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Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron Newsletter

MARCH MEETING

Sheriff Don Cox: Our Air Squadron's original Sheriff

Trotting his way down Fifteenth Street in this circa 1940 photograph above, is Sacramento County Sheriff Don Cox – the Sheriff who approved the formation of the original Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron.

After having worked his way up from department bookkeeper, the Indiana-born Cox served as Sheriff from 1932 to 1961. He died in 1983. In the background are period automobiles and the west flank of the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium.



Sheriff Cox holds the record for the longest term in office – 29 years -- a record that stands to this day.

The photo at left shows Cox in western-style clothing on a light colored horse.

Our Squadron history goes back to the years shortly before the WW2 attack on Pearl Harbor. As a result of war restrictions, civil aviation was not allowed near the California coast, and the Squadron became inactive.

After the war ended, it became active again and in 1946 began to undertake support activities for the Sheriff's Department, including prisoner transfers and search and rescue activities

The founding commander of the Sacramento Squadron was Eugene Hughes with the first organizational meeting held in the intern quarters at the Sacramento County Hospital by an intern -- Dr. George Chappell. Charter members were Bill Cowan, Bill Walker, Dr. Willard McCurry, airport director Don Smith, along with Hughes and Chappell.

Sheriff Don Cox was also a Charter member.

Dr. Chappell became the first commander of our post-war organization.



Chelsea Stein Enberg

March 20, 5:30 pm

Chelsea is Aerobatic Instructor and COO at the Tutima Academy of Aviation Safety (Sean Tucker School).

She started flying in college before starting her aerobatic career and has reached the advanced level of competition aerobatics. She has flown over 50 different types of aircraft including turbines and jets.

Chelsea holds a Masters degree in aeronautical science.

We will meet at Squadron Headquarters, Executive Airport.

SQUADRON NEWS

New ID cards now available

The Sheriff's Reserve Forces are now issuing new Sheriff's Department ID cards.

If your ID card has expired or will expire in soon, fill out the renewal application which was e-mailed to all Squadron members and submit to Dale Terry, Commander.

Your dues must be current to qualify for the ID card.

2019 contest

The 2018 Squadron ATOP contest was very successful. Many guests visited our meetings and missions. **Ron Richey** was the contest winner and he will be visiting American Airlines Flight Training in Dallas, TX later this year.

This year, the "bring-a-guest" contest will continue. 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.

The Academy is located at the King City, CA airport.



Making Leaders: U.S. Air Force ROTC

At our February meeting, the Squadron welcomed Lt. Col Kenneth "Dash" Morse, Commander of AFROTC Detachment o88 and a Professor of Aerospace Studies at CSUS.

Col. Morse's background is military intelligence and has spent time in most of the 'hot spots' around the world, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East, among others.

For the past several years Morse has commanded the AFROTC program at 'Sac State'; which is considered one of the largest ROTC programs in the country. This year's class has 29 students, who after four years, will graduate and be commissioned as Second Lieutenants.

Colonel Morse brought two very sharp senior cadets with him to the meeting. Cory and Allie, both wearing flight suits; Cory will be headed off to pilot training in the next couple of months and Allie has been selected for a class in May

2020. Allie, with a big smile, said she would like to fly A-10 Warthogs, or she might consider attack helicopters. Everyone at the meeting was very impressed with these 'kids' and how they wanted to serve our country.

During a question and answer period, the cadets were asked how they were looked upon and treated on campus -- both said they have had positive experiences and besides.....not many other students are up and doing what the ROTC folks do at o600.

Colonel Morse mentioned that several of our Air Squadron members and the various organizations they belong to have helped the AFROTC program with scholarship donations and other financial aid.

Ron Richey, the fill-in commander at the meeting, has extended an invitation to Colonel Morse and his class stating the Air Squadron would be more than happy to give airplane rides to those students who would like some flight time.

Article by Ron Richey.

This year the Thunderbirds will be flying at 36 shows around the country.

