

PALO ALTO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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AIRPORT DAY 2005 SEPTEMBER 11 Join the Fun, Support your Airport! Celebrate 70 years of service to the community at the Baylands.

Come to Airport Day and show your support for an event specifically intended to showcase the airport to its constituent community. Airplane vendors will be there to show the latest in well-equipped products. On the line will be interesting aircraft of various ages and descriptions. There will be owners of homebuilts eager to share their experience in building airplanes of unique character and capability. Food vendors will provide tasty treats and drinks. The Baylands Nature Center will be there with birds, bats, and even really big insects! So come on, bring the family and let them all share your enthusiasm for aviation.

We still need volunteers. If you can help, by all means contact PAAA at info@palaltoairport.org, or call Anna Longwell at (650) 213-9162.

Last year we had some 4000 visitors on the day, the EAA Young Eagles program provided about 90 kids with an introductory flight. Many had a chance to tour the Control Tower. We expect a similar crowd this year. So help your association to make this a memorable event for the local community. Many local people do not even know there is an airport in Palo Alto, much less what an important asset it is for the surrounding communities. Airport Day helps "put the airport on the map."

Parking is available in the grass area adjacent to the terminal building. Signs along Embarcadero Road will

direct traffic to the parking lot. We also encourage people to use bicycles, for which parking is available just north of the terminal building. Access by owners or operators of based aircraft will be by the gate near the tower. The road beyond the golf course entrance is only for owners and business on the airport.

AIRCRAFT PARKING SPACES ARE NEEDED ON SEPT 11. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE AWAY, PLEASE DONATE YOUR SPACE!

We will need all the spaces we can get, as the normal transient row will be used to display aircraft and arriving transient aircraft will still have to be accommodated. So, let the County office know if you will be away; call (650) 856-7833. Airplanes will be cleared out of donated spaces by 7:00 PM on September 11. Your considerate call will help things to flow smoothly on Airport Day. Thank you.

COUNTY TO KICK OFF AIRPORT DAY WEEKEND WITH TENANT APPRECIATION DINNER

Once again the County will host a dinner on Saturday, September 10, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM adjacent to the terminal building. Texas Smokehouse Tri Tip BBQ with potato salad, baked beans and cold drinks are on the menu. This is an additional incentive to help with the set up on Saturday! Those who attended last year found the event pleasant and the food excellent. Here's a chance to meet our new Palo Alto Airport Director, Liliana Valle, County Airports Director Carl Honaker, and members of the airport

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staff who do a lot of behind the scene work to keep things flying smoothly. To quote Carl: "Y'all come!"

MIGHTY MOUSE DELAYS LEVEE REPAIRS

The Baylands Northeast of the airport are the habitat of the endangered harvest mouse. These creatures depend upon the pickle weed prevalent in the baylands for their habitat. The obvious way to fix the levee, by just essentially adding dirt for fill and screening off the edges to prevent burrowing squirrels from creating leaks, would damage the pickle weed growing on the levee. Since this impacts the habitat for the mice, it isn't acceptable. There are several agencies involved in permitting the work and the final arrangements will require review. The current plan is to make a temporary fix to prevent flooding this year and work through the time consuming plan for a more permanent solution, acceptable to the agencies involved. Stay tuned as this drama plays out.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT PUMP STATION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TIEDOWN AREA

There is a project to modify the pump station in the middle of the tiedown area. Started August 2, the project will continue for two months. During the first few weeks, Power Engineering will dig a pit next to the pump station. Power's project will require the planes in the row easterly of the pump station to be moved to a temporary location. Also once, a few weeks into the project, they will need to run a by-pass line from one access hole in the tie down area to the next, also in the tie down area. The by pass line will only be in place for one night. Power Engineer may have to repeat this same process again near the end of the project. The by-pass will require additional planes to be relocated for a short period.

JOHN CARTER, LONGTIME PALO ALTO AIRPORT PILOT TO BE GIVEN MASTER PILOT AWARD

John M. Carter, a PAAA member, will be awarded The Wright Brothers "MasterPilot" Award during a ceremony at an FAA Safety Seminar to be held at the Oakland Airport Air Museum, on September 20th.

John, who's owned his 1953 Cessna 180 since new, has been flying 60 years. His Award, signed by FAA Administrator Marion Blakey, notes Carter's "...dedicated service, technical expertise, professionalism, and many outstanding contributions that further the cause of aviation safety." One of the qualifications for the award is a clean flying record of at least 50 years. Congratulations, John!

HUGE TURNOUT SUPPORTS AIRPORT, CITY COUNCIL VOTES FOR FEDERAL GRANT ASSURANCES

Thanks go to all of the pilots and airport supporters who turned out at the Palo Alto City Council meeting on July 11. By the time the issue of Grant Assurance came up it was already after 11:00 PM. Mayor Jim Burch asked that people to be brief, due to the lateness of the hour. Several people made succinct and to the point statements. There was some discussion, but in the end, the Council voted 7 to 1 (one was absent) to direct staff to sign the grant assurance, essentially guaranteeing the airport's continued existence for at least 20 years. Assistant City Manager Emily Harrison commented positively on the decorum of the Airport supporters and the positive way the comments were presented.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members. We appreciate your commitment to supporting the Palo Alto Airport.

Mike Cole

Michael Silverton

Nick Ulman

Richard Whitacre

Aviation Supply has joined us as a corporate member.

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REMEMBER TO BE COURTEOUS

While we get few noise complaints, this is because most pilots make the effort to be considerate. Reduce RPM when safe to do so, make that turn after departing 31, and be sure to use your GATS jar.

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**SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY!
AIRPORT DAY IS SEPTEMBER 11,
10 AM TO 2 PM**

**PALO ALTO AIRPORT ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 12:00 NOON
ABUNDANT AIR CAFÉ AT PAO**

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