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# **FLIGHT LINE**

## **2008 WRAP-UP**

### **JANUARY 2009**

#### **RSA TEAM VISITS APC**

The Runway Safety Action Team visited APC in February. They came up with a list of projects to improve safety on the Airport. Projects include airfield signage improvements, striping and fencing improvements.

#### **RUNWAY & TAXIWAY PROJECTS**

Overlay work on Runway 18R/36L has been completed and runway markings have been upgraded.

Installation of electrical conduit on the west side of Runway 18R/36L has been completed. This will ultimately serve the future glideslope and PAPI.

Runway and taxiway signage has been improved with installation of new signs.

Taxi lines on Hotel and Alpha have been repainted.

#### **CHP FENCE IMPROVEMENT**

New fencing has been installed at CHP. This improves the security of Taxiway Juliet and Runway 24/6.

#### **GLIDESLOPE**

The funding for the FAA's Glideslope project has expired. The County has submitted appropriation requests to Congressman Thompson, Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein for Federal FY 2009, which would provide the FAA funding to complete the project.

#### **MASTER PLAN**

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Airport Master Plan Update, along with supporting State and Federal environmental documents, was approved by the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

#### **NAPA VALLEY AIRPORT MUSEUM**

At the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Airport Advisory Commission Meeting, members of the Commemorative Air Force presented a concept for a museum building to be built north of the current terminal building.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the museum concept was presented to the Board of Supervisors. With their approval, museum supporters will proceed with fund raising for the proposed project.

#### **TODD WALKER APPOINTED AAC CHAIRMAN**

Vice Chairman Todd Walker has been appointed to the Airport Advisory Commission Chairmanship. Leslie Bowles Moreland is the newest member of the AAC.

Mr. Walker replaces AAC Chairman, Jim Ford who served on the AAC since 1987 and as Chairman since 1989.

In 1990, Jim was instrumental in developing our Fly-A-Leader program which has functioned since 1990 and flown over 700 business and community leaders. Jim's stated goal is to protect the Airport while promoting its program for sensible and safe development.

#### **ROAD & PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE**

Overlay of Airport Road from the Fagan Creek Bridge to the Bridgeford Executive Terminal Building (Gate 3) has been completed.

Additional new paving continues north from the fuel farm to the Runway 18R run-up area access road.

A curb now defines the north parking lot. This should diminish truck traffic onto the Airport.

New signage at Fagan Creek Bridge, defines parking limits in the Airport lots. Parking time limit is posted as 4 hours.

#### **RECYCLE & OIL FILTER DISPOSAL**

**All types of batteries** can be recycled at the oil waste oil vault on the south ramp.

**Used oil filters** can be placed in a 55 gallon drum next to the waste oil vault.

**Cardboard, bottles and cans** can be recycled in the bin next to the south ramp restrooms.

#### **HANGARS & SHADE HANGARS**

There are currently 37 shade hangars occupied, with 9 available for occupancy. All 116 County owned T-hangars and 10 corporate hangars are occupied.

## **FAA TOWER REFURBISHMENT**

The FAA tower is in the process of much needed improvements. FAA tower crew has been housed in a "temporary tower" (trailer) since August, 2008. They are projected to be back in the tower in January, 2009.

Napa is now a "*training facility*." This time last year, there were 7 staff. There are currently 13 with 2 more at the air traffic control academy and 2 more transfers arriving over the next few months.

On the flip side of that, there will be 2 or 3 retirements in 2009 and probably 2 or 3 transfers out of Napa. You will be hearing many new voices over the next years and some of the older (loved or not so loved) voices will disappear.

## **2008 AIRPORT EVENTS**

### **PORSCHE & BUSINESS AIRCRAFT**

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Bay Area Porsche Dealers hosted an event at Bridgeford Flying Services to introduce the newest Porsche models and show the latest business aircraft.

### **EAA B-17 AT NAPA MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup>**

The first Airport Event for 2008 was the arrival of the Experimental Aircraft Association's B-17, Aluminum Overcast. The B-17 arrived at APC Thursday afternoon, May 1<sup>st</sup> and was available for rides and public viewing Friday – Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **EAA YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> EAA Chapter 167 hosted Young Eagles Flights. These flights are free, donated courtesy of EAA pilots. Participants must be between 8 and 17 years of age and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### **NASCAR AT INFINEON JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**

NASCAR preparations began June 16<sup>th</sup> and culminate with the race at Infineon on Sunday, June 22<sup>ND</sup>. There were numerous helicopter shuttles to and from Infineon Raceway. Sunday, all vehicle traffic was controlled by the Sheriff's Aero Squadron and Airport Operations staff.

### **"WINGS & WHEELS 2008"**

Our annual Airport Day, "Wings & Wheels 2008" was held Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. This was a *free event* for the whole family, combining aircraft and classic cars on display. There was

good food, displays and airplane building for the kids. The public, pilots and car owners had a great time.

### **EAA YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS**

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, EAA Chapter 167 hosted Young Eagles Flights. These flights were free, donated courtesy of EAA pilots and about 130 kids received airplane rides.

### **FLY – A – LEADER PROGRAM**

There were four Fly-A-Leader events in 2008, in May, June, August and September. The program was presented jointly by the Napa Chamber of Commerce, Napa County Airport, Bridgeford Flying Services, Japan Airlines, CHP, FAA and Jonesy's Famous Steakhouse. In 2008, 33 community leaders participated. The program was developed by Jim Ford.

It is our goal to involve new community leaders, including mayors, council members, CEO's, administrators and merchants and news agencies in this program and to educate them on the services and financial benefits of the Airport.

Fly-A-Leader begins with an introduction presented by Chamber of Commerce and Airport staff in the terminal building conference room. This is followed by a tour of Japan Air Lines training facility.

The Napa Valley Airport staff provides a windshield tour of the Airport facilities this is followed by the CHP Golden Gateway Wing facility tour.

Guests also tour the FAA tower and visit Bridgeford Flying Services for a briefing at their FBO facility, followed by flights for participants.

Aircraft flights over Napa Valley are currently provided by Bridgeford Flying Services, Sheriffs Aero Squadron and Napa Airport Pilots' Association. The program culminates with lunch at Jonesy's Famous Steak House.

### **PRIVATE AIR EVENT**

On September 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, Private Air sponsored the event which was held at Bridgeford Flying Services. Mercedes Benz models and the latest business aircraft were on display. Food and wine tasting were included. Sheriffs Aero Squadron and Napa Airport Pilots Association assisted with the event.

