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Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron Newsletter

JANUARY MEETING

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View from my C182 Skylane flying toward the "mittens" in Mounment Valley, AZ.



Commander's Column "The American West"

A recent U.S. proposal to reduce the size of **Bears Ears National Monument** in Arizona reminded me of another area known for its beautiful sandstone buttes and canyons...

Monument Valley.

When my wife, Annette, and I flew through that area we were amazed at the stunning landscape. Flying over the area provides the perfect platform to view an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. The airplane allows one to understand a sense of scale – viewing the grandeur and isolation of the Valley.



one of the Navajo officers responsible for patrolling over 70 square miles of reservation.

The **Navajo Nation Police** includes many departments, including: K-9 Unit, Tactical Operations Team, Patrol, Internal Affairs and Traffic Unit. Currently there are 210 sworn officers (134 on patrol), 28 criminal investigators and 279 civilians.

Each officer is issued a Glock 22 sidearm and a choice of shotgun or AR-15 rifle. There are over 200 vehicles in the department -- all patrol vehicles outfitted with laptop computer technology with Wi-Fi internet connection.

While visiting the Valley it is almost impossible not to pick up one of **Tony Hillerman's mystery novels** – which always include officers of the Navajo Nation Police as subjects of the series.

Looking for a definitive image of the **American West** – plan a visit to this world of isolated mesas and buttes.

Dale Terry, Commander



While staying at the famous **Goulding Lodge**, I had the opportunity to visit with

ACHIEVEMENTS



Community Service Award

Ron Richey was presented with a special award at the Change of Command Banquet. The award recognized Ron's work with the California Aerospace Museum's Kids Camp. The award also highlighted Ron's work as "Air Boss" scheduling Squadron missions.



New Member Sworn

Russell Johansen was sworn as a new Squadron member by Sheriff Jones. Russ comes to the Squadron following a long aviation career having flown large commercial jets for major airlines. Be sure to welcome the "new guy" at our meetings.

CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Want to fly a full motion A320 or B737 simulator at **Jet Blue Academy, Orlando** or **American Airlines Flight Training, Dallas**? Then all it takes is to be the member who brings the most number of guests to our Squadron meetings in 2018.

Announced by Commander Terry at the Change of Command Banquet, the contest **includes tuition, hotel and airfare**. The two-day program covers aircraft systems, cockpit resource management and concludes with full motion sim time.



Tim Pinkney receives the Jack Birch award from Incoming Commander Dale Terry.

Jack Birch Award:

Tim Pinkney Recognized

Besides leading our Squadron as Commander over the past two years, Tim has been involved in a host of aviation related activities in our community.

His years of service resulted in a special award at the November Change of Command Banquet. Tim was awarded the **Jack Birch Award**.

This award, presented when warranted at the annual banquet, represents the **highest level of achievement** the Air Squadron bestows.

Tim's outreach includes a two-year stint as President of the Auburn Aviation Association (2016-2017); two-years as Chairman of the LHM, Youth Aerospace Expo (2016-2017); Co-Chair of the VIP Venue at the California Capitol Airshow (2007-2017); Board Member of the California Aerospace Museum (2000-2008); Deputy Director of the California Aerospace Museum (2017-2018); and NASA Solar System Ambassador (2017).

Under Tim's leadership, the Air Squadron has **regained its footing** after

a few years of declining membership. His term included informative meeting topics, fly-outs and enjoyable social occasions.

Through all his activities, Tim displayed a **contagious enthusiasm for all things aviation** and his contributions to the good of the Sacramento aviation community will be long remembered.

Thanks Tim.



Banquet Fun



New Squadron Officers Installed: Sheriff Swears-in 2018 Executive Committee

On December 11 Sheriff Jones welcomed the 2018 Air Squadron Executive Committee officers to Department Headquarters. Each new officer was sworn-in and Sheriff Jones emphasized the role that the Squadron should undertake in 2018.

"Your main focus," said Jones "is to **broaden the Squadron membership**. Your decision to include a Community Airman membership category is a good first step."

The Squadron's Executive Committee serving in 2018 includes:

Dale Terry, Commander

A member since 1992, Dale is a Commercial Pilot, Instrument Rating, owner of a Cessna 182 based at Executive Airport. He has completed the PC 832 course. Dale is the CEO of FS Medical Technology, a multi-state biomedical engineering firm.

Jim Everhart, Vice Commander

Jim has been a member of the Air Squadron since 1980, he is a Private Pilot, Instrument Rated, and up until recently, flew a C210. He is currently looking for his next airplane. Jim is a dentist with office in Orangevale.

