

# Redlands Airport Association Newsletter

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# **Presidents Letter**

### **By RAA President Ted Gablin**

I am the eternal optimist when it comes to the business of advocating for our airport. Many times, I choose my words carefully when dealing with the City of Redlands. I believe when you work collaboratively with an organization you will get further than being adversarial. Unfortunately, sometimes you just need to tell it like it really is. If you don't, things will not get better. So, here goes.

One of the 34 recommendations made in the REI Business plan included filling an existing vacant airport manager's position. You can read about this recommendation and the intended responsibilities of this position in the 12-31-16 RAA newsletter. One of the statements in the business plan about this position mentions *"Great communication will be the key to a successful transition for the Airport Manager position"*. I can tell you, so far, this "great communication" has been lacking. Recently our manager's focus has been on issuing new leases at the City hangars. Some of the rent increases and additional insurance requirements have angered many good city tenants. Some of this anger could have been diffused with some good communication before these changes were proposed.

Our airport manager is a personable, diplomatic, and well-spoken gentleman. When someone from the airport community presents a problem or issue requiring city attention, he says the right things and mentions a course of action. But, the action rarely happens. Whether it's handling maintenance issues, or communicating the impacts of AirFest and airport construction, or presenting wedding plans accurately to city council, it's been a challenge seeing any follow through. Maybe he has too much on his plate, or he's not supported by his management. If I had to guess, it's probably a little of both. Either way, he won't be credible with the airport community if this continues.

The RAA had to get involved when construction started on the REI lighting project because a NOTAM was not issued for the construction. Our airport manager stated that the contractor started work without notifying him. But, upon investigation of the contractor's timeline, it's clear he started on time. I don't think this would have happened if folks at the City understood the liability they create for themselves by not issuing NOTAM's when men and equipment are working on or near the airport.

The AAB is another area where City staff has not followed through with business plan recommendations. The AAB is a liaison between the City and airport community. The plan recommended monthly AAB meetings. In spite of all of this, in 30 days, 3 seats will be vacant on the AAB. Two of the vacancies are not a surprise as board members are termed out. The third vacancy was announced at the March AAB meeting. The City has yet to post the vacancies on their website. It doesn't seem to be very important for the City to have an engaged AAB as recommended in the business plan.

### 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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It appears there still seems to be an attitude of indifference to the airport held by some on City staff. They just don't understand their own responsibility for improving the economic viability of the airport. This attitude starts at the top too. Please see the article in this newsletter about our airport friend, the Redlands City Manager, Enrique Martinez. We still have a lot of work to do to improve this situation.

## **Update on Airport Issues**

### **Airport Advisory Board Vacancies**

At the March 1<sup>st</sup> AAB meeting, board member Kevin Hockenson said he's moving back to Washington. His dad had a heart attack and he needs to help with the family business. So, he has resigned from the AAB. He will be missed as he is an engaged and conscientious board member. We thank him for his service.

Board members Ingrid Biglow and Miles Miller term's end on 5-1-17, so there will be three vacancies on the AAB in May, 2017. Will Hamilton could not tell anyone at the 3-1-17 AAB meeting when the board member vacancies would be posted. He said that filling those vacancies is handled outside of the Quality of Life Department. These vacancies will be posted on the City of Redlands website under "Commissions and Boards", <u>"Current Openings on Commissions and Boards"</u>.

The Airport Advisory Board acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to the administration, operation, development, improvement and maintenance of the Redlands Municipal Airport. This is critical, as the Council does listen to the AAB. An engaged and respected AAB can help our airport in many ways. These vacancies are a great opportunity to get some well needed airport/aviation knowledgeable folks from our airport community on this board. If you are a Redlands resident and an engaged airport supporter this is a great opportunity for you to make a difference.

