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A Monthly Newsletter for the Members and friends of the Yolo County Sheriff's Aero Squadron

COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Larry Lawson



Greetings

I would like to thank all of you for the outstanding effort displayed in membership participation. We had a great turn out for the annual Almond Festival in February and last month's membership meeting boasted an increased number in attendance, as well. Let's keep up the good work!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Randy Price** for the excellent presentation he provided on the Garmin GPS 295. If you were unable to attend the meeting and you have questions on the 295, please contact one of the Executive Board Members. It is important that we each know how to utilize the GPS and that we are all consistent on its usage. Please don't just start punching buttons. If you don't know how it works, just ask. There is also a Reference Guide in the Membership Handbook, Section 4, for your information.

I have had several telephone calls as to which side of the uniform our new patches should be displayed. The patches should be displayed on the right side, in place of the sheriff's patch. The "switch" can be done at Sacramento Uniforms although you are not required to have it done there. If your seamstress, tailor or spouse can handle it, than you are more than welcome to have it done by one of them.

On a personal note, I would like to request that all telephone calls with reference to the Aero Squadron, be made to my home instead of to my office, unless for an emergency. With approximately fifty members in our organization, it is not unusual for my office to be contacted by three different members on any given day.

In most cases, the calls entail obtaining information that is readily available via the website or members' handbook, such as an individuals address and/or telephone, number. At any rate, **Wendy** has her hands



1V1 Patrols Rumsey Casino during the Almond Festival see story on page 5

full meeting the needs of our clients and unfortunately doesn't have a lot of additional time for Aero Squadron business at work. However, we would be more than happy to address your concerns/questions at home. We both would greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

In talking with our **Operations Officer, Vern Henry**, it seems 1 Victor 1 is being scheduled more and more frequently and our patrol missions are increasing. This is outstanding. As the weather starts to improve, we have an excellent opportunity to patrol the county and assist the Yolo County community.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By Randy Price



Spring is here and with springtime comes spring cleaning. So that is what I have been doing with our membership files. While I found that most of these files were current and accurate, I found one item that needs to be updated is pilot currency. The following pilot's BFR and/or Medical certificates are either out of date or not on file at all:

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| S. Brown, | S. Boschken |
| E. Burrell, | E. Harris, |
| R. Hunter, | L. Ropke, |
| G. Oatis, | D. Porter |

I need to obtain the following documents from each of the above pilots:

1. Copy of biannual flight review.
2. Copy of current medical certificate.

These documents are not only important in keeping our records current; but they are required by our insurance company. It is the responsibility of each pilot to send a copy of these documents to the Executive

Officer after completing a BFR or medical exam. Effective April 15, 2002, any pilot who has not provided current data will be suspended from Schedule Masters.

We currently have 39 members in the Aero Squadron, with three prospective members considering membership.

If you know someone who would like to become a member of the Aero Squadron, please bring him/her to one of our meetings, have them visit our website at or contact me directly.

For the past few weeks now, **Steve Fritts** and I have been spending our weekends working on the hangar doors instead of flying. But I'm glad to say we are making progress and hope to have them fixed in the next week or so. I would like to thank **Don Turner** and **Vern Henry** who came out last Saturday to fly but because the winds were a little strong, they spent the day helping us install a new track in the floor. This track will support new rollers that are being installed on the bottoms of the doors. Thanks again guys your help is always welcome and very much appreciated.



Steve Fritts admires his handy work and envisions the new rollers.



Randy "Tool Time" Price does battle with the hangar doors.

OPERATIONS OFFICER'S SQUAK BOX

By Vernon Henry

Thank you to all the members who supported the Aero Squadron's involvement in the annual Almond Festival. With the contribution of 14 members and 2 aircraft, the operation was accomplished in a safe, efficient and productive manner.

N1187M continues to accumulate a fantastic amount of flying hours. Even with the weather conditions encountered for the months of January and February, we have managed to log a total of 57 hours so far this year.

Although flight hours are important, a thorough preflight inspection is an integral part of a safe flight and arrival back at Watts Woodland Airport. Mechanical parts do wear and mechanical parts do fail.

We also need to be aware of the wind currents coming through the Capay Valley and down the mountain slopes. Careful attention should be directed to the seatbelts, including the shoulder harness which are both required to be fastened by FAA rules.