Jim's Squadron responsibilities include organizing arrangements for each of our monthly meetings.

Roy Wesley, Treasurer

Roy joined the Squadron in 2016 after participating in the San Joaquin Sheriff's Air Squadron. Roy, a Commercial Pilot, Instrument rating, flies a Beech Bonanza based at Executive Airport. Roy, PC 832 qualified, is the Inspector General at the California Department of Corrections. Last year Roy served on the Executive Committee as the At-Large member.

Roy's responsibilities include all Squadron financial matters. He is also responsible for the Squadron

Headquarters "Hut," a Squadron asset. In addition Roy maintains our 501(c) (3) tax status.

Ron Lamb, Secretary

Ron has served previously as the Squadron Secretary and we welcome him for a second term. He is a Private Pilot with Instrument Rating and flies a C182 which is based at Executive Airport. Ron joined the Squadron in 2013. He is an attorney focusing on medical malpractice law.

Ron will be responsible for membership activities, attendance and all voting requirements. In addition Ron will maintain our records with the Secretary of State's office.

Ron Richey, At-large Member

Ron has served the Squadron previously on the Executive Committee and held the role of Squadron Commander in 1996. He joined our group in 1990. Ron is a Private Pilot, Instrument Rated and flies a Beech A36 Bonanza based at Executive Airport. He owns a property management company.

Ron's role on the Board will be to continue his role as Air Boss which will include maintaining the aviation credentials for all those members flying Squadron missions.

Tim Pinkney, Past Commander

Tim continues his Executive Committee participation, filling the role of Past Commander. Tim is a Private Pilot with Glider and MEL ratings. He joined the Squadron in 2008. Tim is now retired from his financial planning work, but has accepted a position as the Deputy Director for the California Aerospace Museum.

Tim will work with Dale Terry on scheduling speakers and fly-outs.

AROUND THE SQUADRON



Uniform Update

Wondering what happened to the old Leventhal Uniform store? Well, the company was acquired by Galls with a store also located on Arden Way – 2333 Arden Way. The same uniform brands and logo wear we enjoyed from Leventhal are also at Galls.

Ron Richey's News and Notes

Runways 16/34 are no longer part of KSAC runways ... they have been totally removed.

Kelly Couch has been busy upgrading the panel in his Mooney with the latest Garmin magic and screens.

Steve Cassinelli has had the pleasure of installing new fuel bladders on his Duke, but only on one side.

Chuck Asbury and his wife Reggie have flown ten airline legs in the past couple of months. First leg to East Coast for fall colors, then to Maui for beach time, on to Miami with a side trip to Cuba. Chuck says "Cuba is a beautiful island, similar to what you would expect from Caribbean islands."

Chuck continues "Infrastructure and buildings are in serious need of repairs and maintenance. The Cuban people are reserved when you first meet them, but given a little time they become very friendly."

Chuck and Reggie handed out small spinner toys to the children ... which by the way are prohibited ... so are they considered smugglers?

Chuck says "Cuba was a bucket list item, but one visit is all anyone needs."

Ron Richey – at large reporter

Newsletter: Updated Look

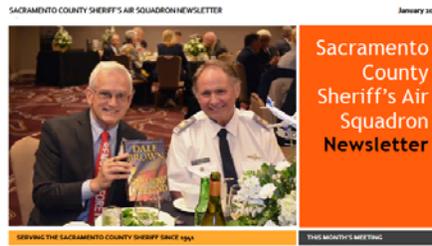
This month our Sheriff's Air Squadron Newsletter receives a facelift.

The new format allows additional photos each month, updates graphics and generally has a fresher look.

Several members will be acting as contributing editors to the Newsletter. This month Ron Richey has provided the "Around the Squadron" column.

Our new look will be complementary to the Squadron website which will debut soon. Our URL has been approved and we are programming the website.

Continue to forward your news items to Dale Terry, Dterry4117@aol.com.



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Safety brief: Flight Simulation

Flight training devices are exploding with new and exciting cockpit visuals. Today's visuals have never been so good and put you in the zone of actually flying the aircraft.

Virtual reality, which includes broader visuals and 3-D imaging is growing in popularity. At this year's EAA AirVenture several cockpit trainers used VR goggles.

Whether you are an experienced veteran or an aviation novice, these new training devices are effective, efficient and provide pilots and instructors with a superior learning environment.

Think about checking out a flight training device at your local flight school during your next biennial review.

