

TopGolf is a hit with Air Squadron members



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Sacramento County Sheriff's Air Squadron Newsletter

SEPTEMBER MEETING

August meeting: Our members tee-up for fun

Air Squadron members enjoyed a special activity last month – TopGolf and dinner at the Roseville entertainment complex.

While some people say millennials don't golf. That certainly wasn't the case at this TopGolf facility. The venue was a full-house of people from all age categories. Our TopGolf coordinator, Julie Reyes, reported that "51% of TopGolf customers are people who don't play traditional golf."

Such was the case with our group as members who had never picked up a golf club racked up some impressive point scores. And some seasoned golf veterans were also challenged to improve their game while watching ball tracking technology displayed on large video screens.



Food selections included tasty chicken, top sirloin, salads, beans, macaroni and cheese, fresh bread, drinks and deserts. No one went hungry at the outing!



Our group enjoyed reserved hitting bays located on the top tier of TopGolf's three level structure. Lounge furniture, hi-top counters and great service were all attractive ingredients for a memorable evening.



Squadron Headquarters
September 18th -- 5:30 pm
Executive Airport

Lt. Orrlando Mayes, Rancho Cordova Police Department Watch Commander will be our September speaker.

Presenting a topic of current national interest, Lt. Mayes will speak on active shooter incidents that are unpredictable and devastating.

Learn how you as a community member and business leader can take steps to prepare people in your organization on widely accepted best practices supported by the FBI, DHS and FEMA.

Learn what to do if you find yourself in an active shooting event and how to recognize signs of potential violence around you.

AROUND THE SQUADRON

By Ron Richey

Have you ever wondered how **Steve Cassinelli** and wife **Linda** travel from place to place? They were recently seen at a Monterey Jet Center event, grocery shopping at the local Safeway in Tillamook, Oregon and having lunch at Sunnyside on the shores of Lake Tahoe....all within a very short period of time? Yes...Steve's Beech Duke is pretty fast, however, it has been sitting on jacks over at Ivanair undergoing its annual? Magic carpet?

Even though the ink isn't quite dry on **Doug Hunting's** new private pilot ticket, he has been making use of his new flying privileges. Doug rents a Piper Arrow out of the Auburn airport which he has been using to explore northern California, including a recent trip to San Luis Obispo and touring Hearst Castle.

Where's Waldo? Errr.....**Mike Traud**? Mike reports that he has been flying in the Pacific Northwest, mostly in Montana and Washington in a PC-12, with very challenging weather. When someone with Mike's background and experience comments on crummy weather, you know it's more than light rain showers. Traud also reports that he has been trying to get some more time in the Lockheed T-33 jet based over in Santa Fe, but the airplane has been down with brake problems. This year at the Reno Air Races, will mark Mike's 40th year in attendance and the tenth year as a pylon judge.

The country's two best equipped P210's have been traversing the country again. **Matt Evans** flew his airplane back to Cincinnati Avionics in Batavia, Ohio for some final

tweaking of his new autopilot and avionics package. Knowing Matt was at the Clermont County Airport, **Kevin O'Neill** spent almost ten hours of flight time getting his P210 back to Batavia, going through about two and half gallons of TKS fluid.....wonder if the weather was a factor? Kevin is leaving his airplane with the avionics shop for about seven weeks....it's rumored that Kevin told the shop folks he wanted everything that Matt bought, plus a lot more!

Kevin's airplane is getting a complete new panel, designed to hold all the latest 'bells and whistles'....including new autopilot, new engine monitoring system, lots of glass etc. etc.

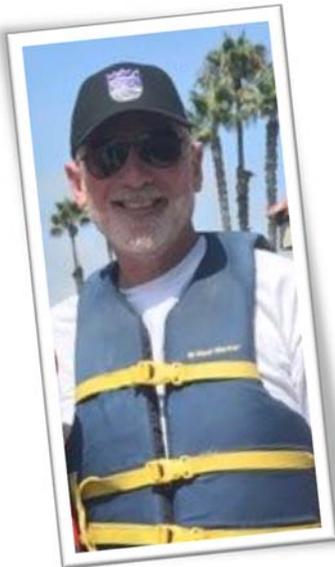
Bill Cox had a frustrating month trying to find the cause of low oil pressure indications in his C-182. Returning from a flight, Bill noticed on roll out and taxing back to his hangar, that the oil pressure needle was on the wrong side of the gauge. Bill's initial thoughts were hot temps and maybe needing a quart or two of oil. This had never happened before. Bill started the process of trying to locate the source of the problem. After checking the obvious items such as the oil level, filter, screens, prop governor, wiring connections to the various sensors, bouncing ideas off the mechanics over at Ivanair; Bill was becoming very frustrated. Next came changing out some parts....to no avail. By process of elimination, it was decided that the oil pump must have failed. Bill, with the help of his son, removed the engine in order to get to the oil pump. After careful inspection of the oil pump, it was determined that the pump was

serviceable and was reinstalled on the back into the engine. After the entire reassembly was completed, on start-up.....you guessed it....no oil pressure. Needless to say, Bill could not believe what was happening. Now what? To shorten the story (by removing all the unprintable words) Bill and crew, removed the engine for the second time, pulled the oil pan off, for the second time and installed a different oil pump. The oil pressure gauge.....now shows the engine has some oil pressure, but not enough to cycle the prop properly. Bill is currently waiting on the prop governor to be returned from the shop. It goes without saying....Bill is not enjoying aircraft ownership right at the moment....the oil mystery has yet to be completely solved.

Joe Williams and his wife **Grace** decided to travel to Florida to visit family members over the long Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, the batteries were dead in Joe's Radio Shack Weather Radio and he somehow missed the upcoming event called **Hurricane Dorian**. When reached by cell phone, Joe and family were shopping in the local Home Depot. Joe said Home Depot was totally sold out of plywood and other necessary building supplies. He said since they are on the west side of the state, in a town called North Point, about 50 miles south of Tampa; he was not overly concerned about the high winds predicted from Dorian since it will most likely hit the east coast of Florida. Joe said they are staying in a recently built home in which the roof is anchored to the house with steel beams. However, they are expecting somewhere around 10 inches of rain. Expect a full report upon the William's return.



Your Commander heads to the water in San Diego Harbor over the Labor Day holiday.



Commander's Column:

Ken Ambrose "rocks"

Seven SSD deputies enjoyed a first-class flight to SoCal last month aboard Ken Ambrose's Citation jet.

Ken stepped forward and offered to fly a Squadron mission taking SWAT members to Camp Pendleton for special advanced training.

Air Boss, Ron Richey, probably was wondering if Ken needed a copilot.

The reality, of course, is that Ken has a huge track record using his pristine aircraft for missions in support of our Squadron and flying charity care for military veterans.

He is just one of our group with a terrific can-do community service attitude. His business success has led to an aviation career that has allowed Ken to shine a spotlight on Air Squadron capabilities.

I am continually amazed at the breadth of our member's outreach and commitment to Squadron needs.

Thanks for the great job, Ken.

Dale Terry, Commander



Coming events

Great aviation activities ahead