We will try and notify all when the vacancies are posted. In the interim, if you are interested in applying, it may be worthwhile for you to let Councilman Eddie Tejeda know in an e-mail. He is the designated AAB liaison. His e-mail is: <a href="mailto:etejeda@cityofredlands.org">etejeda@cityofredlands.org</a>

### Airport Construction and Night Closures

Revised information was presented at the March 1st AAB meeting by the contractor that will be working the airport lighting project. The project manager from the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities Dept. was also present to discuss the water well rehab project just north of the runway. Here's what was shared:

### Lighting and Signage Project

The revised start date for the airport lighting and signage project was March 13th. The project will continue through the week of May 19th.

There are no planned daytime closures of the airport associated with this project. Daytime work will involve some taxiway closures, but the contractor plans to make sure there is user access to the runway. The project does require the airport to be closed at night, 5 days a week (on weekdays), for approximately 10 weeks. The nighttime closures are scheduled to start the week of April 17th. The night closure will begin at 8pm and end at 7am. There will be an equipment lay down area on the west ramp, west of the Coyote complex.

The contractor is RB Development. The principal is Randy Bales. He is a pilot and owns a C182 based in Big Bear. He is experienced with airport construction projects. He has stated more than once that he will work with the airport community to minimize disruption. Construction schedules are posted at the airport. As with all construction projects dates can change based upon weather and unforeseen challenges.

### **City of Redlands Water Well Rehab Project**

City of Redlands Well "#1" is just north of the tetrahedron and will be "overhauled" as a City maintenance project. This work will involve the use of a 40' crane. The impact to the airport includes the obstruction hazard (crane) and worker access to the site.

The start date is still undetermined, but they are getting close. The project will take 4-6 weeks to complete. All workers associated with this project are supposed to access the site from the west side (RWY 8 approach) of the airport. The MUD contact, Bassam, said personnel will use proper precautions (lights, flags and radios) when in proximity to the runway.

The City is aware of their NOTAM responsibilities for these projects. Please be sure to check NOTAM's as part of your briefings when we get closer to the start of these projects.

We will keep all advised on this work as information becomes available.

### **Ensley Airport Wedding Request**

RAA Director Phil Ensley and his fiancée Emily Holmes have changed their airport wedding plans. They are still planning the ceremony on the west ramp at the compass rose, but the reception will be held elsewhere. They have also changed the date from October 7<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. They have sent all the required information to the city for approval. Their request, like many other events proposed at City venues, needed approval by Redlands City Council. The council approved the ceremony at the 3-21-17 council meeting. Phil and his fiancée Emily spoke at the council meeting and requested a reduction of the proposed \$555 fee proposed by City staff to use the west ramp for their service. They cited inaccuracies in the staff report concerning the length of time for the service. Quality of Life director Chris Boatman stated he would review the proposed billing. More to come...

#### **City Hangar Inspections**

If you haven't heard, the City of Redlands has inspected their hangars for compliance with the FAA's existing and soon to be implemented revised hangar use policy. In conjunction with this effort the City has presented new lease agreements with new monthly lease rates based upon their internal market assessment of hangar lease rates.

At the 2-1-17 AAB meeting, it was mentioned that the City hangars are out of compliance with the FAA regulations in about 90% of their hangars. The FAA's hangar use policy which is applicable for airports receiving FAA grants includes requirements that every hangar must have an aircraft, kit, or project. If the hangar is occupied with a kit or aircraft project, there must be progress on it. It cannot just sit there for years. FAA policy leaves it up to the airport sponsors on how to determine whether there is progress on a kit or project. At the time this was discussed at the AAB meeting, Will Hamilton, REI airport manager, stated the City doesn't know how they are going to do that.

The City has imposed a liability insurance requirement on their tenants. This requirement is not a big deal for tenants with insured aircraft as they already have liability insurance. They will simply have to name the City as additional insured on their aircraft insurance policy. Tenants with unairworthy aircraft or kits under construction will need to obtain liability insurance to remain a tenant of the City. I called my insurance broker at Cable airport to ask if this insurance requirement was common. My broker shared that hangar owners requiring liability insurance is a common practice in Southern California. She mentioned tenants of Cable airport have this requirement.