INTERNET TIPS: SEND BROWSER POP-UPS TO THEIR DESERVED DEMISE *By Randy Price*

It constantly frustrates me when sites use their Web programming wiles to open extra browser windows on my screen automatically. Like banner ads, these windows usually advertise junk I don't want.

But I can't just ignore pop-ups. To get back to my original window, I have to switch away or close the additional windows. And with so many new windows open, it's easy to close the wrong one and lose my surfing momentum. The quick solution is to press Ctrl-W to close the uninvited browser window (repeat as necessary) and avoid visiting the impertinent site again. Unfortunately many useful sites are loaded with pop-ups. The windows may open when you enter the site, shortly thereafter, or as you leave the site. In any case, it's a hassle.

Since most pop-ups are created in JavaScript, you can prevent the "popping" by turning off your browser's JavaScript support. In Netscape Navigator 4.7 x, choose *Edit, Preferences*, select *Advanced* in the Category tree, remove the check mark from *Enable JavaScript* in the displayed options, and click *OK*. In

Internet Explorer 5. x, choose *Tools, Internet Options*, click the *Security tab*, select the *Internet zone*, and click the *Custom Level* button. Scroll through the *Settings window* until you reach *Active Scripting*; set the option to *Disable or Prompt*, and click *OK*. If you use America Online 6's browser, choose *Settings, Preferences, (Internet Properties) WWW*, click the *Security tab*, select the *Internet zone*, and follow the same steps described for Internet Explorer above.

Once you disable JavaScript, Web sites that use JavaScript for navigation controls or personalization won't display or function as intended. If that causes problems for you, re-enable JavaScript and then download and install one of the many freeware and shareware utilities for taming pop-ups.

Meeting Dates

April's Executive Board Meeting
Will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Sheriff's Administration Building

April's General Members' Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 24th at 7:30 pm at the Monroe Training Center

BLUE SKIES AND SUNSHINE FOR ALMOND FESTIVAL 2002

By Wendy Lawson

On February 24, 2002, the Aero Squadron participated in the annual Yolo County Almond Festival. This year the weather was on our side as it proved to be a beautiful crisp, sunny day. Patrol flights started at 9:00 a.m. and continued throughout the day until 5:00 p.m. Our pilots and observers flew scheduled shifts providing the ground troupes with aerial coverage as needed, and a sense of confidence knowing the "crowds" were well aware of our presence. **Member, Jerre McClelland** flew his own plane so there were times that the Aero Squadron covered the festival with two aircrafts. Meanwhile back at the hangar, **Commander Lawson** protected his "kitchen" as he flipped hot dogs and burgers while the rest of us munched on macaroni salad, beans, chips and cookies. **Jerre McClelland and Gene Parker** utilized the good weather and second aircraft to provide us with some excellent aerial photographs of 1 Victor 1 in action.



1V1 patrols Capay Valley



Photos courtesy of **Gene Parker**

Participating members included **Executive Officer/ISO, Randy Price, Ops Officer, Vern Henry, Arie Lauwers, Gene Parker, Jan Martin, Richard Rorke, Stephen Fritts, Steve Boschken, Jerre McClelland, Murray Boulware, Al Epstein, Carl Norton, Commander Larry Lawson and Wendy Lawson.** A special thanks to all who participated.

OBSERVATION FROM AN IP'S SEAT

By Al Epstein

Airplanes fly according to the rules of Bernouli, not Marconi

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New Members Wanted

The purpose of this squadron shall be to cooperate with and assist the legally constituted Sheriff's Department of Yolo County, in the State of California.

The Squadron is orientated to people interested in aviation who have a desire to volunteer their talents and efforts for the cause of law enforcement.

At the present time, we fly patrol missions in a Cessna 172 based at Woodland Watts Airport. Some of our members own aircraft which we utilize at certain times and functions. The membership consists of General Members who are patrol qualified pilots and

patrol qualified observers. Our pilots must have a private rating or better, single engine land and must have a minimum of 750 hours, with 25 hours in type

The Squadron is a non-profit organization that meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Yolo County Sheriff's Department Monroe Training Building. Prospective members must attend three meetings and then be approved by the majority.

There are semi-annual dues of \$50.00 and an annual flight time fee of \$156.00 both fees are due at the time that a

General Member is accepted to the Aero Squadron.

Further information can be obtained by visiting our website, at www.yolosherriffsaerosquadron.com or contacting our Executive Officer at

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