

PALO ALTO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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AIRPORT DAY 2007 SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH 10am-4pm

Once again the PAAA will host Palo Alto Airport Day 2007, to be held on Sunday September 9th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Airport Day is the most important community outreach program for the Palo Alto Airport. As you could see from the previous Newsletter, this is a critical time for PAO, and we need all the community support we can muster. Airport Day gets families involved, people have some fun, and they can see what the airport is all about and what it does for the community. Events for all ages are planned throughout the day, so come early and stay late!

Members of the Association and the PAO community have worked feverishly over the last months to make this a special day, meant to entertain, educate, and give something back to the community that hosts our airport. There are events and displays to please pilots, armchair pilots and the community at large. A few of the many highlights of the day include:

FREE AIRPLANE RIDES FOR THE KIDS!

[EEA Young Eagles](http://www.youngeagles.org/) (<http://www.youngeagles.org/>)

will be providing free flights for kids 8-17 years of age throughout the day. Contact your neighbors if they have kids that qualify, bring your kids' schoolmates and friends. Here is a chance for them to enjoy an inspirational experience they will not soon forget.

CONTROL TOWER TOURS

Ever wonder what goes on in one of those big towers with the darkened windows? Here's your chance to take a tour of a working control tower and to see first

hand how Air Traffic Controllers keep our skies safe and orderly. Tours will run all day long, but will be closely controlled because after all, the airport is open for business and these folks are on the job! Due to security regulations, adults must bring a photo ID to the sign-up area. No backpacks, purses, cell phones or other portable electronic devices are allowed. Transportation to the tower from the sign up location will be provided.

AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS

There will be the latest and greatest from most of the major GA airframe manufactures of aircraft that will fit into PAO. Experimentals and home-builts will be well represented with simple light sport aircraft up though some real performers. Classics, unusual and special designs will round out the exhibit.

LAW ENFORCEMENT, MEDICAL, RESCUE & READINESS

Aircraft and personnel from many of our local law enforcement, rescue and disaster readiness agencies will be on hand to show their unique aircraft, and to educate all about their services and missions.

Examples are the [Stanford Life Flight](http://www.stanfordhospital.com/clinicsmedServices/medicalServices/lifeFlight/lifeflight) (<http://www.stanfordhospital.com/clinicsmedServices/medicalServices/lifeFlight/lifeflight>), [Coast Guard](http://www.uscg.mil/) (<http://www.uscg.mil/>), [Sheriff's Department](http://www.sccsheriff.org/portal/site/sheriff/) (<http://www.sccsheriff.org/portal/site/sheriff/>), and [CHP](http://www.chp.ca.gov/) (<http://www.chp.ca.gov/>). [Palo Alto Police](http://www.papd.org/) (<http://www.papd.org/>) and [Fire](http://www.pafd.org/) (<http://www.pafd.org/>)

units will be on hand. A resource unit for Palo Alto Neighborhood Disaster Assistance ([PANDA](http://www.city.palo-)) (<http://www.city.palo->

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will be at the event to heighten awareness of what can happen and what can be done in a disaster.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many local services will attend and provide more opportunities for all to participate and help in our community. The [Stanford Bloodmobile](http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu) ([http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu/](http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu))

will be on hand and attendees are encouraged to take a few minutes to donate. The [CAP](http://www.cap.gov/) (<http://www.cap.gov/>)

will be represented by cadets, and will present its critical search and rescue mission. Many other organizations will be on field with information.

FOOD & DRINK

Nobody will walk away hungry from this one! We are working to get additional food vendors so that we can offer more choices.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

The Airport Day committee has worked hard for months now, but there is plenty of work for more willing hands! We need help with publicity, logistics and planning, parking arrangements and more, and all has to be ready before the Day. Here is a fine opportunity for all you pilots and owners to do your part to help the volunteers in your Association who are devoting so much of their time ensuring that you will have a good local airport to fly out of. If you can make the time to help, please give Bob Lenox a call at (650) 326-6699. On Saturday the 8th and all day the 9th we will need all the help we can get. If you can help schlepping stuff around, working a booth, watching wings of aircraft being towed, parking cars, helping corral people for tower tours, clean up and preparation, etc., call Anna Longwell at (650) 493-0603. Do it today!

COUNTY TO HOST TENANT APPRECIATION EVENT SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, THE DAY BEFORE AIRPORT DAY

As it has in the past, The County will set a tent with good food and tables where we can all meet each other

and do a little hangar flying. It's to thank the County tenants and it helps the PAAA with some logistics as well. So, come out and help set up on Saturday and then enjoy a nice meal with friends!

PALO ALTO AIRPORT WORKING GROUP PRESENTS FINDINGS TO CITY COUNCIL

Association President Ralph Britton presented the findings of the Palo Alto Airport Working Group to the full City Council on June 4th. The working group was extremely thorough; resulting in a 293-page report which was hailed by Vice-Mayor Klein as an "excellent report" and Council Member Kleinberg called the report a "model which future working groups should follow".

As detailed in the March newsletter, the County plans to terminate its operation of the airport in 2017, and do minimal repairs in the interim. The recommendation of the Working group, based on their extensive study, is that City terminate the lease as soon as possible, and turn the operation of the airport over to a non-profit organization formed specifically to operate the airport for the City. Detailed recommendations can be found in the report posted on the City's web site at

<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/>

While many on the city council were supportive of the continued operation of the airport, there were a number of questions exploring financial feasibility of the airport as a going concern (which was well covered by the report – it is feasible), whether there might be better or alternate uses for the land, and how the logistics of city operations of the airport would work. At the end of the meeting, the City Council referred the report to the Finance Commission to review the financial data and recommendations contained within the report.

Video of Ralph's presentation and the ensuing discussion are available on the City's web site at http://www.communitymediacenter.net/watch/pacc_webcast/June/PACC_060407.html. All of us in the Palo Alto Airport community need to be active and engaged in this process if we want to keep PAO going. The council does take note of attendance at

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meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. As the process continues the Association will keep you informed of ways in which you can help show your support.

CONTENT, HELP NEEDED!

The Newsletter has found a new Editor, but he would welcome additional help. If you would like to write some articles, take notes at a meeting and pass them along, or simply suggest a topic that should be covered in the Association Newsletter, PLEASE speak up! Contact Mark Deem at mark@thefoundry.com or call Ralph Britton at (650) 328-0760.

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AIRPORT DAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, August 13, 12:00 PM

MONDAY, August 20, 12:00 PM

MONDAY, August 27, 12:00 PM

MONDAY, September 3, 12:00 PM

THURSDAY, Sept. 6, 12:00 PM (Tentative)

All meetings are at the West Valley Flying Club
Meeting Room.

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SEPTEMBER 9, 10 AM-4 PM

SET-UP: SEPTEMBER 8, 8 AM-4PM &

SEPTEMBER 9, 8 AM-9: 30 AM

CLEAN-UP: SEPTEMBER 9, 4 PM-6PM

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