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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • BY NORM PEEBLES

MAY MEETING - The meeting was a glimpse into the world of film making with Rico Sharqawi and Will Hawkins. Their film, "A Pilot's Story," is scheduled for release in 2010. *See page 2 for additional information.*



During the meeting the Prop of Appreciation was awarded to Phil Hickerson and Ken Codeglia. Their audio/visual service to our organization has been outstanding over the many years. Their can do attitude has always come through and the show goes on each month. The organization thanks both for their loyal support which is appreciated by all.

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT GPS

The June meeting speaker is Keith Thomassen, who has combined his 50-year passion for flying with experience from his career as a scientist and teacher to develop a GPS training business in his retirement. Keith learned to fly in the summer of 1958 before beginning his graduate studies at Stanford. After his PhD in EE he pursued a 40-year career in fusion energy research at our National

Laboratories at Los Alamos and Livermore, and carried out research and teaching in physics, electrical engineering, and nuclear engineering at Stanford, MIT, and UC Berkeley. Along the way he earned Commercial Certificates in airplanes and gliders, and Instructor Ratings in Airplanes, Instruments, Gliders, and Advanced Ground. He owns a Cessna 210 and a Lancair ES operated out of the Grass Valley Airport.

Since 2002 he has been teaching GPS courses on the Chelton EFIS and Garmin 430/530 and 480 IFR panel mounts, and has written full color training manuals for each of them, which have been widely used around the world. These are available from Keith after the meeting.

His talk is intended to give some insights into GPS devices, how they work and what they can do, along with some very fascinating information on the GPS system not generally known.

The meeting will be held at Camp Tuolumne Trails Great Hall on Saturday, June 6th at 6:00pm. The address is 22988 Ferretti road. It's about 3 miles East of the airport on the left side, look for the sign.

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Since we are learning GPS information, here are the Camp GPS Latitude/Longitud Coordinates

N 37°83'44.46" — W 120°13'69.65"

It will be pot luck as usual and the theme is Summer Fun. Hope to see you there.

There is no meeting in July. Have a fun and safe holiday, and we'll see you August 1st at our next meeting.

FROM THE AIRPORTS DIRECTOR

– by Jim Thomas

AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A few people have inquired about why there has not been an Airports Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting since last February. At the end of the February AAC meeting the members selected March 9th as the date for their next meeting. The Committee also agreed to hold the meeting in Groveland to allow the pilots and residents from the Groveland area to attend the meeting. This meeting was cancelled because there were no agenda issues that required any Committee actions. It is widely felt by the Committee members and the Board of Supervisors that if there are no items requiring Airports Advisory Committee review or action, then no meeting should be held.

Also, there are three Committee members terms that expired with two members not seeking reappointment. The two vacant positions were posted by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and letters of appreciation were sent to the two Committee members vacating their position.

For the benefit of both airports and the Airports Department, it is desirable to have the Airports Advisory Committee fully appointed and since the AAC provides advisory input to the Board, any vacancy on the Committee could impact their advice to the Board.

With no pressing agenda issues and the need to fill vacant Committee positions, there have been no meetings scheduled. It should be noted that all three open positions should be appointed by the Board by the end of May.

Although the primary purpose of the AAC is to advise the Board of Supervisors on airport related issues, another purpose is to obtain input from the general public during the public comment period at the start of the meetings. Since the AAC meetings are only held when there are agenda issues requiring Committee action, I would like the public to know that any airport issue can be brought directly to my attention through a phone call, email, letter or direct conversation. Those not comfortable with talking to me about an issue can communicate their concerns or ideas directly with any Committee member, including Supervisor Gray or Supervisor Pland.

Notices of scheduled AAC meetings or the cancellation of the meetings are posted on the bulletin board inside the Pine Mountain Lake Airport pilot's lounge and outside the airport lobby at Columbia Airport. Additionally, the Airports Department will email these notifications to anyone upon request.

“A PILOT’S STORY”

Will Hawkins (Director/pilot) and Rico Sharqawi (Producer/pilot) are filming a High Definition feature film supported by a musical score that entices you to relax while you lean on the edge of your seat. Sharqawi said, “Our goal with this film is to educate and inspire the next generation of pilots and astronauts. Those kids you see on their dad’s shoulders at air shows and the kids who look up to pilots as if they were superheroes. We want to motivate individuals who dream of flying and the unlimited possibilities which come with being a pilot.”

The film represents the story and excitement of flying and is meant to be seen and heard from the perspective of dozens of pilot voices. Filmed in hangars and in homes, at restaurants and on ramps, “A Pilot’s Story” shares the thoughts and words of pilots as they explain what it means to fly an airplane all alone for the first time and what it means to fly an airplane for the last time.

The film captures Hollywood pilots, astronauts, aerobatic champions, a number of GA pilots, commercial and corporate pilots and aviation icons. **Check www.AFlyer.com for information.**



Will Hawkings, Norm Peebles and Rico Sharqawi



Prop of Appreciation - Multimedia Team - Received by Phil Hickerson

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STCHS WINE TASTING CRUISE FUND RAISING EVENT

The Southern Tuolumne County Society invites our association members to their
Fifth Annual PML Wine Tasting Cruise, **Saturday, May 30, at 4:00pm.**

For information and tickets, call Jane Dees at 209.962.5210.

Proceeds will benefit the local museum and other STCHS programs.



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Our next meeting will take place on June 6, 2009 at Camp Tuolumne Trails.