We are also aware of numerous complaints made to our airport manager about maintenance issues. The City hangars have not had any maintenance in years and with the recent rains many of the tenants have been complaining about

significant leaks. I have been working in Ensen Mason's hangar and have witnessed a 2-3 inches of water on the floor because of ramp drainage issues in addition to significant roof leaks. We encourage our members that have hangar maintenance issues to contact Will Hamilton and his supervisor, Tricia Swope. We recommend making the complaints in writing.

Its's also been common knowledge at the airport that some City hangers (and others) have been used as residences. Additionally, the City (and others) have rented hangars to individuals without any aircraft, kit, or project. The FAA's hangar use policy requires airport sponsors that receive FAA grants to use hangars for aviation purposes. Residences are not an aviation use. We are aware that some of their tenants have been asked to leave the City complex.

The City will be moving from inspections of City hangars to inspections of other FBO hangars. More to come for sure.



## **City Hangars - A Tenants Perspective** By RAA Treasurer, Ensen Mason

It seems that whether it's low income housing or hangars, government makes for a poor landlord. If I maintained my place of business the same way the City maintains their hangars, I'm quite sure the same City would red tag me.

I have water entering the hangar both from flooding in front caused by improper drainage and from the ceiling, around the exhaust fan. The light switch has fallen apart exposing the electrical wiring. The roof is falling off in such a way that it blocks the door from closing. And one of the lights are out. It's been about six months since I notified the city and I have reminded them several times. I have been told that everybody has similar problems and they can't get to them all.

I don't mean to be a complainer. I am happy to have a hangar. But I did want to draw attention to the lack of maintenance the City has given the airport. We even have an airport manager, so you would expect things would be improving. They're not. Imagine if we maintained our airplanes the way the City maintains their hangars. I do commend Will Hamilton for showing up at RAA meetings. He seems to take criticism with grace. We do our best to hold the city accountable through him, but it doesn't seem to be enough.

What are the next steps? We need to keep the airport a priority for the city. We need to be visible. We need to be the squeaky wheel. There are many opportunities to be seen and heard:

- \* City council meetings
- \* Airport advisory board meetings
- \* Coffee with the council
- \* RAA meetings
- \* Ad hoc meetings like general plan meetings



Not too many can make it to these functions, and it's probably not a good idea for one face to be the "airport nag", but if we all stay involved a little and our numbers are large, the future of the airport will benefit.

Note: Since the writing of this article, I have given notice to the City that I will be vacating their hangar.

## The Business of Hangar Ownership By RAA Vice President, Steve Willer

Redlands' City Manager, Enrique Martinez, recently put on two 'Meet the Manager' public forums to review the current status of the city coffers as well as to tout his accomplishments since assuming the position in 2007.

During these events, Mr. Martinez continued to espouse his view that Redlands Municipal Airport is an under-performing asset. To back up this assertion, he is quick to cite the fact that the Airport owes the Waste Department nearly \$1M in loan repayment. This claim was made without mention that the airport enterprise fund has been operating in excess of expenses for years and has been used to repay this loan to the Waste Department. Payments have been as high as \$150,000 a year, with an estimate of \$43,000 in FY17. It is worth noting that the Council-approved airport budget for 2017 is \$331,519 while Mr. Martinez total compensation in 2015 was \$371,284.

The short background on this loan is that the money was used to buy the Aerodynamics hangar complex after the City refused to renew this businesses lease. Since assuming the management of this hangar complex, I'm not aware of any additional investment that the city has made aside from urgent maintenance. Despite the deteriorating condition of these structures (see related article above), the City recently raised the monthly rent by approximately 20%.

