



Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron Newsletter

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Textron Aviation tour:

SMF maintenance facility awaits Cessna Longitude

Our Squadron kicked-off 2019 with an impressive tour of Textron Aviation's SMF maintenance facility.

Ryan Horn, Maintenance Manager, treated all Squadron members as honored guests while he briefed us on Textron's current activities and future plans to support the new Cessna Citation Longitude business jet.

Textron, through its subsidiaries, manufactures turboprops, piston aircraft, Citation jets and Caravan turboprops. The turbine aircraft models are serviced at the SMF site. With the recent acquisition of Beechcraft and Hawker, additional aircraft models move through the Textron shop in Sacramento.

Ryan Horn guided the tour group through the shop's modification, warranty, airworthiness management and NextGen traffic system upgrades. The SMF facility also performs maintenance, inspection, equipment installation, paint and other services.

Squadron members saw work being performed on electrical components, brakes, radomes, avionics, composites, hydraulics, sheet metal and flight control surfaces.



Ryan was excited about upcoming work, telling us "the Longitude jet is a super-size aircraft with deliveries scheduled to begin early this year. It has a range of 3,500 miles and features a 6-foot tall flat-floor cabin."



Sac State AFROTC
February 20, 5:30 pm

Lt. Col. Kenneth Morse "Dash" will be our February speaker. Dash is commander of Detachment 088 and Professor of Aerospace Studies, CSUS.

We will meet at Squadron Headquarters, Executive Airport.



SQUADRON NEWS

By Ron Richey

Steve and Linda Cassinelli, along with their family, spent two weeks up at their Lake Tahoe condo skiing in the fabulous new powdered snow that Mother Nature delivered. Steve mentioned something about not knowing whether it was an optical illusion or maybe the altitude, but it seemed like most everyone was skiing downhill way faster than he was going. Surely age was NOT a factor.

Kelly Couch has one of the best equipped Mooney Bravo's in the fleet and he is continuing to look for ways to make it more efficient. Kelly found that Jeppesen has an app called JDM, which is free if you have their data plan that allows you to download the latest updates via Wi-Fi on your iPhone or iPad. Jepp partnered with a company called Bad Elf to produce the gizmo called Wombat (where do they get these names?). The Wombat takes the downloaded updates from your iPhone or iPad and loads the information onto either an SD card or a USB dongle which you in turn plug into your Garmin or Avidyne navigators. You can update your magic boxes out on the ramp without first having to go to your home computer for the large update subscription files. Kelly and Jana are headed for Las Vegas on Valentines weekend....how romantic!

Ron Lamb reports that he is still in discussions to acquire a replacement C182. His flying club has 4 members and they are looking for others to join their group. He is hoping to find a C182 with a Garmin 1000 panel. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, let Ron know. As a warm up to a new airplane, Ron picked up a 2019 MB SLC300 and is still trying to learn the new technology. He tells us that he was shocked when the car sent Ron a text

saying that he had forgotten to lock the vehicle. A little creepy!

Sgt. Matt Burton from Air Ops checked in to say not much is new out at the hangar, crews have been busy flying their missions around Sacramento. When asked about Sac PD's new Bell 505, Matt said they were long overdue for a new machine. Their old OH-58's had over 30,000 hours on them and were being kept airworthy for the past 22 years, by scrounging surplus parts where ever they could find them. It was time. The new heli has state of the art equipment on board for its law enforcement missions and the crews are loving it. Matt said he will get the Sac PD guys to bring their new machine to one of our meetings to show it off.



Above: Sac PD's new flying machine.



In 2019 the "bring-a-guest" contest continues. This year the winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the **Tutima Academy of Aviation Safety (Sean D. Tucker Academy)**. The program will be a 2-day **Pilot Confidence Training Course**.

The course guides pilots through psychology and aerodynamics behind **Loss of Control** accidents. The course is a perfect orientation for general aviation pilots looking to increase their confidence skills and safety.

So, bring a guest with you to the Squadron functions and enter your name in the contest lottery.

"Leadership is a way of thinking, a way of acting and, most importantly, a way of communicating."

John Maxwell



Commander's Column: Executive Committee

Our Squadron's Executive Committee is a vital group of dedicated officers. They guide our Squadron's activities, are generous with their time and care about our group.

This year we have added **Joe Williams** to the Executive Committee – he will serve as Treasurer. Joe has previously served on the Executive Committee and has been a past Squadron Commander.

Continuing to serve: Jim Everhart, Vice Commander; Ron Lamb, Secretary, Ron Richey, at-large and Tim Pinkney, past Commander.

These are great people to work with.

Your leaders are diverse in aviation backgrounds ranging from military pilots to glider rated aviators.

Besides arranging top-notch meetings and speakers, our goals continue to include recruiting new, younger and a broadened membership base.

We have a few "Hut" repairs to accomplish this year. Our ceiling needs some attention to stop a noticeable sag,

the front porch has developed some dry-rot which must be replaced and there is some roof gutter work to repair.

As a group, we are always looking for opportunities to have a clear, strong and compelling external presence. We will continue to support the California Aerospace Museum's Summer Camp. Whenever the Sheriff's Air Operations needs transportation support, we are ready to fly.

We have received several membership applications which our Membership Committee is processing. I think we can anticipate a ballot process in March.

Your Executive Committee has important qualifications: passion, energy and a clear vision of Squadron scope and growth.

As your Commander I am inspired when our Executive Committee meets quarterly – we just met last month – and our year ahead looks great.

Dale Terry, Commander





2019 Living Legends of Aviation:

By Ken Lux

January 18th **Living Legends of Aviation** event, held at the Beverly Hilton, was a sold-out affair. The event benefits **Kiddie Hawk Air Academy**, which works to introduce children to aviation.

Among the elite of aviation were many movie stars mingling with the guests.

John Travolta was the MC for the night and when he met flying Ace **Bud Anderson**, John was humbled and told Bud how much he honored his service and accomplishments. Travolta, who is widely known in aviation circles, earned a type rating in a Qantas Boeing 747-400 and conducted an around-the-world flight with the airline.

One of the highlights was **Jeff Bezos**, who laid out his plan for space exploration, including a lunar colony where manufacturing and space launches could occur. Bezos was honored for his work on the **Blue Origin** commercial space system.

It was a great night of seeing old friends and meeting new ones – with everyone interested in aviation and aerospace. The diversity of the group was amazing— pilot and Grammy winner -- Kenny G, Miss California, Past Governor Pete Wilson, Dick Rutan, Buzz Aldrin and the Bud Anderson flight team.



Kenny G introduced himself as a “**guy with a Beaver and a saxophone.**” He was referencing his long term relationship with his de Havilland Beaver which he has owned for 25 years. Kenny G has kept the same sax since high school. He has kept the same flight instructor for 30 years.

Lux Aviation sponsored Bud’s attendance and provided a flight to the event. In the picture at page top, I am next to Bud Anderson and Harrison Ford.

SQUADRON LEADERSHIP



- Dale Terry – Commander
- Jim Everhart – Vice Commander
- Ron Lamb – Secretary
- Joe Williams – Treasurer
- Ron Richey – At Large & Air Boss
- Tim Pinkney – Past Commander
- Ken Lux – Chair, Membership Committee
- Bob Lessman -- Quartermaster

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