



Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron Newsletter

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JUNE MISSION AND FLY-OUT

Sheriff's Aircraft Review: Airplanes, food, interesting speaker, fellowship

Sheriff Scott Jones inspected Squadron member's aircraft at the annual Mather flight line review, held on May 22nd at Mather Airport.

Fourteen aircraft were positioned on the flight line by Air Boss Ron Richey. Equipment ranged from Ken Ambrose's Citation 560 to Ron Galindo's Super Cub – and there were plenty of Cessna's, Beeches and Ed Rincon's Bell helicopter also on display.

In addition to nicely polished aircraft on display, members like Grant Deary and Howard Stagg (above photo) had a great time enjoying a tasty meal, hearing an engaging speaker and fellowshiping with Squadron members.

Taigh Ramey, owner of Vintage Aircraft, Stockton, CA explained how old WW2 aircraft can be resurrected into pristine flying machines. Beech 18 ships are Taigh's specialty and passion.

More Sheriff's review photos can be found on Pages 4 & 5 of this Newsletter.



Sheriff Jones inducted four new members to the Squadron: Doug Hunting, Tom Jones, Matt Armenta and Kevin Phillips. Each of these new members entered via the recently added Community Airman category.



Kid's Camp Graduation Flights
June 21

Replacing our regular June meeting are two flying events for member participation – see page 2 for details.



AOPA 80th Anniversary
Fly-out/Drive-out
June 21 & 22

LIVERMORE FLY-OUT – JUNE 21 & 22

AOPA 80th Anniversary

Air Squadron members are in store for a great fly-in experience as our group this month attends the **AOPA regional fly-in at Livermore Airport**.

On Saturday we are scheduled to sit down with AOPA **President Mark Baker** and share with him our aviation views. Mark championed the regional fly-in concept which has successfully replaced the annual AOPA convention held in past years.

Educational forums, STOL landing contests, a drone nighttime extravaganza with 80 LED lighted drones and vendor exhibits all await our group.



Members can fly into Livermore Airport or drive to Livermore. Those who wish to stay overnight may use the Livermore Residence Inn as the Squadron hotel. We will offer shuttle service from the hotel to the airport.

Friday evening we will enjoy a flight line dinner as we await the night's activities.



Mark the date - June 21 & 22
Livermore Airport



June mission: Kid's Camp flight

Aerospace Museum of California's Aviation Summer Camp provides activities for Sacramento youth and includes the opportunity to fly a short mission with our Squadron members.

Recently the Camp has been adopted by **Southwest Airlines** as part of the company's outreach program. This sponsorship includes programs held in many parts of the U.S.

Specifically, our members provide a final graduation flight to these campers. **Air Boss Ron Richey** organizes the flights which typically head out to the foothills east of Folsom Lake. This year we anticipate 50 kids will take part in this flight experience.

The flights are scheduled for Friday, June 21 and will depart from McClellan Airport.

The Kid's Camp includes aviation simulation time at the Museum's Flight Zone. There, they work on mastering the basics of flight, navigation and instrumentation.



Members who can participate in providing aircraft and pilot time should contact Ron Richey.

Good health is paramount to an older pilot's flying future. Watching eating habits, avoiding weight gain, excising regularly are important activities.



Commander's Column: Are we there yet?

Growing up in the Midwest, my family took quite a few boring trips where I was stuck in the back seat of the car, had a limited view and a limited knowledge of the geography. I often asked the question that parents hate. "Are we there yet?"

And of course there is never a good answer to that question. "Almost" or "Not yet" were often the response I received.

Sometimes the central focus of flying is the destination. But taking in the sights and sounds and perhaps the smells along the way reminds us of the majesty of what lies around us in the world of flight.

Some of our Squadron members have reached a destination -- the end of the line in regard to their flying -- they just can't fly any more as PIC. That day will come to all of us of course. Our time in the left seat will terminate. There is no way to avoid that reality.

What impresses me about those who have reached that life milestone is that

they are actually very much still involved in aviation.

Some share stories around the IvanAir coffee pot. Others volunteer to teach at the Aerospace Museum flight simulator exhibit. Still others focus on helping fiends with aircraft maintenance.

And these very experienced pilots attend our Squadron meetings -- when I meet these folks the experiences they share are priceless.



These active and interesting Squadron members have found a way to remain connected to the art and science of flight. I respect them.

One day I'll depart from the left seat as well. But I don't see myself ever completely out of aviation. It's in my heart. It's in my head.

Am I there yet? No, not yet.

Dale Terry, Commander



More from Mather

Sheriff's Annual Aircraft Review