Mr. Martinez stated during the second 'Meet the Manager' engagement that airport users are going to have to "suck it up" and "pay their own way" when answering questions related to the needed maintenance on City hangars.

This got me thinking, why does the City continue to 'actively' manage this group of hangars? If I were Mr. City Manager for a day, I would investigate putting these structures up for sale and entering a long-term land lease with a new owner. Repay the Waste department...check; cash reserves in the airport enterprise fund...check; reduction in City labor, maintenance, and overhead at the airport...check.

Perhaps Mr. Martinez can hire another consultant to add this to the airport business plan. This would give him another 'accomplishment' to trot around on his next 'Meet the Manager' tour.



## New International Aerobatic Club (IAC) Chapter 131 By RAA Member and IAC Chapter 131 President Casey Erickson

We want to update all, that the new Redlands IAC Chapter 131, nicknamed the "Aerobats", is official and we are up and running. We may be small in membership number at this point, but we are officially recognized as an IAC chapter. Currently the Chapter officers are as follows:

President, Treasurer - Casey Erickson Vice President - Philip Ensley Secretary - Jason Cowls

We have filed and received an official IRS EIN number for the chapter, and have begun the paperwork for 501c3 non-profit and incorporation. We have some time on this, but we are hoping to get this done by the end of the year. It is not a huge rush right now, as I understand.

The first thing that must be done is hold our first official meeting. Our first meeting will be held Thursday April 6, at 6pm in the Redlands Lobby. Anyone with an interest in aerobatics is invited.

At this meeting, we will adopt Bylaws which must be voted and approved by the members (that is all of us), signed by the officers and returned to the EAA headquarters. These documents will also be furnished to the State of California and/or the IRS. Luckily, the EAA provides a sample set of bylaws for us to use. We just make any needed small revisions for items that may or may not apply specifically to our chapter.

Another item we will discuss at our first official meeting concerns the Redlands Aerobatic Practice Area (APA). Currently I am the named FAA responsible party for the APA and have sole authority over its operation. However, the IAC Chapter 131 "Aerobats" is ours as a community. We should attach the Redlands APA to Chapter 131, and get the FAA to approve the next waiver naming the responsible party the current President of IAC Chapter 131. That is still me today, but won't be always in the future (hopefully). This is a win-win for both Chapter 131 "Aerobats" and the Redlands APA, adding legitimacy and a sense of purpose all around. It also allows for a smooth transition of power/responsibility when that time comes, and puts the weight on the entire (future?) Board of Directors for IAC Chapter 131 to maintain the waiver, and not just one person like it is today, which I believe, is generally a better thing, for many reasons. We hope to have this first official meeting prior to the publication of this article.

Finally, the other task at hand and the main reason for forming this chapter is to hold an aerobatic contest. Based on local weather patterns, and when other contests in the S.W. U.S. are scheduled, I am looking at July 20-22 for "2017 - Air Wars" The Third in a Trilogy of contests which started in 2011 with 'The Inland Empire Strikes Back' and 2012 'Return of the Aerobatist.'

We will keep all advised as to our activities and we welcome new members. If you are interested in learning about the IAC and becoming a member of our chapter, send me an email. I can be contacted at: <u>casey.ann.erickson@gmail.com</u>



## Hangar 24 AirFest & 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration By RAA President, Ted Gablin

If you haven't heard, the Hangar 24 AirFest & 9th Anniversary Celebration will take place at the Redlands Airport on Saturday, May 20, 2017. They have a great line-up of performers. Some of them include the Patriots, Vicki Benzing and a US Navy demo team. We are also hearing that our very own Tony Higa will be performing once again. This will be another huge event for our airport with an estimated 16,000 attendees visiting Airfest. You can find more information about the event on their website: hangar24airfest.com.

Most of us want to know the impact of the event on the airport. So, the best information available to share is from the minutes of the last Airport Advisory Board Adhoc committee meeting with Hangar 24 principals held on 1-25-17.