Reno Air Race tickets are on sale now – including reserved seats, pit passes and special VIP pavilion.



Commander's Column: 2019 Reno Air Races

After seeing the exciting U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform the stellar flyover of Super Bowl LIII on February 3rd, I am looking forward to their return this year at the Reno Air Races.

The T-Birds had to cancel several shows last year due to the fatal accident that killed one of their flying members during a training mission. Now, they are ready to resume shows.

Each year at Reno, speedy airplanes separated into six classes: Unlimited, Jet, Sport, T-6, Formula One, and Biplane, battle it out around the pylons. The Thunderbirds will be performing their Reno show after being absent from the Air Races for 10 years. Their show includes over 40 maneuvers.

Reno Air Races are a nice time to get together with friends and Squadron mates. At left is a picture of Tim Pinkney and me when we enjoyed the Races together a few years ago.



Perhaps it is the wide open spaces of the high desert, or just the vistas of airplanes rounding a pylon course against a gorgeous mountain backdrop. Or, I guess it's the excitement of walking the pit area and seeing racing machines getting ready for the course. There is definitely something about the Air Races that excites those of us in aviation.

The Reno Air Races will be held September 11-15.

Each year our Squadron receives several free passes due to our community involvement. Let me know if you want to attend. The passes come with pit access and preferred parking.

Dale Terry, Commander



AROUND THE SQUADRON – BY RON RICHEY

The Air Squad's world traveler is at it again, **Ulli** and **Lydia Luenemann** are headed off to Lima, Peru to trek up to Machu Picchu and check out the ruins. From there they travel to Ecuador, transit the Panama Canal, then on to Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Mexico, sail to the Caribbean and on up to New York City. After five days in NYC, they board another ship and cruise out to Bermuda for some beach time and then back to NYC. By adding Peru and Bermuda to countries visited.... **Ulli's** total will be up to 148 countries!

Joe and **Grace Williams** also like to travel to exotic places; 33 years ago, while trying to escape the cold winters on the east coast, they started visiting the various islands in the Caribbean and found they like Aruba the best. When asked why, Joe so eloquently explained, Aruba passed the 'dog test', meaning the dogs were relatively well fed, the local government was no more corrupt than where he lived in New Jersey, English was widely spoken and the local inhabitants were quite friendly.



So Joe, along and five other couples, purchased time share apartments on the beach for the first two weeks in February. After three decades, the same group meets every year at the Rio Palace Hotel complex to enjoy the 84 degree weather and according to Joe....drink, swim, drink, scuba dive, eat, drink, parasail and of course check out the girls on the beach. Very tough duty!

Kurt Siggard traveled down to Winter Haven, Florida to spend time at the famous Jack Brown's Seaplane Base,

considered by many as one of the premier seaplane training bases in the country. Kurt spent several hours doing splash & goes from lake to lake in one of the school's Super Cubs. For his ASES (airplane single-engine sea) check ride, Kurt's DPE was a 30 year old, 3,000+ hrs. young man by the name of Ben Shipp, who has some videos on youtube.com. Kurt did mention that he was sharing the same air space and lakes with the Twin SeaBee that just crashed a few days ago. (Understand the student survived) Question: How soon before Kurt installs floats on his C-205?



Spotted having lunch at the Aviator's Restaurant on a cold stormy Saturday, was none other than our Master CFI/DPE **Mike Traud** and his victim -- err -- student, **Kevin O'Neill**. Apparently they were taking a break after having flown in crummy weather to Redding, Red Bluff and San Jose, all the while shooting approaches, practicing emergency procedures and who knows what else the diabolical examiner threw at Kevin. The three day torture fest had something to do with an insurance requirement for Kevin and his P210. Do people actually pay Traud for all the abuse he is so famous for?

Our **Commander, Dale Terry**, has been working in Japan for the past few weeks. One of his stops was the US Naval Hospital at Camp Foster, Okinawa.

Dale likes to take some R&R time in Taipei, Taiwan both coming and returning from Asia.

