception at Izzy's in San Carlos featuring a talk by Mark Baker, the current president of AOPA. His message was to strongly urge us to call our elected Congressional Representatives (House and Senate) to vote against privatization of our Air Traffic System. Afterwards, he made time to speak to those present and listen to their concerns and answer their questions. The evening also provided the Board members the ability to meet and get to know our CalPilots members such as Nilesh Narayan from Lincoln, Michael Tomazin from Madeira, Anne O'Brien from Torrance, and Mike Jesch from Anaheim. It is so imperative to listen to what is occurring at our airports throughout California.

The next morning began with a topic near and dear to my heart, airport advocacy. I have often said that we have to band together inside the fence because the forces against aviation outside the fence are very strong. I truly believe when people work positively together for a common goal, good things can come of it. These can include our communities, our pilots, our airport management teams, etc. It was very troubling to hear about the issues being brought forward for the first time. Airports such as Tracy explained what had been happening recently at an airport we have long helped. Others came forward as well. Throughout the rest of the day, board members and I, spent time listening to members present. What a great way to learn about whom we strive to help! Some had wonderful stories to tell while others did not. We have some work cut out for us, don't we? Will you stand with us? We cannot do this alone. The more voices heard, the more commitment we show, the more success we will have. Together.

I would like to take a moment and thank the wonderful people that helped make the Annual meeting such a success. Ok, maybe more than a moment! First, we must thank you, the wonderful people who came to the reception and the annual meeting. Next, a special thank you to our sponsors; ACI Jet, AOPA, and Signature Flight Support. Plus, such wonderful speakers we had! They were instrumental in providing great information and feedback: Mark Baker, President of AOPA, Melissa McCaffrey, AOPA's Western Pacific Regional Manager, Rayvon Williams, the airport manager from Watsonville, Gary Cathey, Chief of the Division of Aeronautics at the State of California, Commander Robert Johnson USN retired, and Dr. Lenchner. We must also say a thank you to all of our booths as we appreciated their willingness to stick by us through the confusion of changing venues at the last minute: DART, NOAA, Air-Craft Paint, Signature Flight Support, Pacific Coast Avionics, Air Galore, Atlantic Aviation, and ACI Jet. We cannot forget Gretchen Kelly, the airport manager of San Carlos and the assistant airport manager Chris St. Peter who opened their airport to us and were such gracious hosts and our volunteers Janet Borzelleri, Jim Thames, Linda Cochran, Andrew and Christina Young, Curt Nehring, Jonathon Hull, and Mary Bromage. And last, but never least, we must recognize the amazing CalPilots board members who in five weeks made this event happen. Thank you for the time, the commitment, the passion you gave to ensure that the event would go on. Your hard work and dedication made this a successful event. We look forward to another great event next year. Stay tuned for when and where!

**Note from the editor- Please consider supporting our parent organization CalPilots. They do help us tremendously. You can learn about CalPilots, join, renew your membership, or donate by going to: [www.calpilots.org](http://www.calpilots.org).**

# RAA Membership & Dues

Membership dues are used to promote our airport and general aviation. **All of it** gets used for fun events and expenses. A good chunk of the remaining monies is donated to Toys for Tots at the end of the year. We hear all the time that we are doing a good job, so you would think members would support our mission by paying dues of \$10 per year. Yet, this year only 42 of the 149 people on our mailing list think its worth \$10.00 a year to support the RAA. We are sure that even less write a check to Calpilots for \$35.00.

If you are serious about our cause and want to support the RAA and your airport you can help by paying your member dues. You can also help when we need volunteers from the airport community. **Remember, It's your airport. Get involved!**

If you haven't done so already, please complete the membership form below and return with your payment. You can join or renew at an RAA meeting or by mailing the completed form with your check to: Redlands Airport Association 1745 Sessums Dr. Ste. 1 Redlands, CA 92374-1907 The RAA and CalPilots are both 501(c)3 organizations. **Your dues and donations are tax deductible.** Thank you for your continued support!

## Redlands Airport Association Membership Form

*All member information is confidential*

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**Dedicated Volunteers Wanted** - Interested in helping improve Redlands Airport? The RAA is seeking candidates for future leadership roles on our board. No pay, but great potential for personal satisfaction and good times. Interested? Contact the RAA at: [redlands.airport.association@gmail.com](mailto:redlands.airport.association@gmail.com)



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## It's Your Airport Get Involved !!!!!

# Upcoming Airport Events

**Sunday Morning REI Breakfast Club-** VFR Sunday Mornings at 7am.  
 Meet at the REI public lobby.

## Important Meetings

**The Redlands Airport Association** meets monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the public lobby at REI

**Redlands City Council** meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6pm. Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance for City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings. Link for agendas and videos of previous meetings: <http://www.cityofredlands.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=7087893>

**Redlands Airport Advisory Board** meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm and is usually at the Redlands City Council Chambers and occasionally, the airport public lobby.

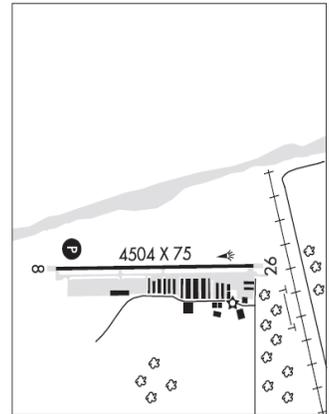
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*"The purpose of the RAA shall be to deal with current and future issues of interest to the pilot and aviation community at the Redlands Municipal Airport."*



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