Airfest 2017 will be very similar to Airfest 2016. The Cooks are making a few changes to make the event more appealing to all and to solve a few problems that existed last year. The changes include:

### <u>Set-up</u>

Set-up starts on 5-16. It looks like the folks at Hangar 24 have gained some experience with streamlining set up activities as they started set-up 9 days ahead of the event last year.

<u>VIP/Performer Reception</u> - They are planning a VIP /Performer Reception, the evening of Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>, at the tasting room at Hangar 24. There should not be any impact to the airport other than the traffic near the airport.

<u>TFR's</u> - There will be two TFR's associated with Airfest. On Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, they are planning a 3 hour TFR from 2-5pm. In addition to other notable performers the Patriots Jet Team will perform again at AirFest 2017. So, the Friday TFR will allow the airspace to be closed for performer practice. There will not be any restrictions to hangar access during this time, so come out and enjoy the practice show. Please respect any FAA imposed crowd line during the practice.

The second TFR will occur on the day of the event. The airport will be closed to air traffic from 2:30 to 7:30 pm.

<u>Hangar Tenant Impacts</u> - The event will still require a 300' crowd line. All pedestrians and hangar tenants will need to vacate their hangars (except Coyote tenants) by 2:00 pm. We are sure the Redlands PD will start reminding people of that prior to 2:00 PM. The Coyote Hangar complex will be in the event Alcohol Beverage Control Area. So, Coyote guests will be able to enjoy adult beverages if they choose. Hangar 24 will be providing a fence around the Coyote complex to protect aircraft that will be on static display on the N/S of the Coyote complex. Crews will be installing a fence around the entire Coyote complex on the morning of May 19th. Coyote owners will have access to the runway with a path as they did in 2016 on Friday May 19th. They will not have runway access on May 20<sup>th</sup> until 11pm.

**Moving Aircraft on West Ramp** - Will Hamilton, City of Redlands, is taking the lead to contact City's tenants on the west ramp and providing notification that they will need to move their aircraft prior to the event. He will be providing information to the City tiedown tenants on the west ramp of alternate parking arrangements. As of the time of this article, the deadline for moving these aircraft has not be determined. Hangar 24 shows them being moved on their proposed draft event timeline on 5-11-17. This timeline is included at the end of this article.

<u>Airport User Event Tickets</u> - Complimentary event tickets, up to a maximum of four, will be available for hangar owners, hangar tenants, airport businesses, tiedown tenants and flying club members. The process involves filling out a form and emailing it to Debbie Forthun at Hangar 24. This needs to be done by 12PM April 20th!!! Please see the form at the end of this article or on their website for additional instructions. The form can be located under the tab labeled "REI Patrons".

<u>Complimentary Booth Space for REI Business Owners</u> Complimentary booth space is available at AirFest for REI businesses. Proof of liability insurance with the required additional insured is necessary. Contact Pam Davidson for an application if you are interested. We have sent out notices about this in January, so, hopefully folks won't wait until the last minute to make these arrangements. This space is available until April 1st. Pam's email is: p2eventworks@gmail.com and her office phone is 909-890-0082.

<u>Airport Tenant Static Aircraft Displays</u> Hangar 24 is looking for REI aircraft to show in the static display at Airfest 2017. The space is limited so, they will be looking for aircraft that show well. If you wish to display your aircraft, there is a form that you need to complete and send with a digital picture to the e-mail address on the form (we have not seen a basket in the lobby) as soon as possible. The form is included at the end of this article or can be found on their website under the tab labeled "REI Patrons".

<u>Parking</u> – Event parking is free this year. If you are walking over from your hangar, please be considerate of others and do not block the ramp or someone's hangar access with your vehicles!!!

<u>West- Ramp Clean-up</u> - Hangar 24 will be cleaning up the west ramp overnight and on 5-21. Their timeline shows the west ramp back to normal on 5-22.

The AAB Adhoc committee created to discus Airfest will not be meeting again before Airfest 2017. Sue Cook shared that she will attend a future AAB meeting to provide event updates. We will share anything we hear.



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Thank you for your interest in attending the Hangar 24 AirFest & 9th Anniversary Celebration happening on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please complete the below form to receive your tickets to the event. To ensure your tickets arrive in time, please email them to the address below by Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (4/20/2017) by 12pm. Due to the craziness as the event draws closer, we will not be able to accept any ticket requests after 4/20/17.

First Name: Last Name: Business Name (if applicable): Hangar Name and #: Email: Phone Number: Address Line 1: Address Line 2: City: State: Zip:

#### You may request up to four (4) tickets total:

General Admission (12 years old +): Child (6-11 years old): Child (0-5 years old): Not included in your 4 tickets-These tickets are FREE. Additional tickets can be purchased at the door or on line at eventbrite.com.

#### **Check box:**

( ) Pick up at Tasting Room( ) Mailed to address listed above

If you select to have your tickets picked up above, please pick them up from the Hangar 24 Craft Brewery Tasting Room, located at 1710 Sessums Drive, Redlands CA **between April 27**<sup>th</sup> **and May 8**<sup>th</sup>.

If you select to have your tickets mailed to the address listed above, they will be post marked Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE FORTHUN (909) 705-2164 ( call or text) or <u>debbieforthun@gmail.com</u>

Looking Forward to Meeting YOU! Debbie Forthun



### WE WANT TO ENJOY YOUR PLANES!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR AIRCRAFT AT THE 2017 AIRFEST BEING HELD ON MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>, NOON-10PM, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND EITHER LEAVE IN BASKET PROVIDED IN AIRPORT LOBBY OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO ADDRESS BELOW. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ELECTRONIC FORM, PLEASE EMAIL ME AT EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW. PLEASE INDICATE BELOW IF YOU NEED TO REMOVE YOUR AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO THE CLOSE AT 10 PM. ALL AIRCRAFT MUST REMAIN DISPLAYED AT MINIMUM UNTIL 7PM.

SPACES ARE LIMITED SO GET YOUR SUBMISSION IN FIRST !!!!

APPROVED BY HANGAR 24 AIRFEST COMMITTEE.

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ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DARYL SHIPPY AT 909-389-1400 EX.106 OR AT DSHIPPY@HANGAR24BREWERY.COM OR SUE OR PAUL COOK AT 951-780-3461, 951-543-2654 OR 951-201-4450 OR AT SCOOK@HANGAR24CHARITIES.ORG PO Box 9420, Redlands, CA 92375 Phone 909.389.1400 Fax 909.389.1477 www.Hangar24Brewery.com

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## **Redlands Airport Spring Fling Event** By RAA Secretary Cindy Gablin

Saturday, March 18, 2017, brought out some of the best of us. Not only did we have a bright sunny day, we had some of our airport and city community come together to enjoy aviation.

The RAA started up the grill about 7:00 am to sizzle up some delicious sausage and pancakes for the crowd that began to arrive about 7:30 am.

The EAA had excited children lining up between 8:00- 9:00 to register for the flight of their life! It was such a pleasure to watch the excitement on these young kids faces. Doug Williams started ground school for the kids at 8:30 and followed up with the later kids about 9:30. There were 8, yes, 8 pilots flying that day. I think that is a new record! With each pilot taking up 3 kids, they had it knocked out almost on the first run. After that was completed, some of the San Bernardino



Valley College Aviation Technician students in attendance got to go up for a flight as well.

The RAA served up approximately 55 breakfasts. Although that is not the best we have done in the past, we did come out ahead due to some of the aviation community's generosity by putting in extra cash as a donation. Thank you! Unfortunately, we would have rather sold through the food as we had quite a few sausages and pancakes available at the end of the morning.

Having events, such as this, has such an impact on the airport. We need to show the community what a great asset the airport is to the city. I have attended too many city meetings where they believe the airport is just a place for the rich. They have no idea how much we all

struggle to enjoy the pleasure of flying. The thought of showing and teaching the young the excitement and pleasure of flying is a tremendously enjoyable experience that can also lead to a well-paying aviation career. Without the EAA's Young Eagle program, some children would never get the chance to feel the excitement of being up in the air! I didn't get the opportunity until I was 40!

I want to personally thank all the volunteers that helped the RAA with the pancake breakfast. Dennis Brown and Ted Gablin with the cooking, Michelle Guthmiller and Rose Krueger with the serving. Philip Ensley, Steve Willer, Ken Laymon, Ensen Mason along with David Gallegos from SBVC, with the set up and clean up. We cannot be successful without the support from our group.

I also want to thank the EAA of the collaboration and support of the two groups to make for such a successful day!

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### Non Towered Airport Safety By RAA Safety Officer, Dennis Brown

At Redlands Municipal Airport, the communications are done on a Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF), and if you are within the Class G airspace, it should be under Visual Flight Rules (VFR). Rules governing VFR flight have been adopted to assist the pilot in meeting the responsibility to see and avoid other aircraft. Minimum flight visibility and distance from clouds required for VFR flight are contained in 14 CFR Section 91.155.



To enhance the "see and be seen" concept, the FAA has recommended the use of anti-collision lights (including the use of landing lights and strobes) in daylight hours. Additionally, good position reporting will help other pilots with the mental chess game that gives situational awareness to all the other aircraft in the vicinity. A position report should give the traffic area, horizontal location, vertical location, and intentions. An example might be "Redlands traffic, Cessna 12345, 2 miles south, level at 2500, inbound for the crosswind entry, runway 26". Here at Redlands we have some local landmarks that work well too. The University of Redlands, Crafton Hills College, Interstate 10, Interstate 210, and the City of Highland.

With all of this communication and announcing, it is still possible to encounter an aircraft with no radio in the pattern (I fly them frequently). This condition requires diligence on the part of everyone in the pattern, and brings the "see and be seen" basics of VFR flight to very elementary levels. I experienced this one afternoon while fueling. A gentleman taxied in, shut off his engine, exited the aircraft and marched over to me to say he never heard me on the radio. I told him that was because I didn't have one. He said he would report me to the FAA. I explained to him that the Class G airspace makes no requirement for a transceiver. He left a little befuddled.

I think what is important here is to "display common courtesy toward other pilots operating in the area" mentioned in the Airplane Flying Handbook. That will make all of us safe and will provide adequate separation.

Fly safe, fly well, and fly a long time....

Dennis K. Brown

# Let's All Fly Safe Out There!



### **Did You Know the RAA is on Facebook?** By RAA Director, James Hoyt FAASTeam Rep., Comm, CFII, MEI, AGI, A&P

As RAA's Public Information Coordinator, I have many avenues to "get out the word" about the airport. One of my favorites is our Facebook page. As one of the three administrators, I am able to add upcoming events, items of aviation interest, and a bit of aviation humor. This page is a two way street in which folks can share information with us, and in which we can share information with others. Sharing information with your friends viewing the RAA Facebook page is as easy as sharing information with any of your other Facebook friends: just click "share". To reduce clutter and spam, the account has been set up for any "shares" to be approved by one of the 3 administrators before it appears on the page; this happens behind the scenes, and you will get notification once it has been approved.

We use the Facebook page in conjunction with its companion, the RAA website: raacp.org. Both communication tools are used to inform the Redlands aviation community about upcoming events, to share pictures of airport events, to share any obstacles or dangerous conditions at the airport, and to share airport user stories. These tools are also used to share with the greater Redlands community what a wonderful asset the airport is. You can also find articles of aviation interest from local and regional print media on both Facebook and our website. This includes articles of interest from AOPA, AVweb, General Aviation News, and the California Pilots Association (of which we are a chapter).

This is YOUR association. Please feel free to submit your aviation-related photos and stories from your Facebook page. Did you have a great flying vacation with photos posted on Facebook? Send them! Did you take a picture of one of your students on their first solo flight? Send it! Do you have photos from your plane of interesting landscape or vistas? Send them! Did you see something interesting happening at the airport? Share it! Your shared stories will make the RAA Facebook page come to life.



## A Message from Cal Pilots President Corl Leach.....

**Reprinted from the March/ April Calpilots Newsletter** 



### PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

There is strength in numbers. It's a phrase used for ages because it is true. The importance of "numbers" is critical to General Aviation; not only in flying activity but in the support of its advocates. I'll start simply with what I truly



believe: if you are not a member of an aviation advocacy group at each of the National, State, and Local levels then you are relinquishing General Aviation's future to your peers. Instead of guiding your flight you're a passenger.

I've been told too many times "I belong to AOPA and that's good enough." I respect AOPA greatly (I've been a member since 1977) but Mark Baker's team does not and cannot function alone. California aviators face our own unique political and regulatory processes. Often the issues that are of great consequence to us are not meaningful on the national stage. A recent proposal to implement a minimum flight altitude requirement over California state parks and landmarks was squelched early through opposition from CalPilots.

Similarly, issues that begin in California may filter up to become national problems if CalPilots doesn't act on them first. Andy Wilson's year-long dedication representing CalPilots on the California-centric NOAA Greater Farallones Marine Sanctuary Overflight Work Group put heretofore ignored aviation concerns into the rulemaking process for this Federal Agency. CalPilots was asked to participate on the Work Group.

Why am I being so insistent? All CalPilots leaders are volunteers so we're not asking for money because we benefit. Simply, when engaging a politician or policy maker the first question asked is often "how many members are in your organization?" If the number I give is insignificant, our organization is viewed as insignificant. This is the reality in which we live. Consider this: If "the other side" thinks privatizing ATC is needed or increasing fuel taxes by \$2/gallon is a good idea and they count 100 times more people (voters) on their roster, who is your Congressman going to seek to make happy? The same



applies at the State Senate/Assembly level and the Local Council/Supervisor levels. Only the scale or geographic applicability changes. We must have the numbers at every opportunity to make our views heard and respected.

Each level of the Advocacy Triad is critical to ensure General Aviation remains a viable activity. When possible, the Associations collaborate and work together to create coordinated strategies. You, the Aviation Community, must ensure each Association has the resources – dues, donations, and personal effort – to work effectively on your behalf. These are the blood sustaining our General Aviation lives.

If you're a member of CalPilots I encourage you to invite your local aviation enthusiasts to become a member also. There is strength in numbers; but there is greater strength in greater numbers! Nothing will empower me more than being able to stand before a Senate Committee Hearing in Sacramento and proclaim "CalPilots represents 100% of the state's GA Community!"

Aeronautically,

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: <u>www.calpilots.org</u>.

## 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 as of this month only 33 of our 153 members 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 Application**

### All member information is confidential

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You may also join or renew at	the monthly RAA meeting	gs.
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# It's Your Airport Get Involved !!!!!



## **Upcoming Airport Events**

Hangar 24 AirFest 2017 – May 20<sup>°</sup> 2017 National Aviation Day Celebration - August 19, 2017 Stuff a Plane with Toys For Tots - November 4, 2017 Sunday Morning REI Breakfast Club- VFR Sunday Mornings at 7am. Meet at the REI public lobby. Contact Allan Nimmo if you have questions via email at: Info@AntiSplatAero.com

## **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: <u>http://70.40.217.219/councilvideo</u>

**Redlands Airport Advisory Board** meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm alternating between the Redlands City Council Chambers and the airport public lobby.

## About Our Organization...

*"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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