



43rd Annual Fly-IN & Air Show May 25-26-27, 2007

We look forward to seeing you at the 43rd annual Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show!! The Board of Directors and I are really excited about this year's Fly-In & Air Show, and we look forward to your participation in our event. The Fly-In portion with static displays and judging are a very important part of our weekend.

We've expanded our homebuilts judging categories to reflect the changing atmosphere in recreational aviation. We'll announce the winners of the various categories at Saturday night's Pilot's get-together.

We're going to have plenty of activities for you, beginning with the traditional Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner. There'll be fireworks, lots of military aircraft featuring two F/18 Hornets from Lemoore Naval Air Station joining the Saturday and Sunday air show. If you like classic and muscle cars, we'll have plenty of those on display Saturday and Sunday. The Shine-N-Show Car extravaganza is expected to draw hundreds of pristine vehicles to the Watsonville Airport.

We appreciate your interest in coming to the Watsonville Air Show and, thanks to you, you will play a big role in making our static displays one of the best in the country.

~ Jeff Roper ~

~ President ~ Board of Directors ~

Military fighter jets coming to annual Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show

The 43rd annual Fly-In & Air Show will host an unprecedented display of military aircraft at this year's Memorial Day weekend event. Four AV-8 Harriers from the Marine Corps base in Yuma, Ariz., two supersonic F-5 fighters, two Navy F-18 Hornets and a number of military helicopters are expected to steal the show.

Dave Brockmann, marketing director for the air show, said getting so many military crafts is a dream come true. "This is fantastic for us because we have never had this kind of military support," he said. "It seems all the hard work is paying off now"

Brockmann said the process to bring aircraft such as the Harriers and Hornets here began in September when a request with the Pentagon was filed. Late Friday he said word was received that the fighter planes would be coming to town. Two of the Harriers will perform demonstration flights. The planes won't be able to land at the airport because of their size. Instead the fighter planes will land at the Monterey Airport and perform fly-bys during the weekend.

A four-ship demo team; the Thunder Delfin L-29s from Southern California; as well as two Marine Corps CH-53 Super Stallions and a pair of Navy SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopters also will highlight the show's military presence.

Eddie Andreini and his Boeing Stearman, a regular aerobatics performer at the Air Show, are also slated to return this year. An American muscle and classic car show, "Shine-N-Show," has also been added to the ground display.

Brockmann said putting together an event the magnitude of this year's has been a long time coming. "We have had a great reputation and everybody seems to want to come to Watsonville so it's great for us and the community"

~ Santa Cruz Sentinel ~

California Flying

May 25 - 27 — **Watsonville, CA.** Watsonville Airport (WVI). Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show. 43rd annual featuring classic, neoclassic, homebuilts, warbirds; air show; vintage car show; vintage farm equipment; Kid's zone; Contact Dave Brockmann, 831 763-5600; web page - <http://www.watsonvilleflyin.org/>

May 26 — **Columbia, CA.** Columbia (O22). Columbia LSA Seminar & Fly-In. LSA Seminar & Fly-In 9AM-3PM with Seven different LSA's on Display, Demo rides by Appointment, BBQ. Contact Alan Wallace, 209/533-5685, 209/614-7388

May 26 - 27 — **Llano, CA.** Brian Ranch Airport (CL 13). The 13th annual "World's Smallest" Air Show will be held Saturday May 26 & Sunday May 27, 2007 for 8 AM until 2 PM. There will be ultralight, light sport, & general aviation flying & static displays, RC airplanes, & other events. There will be food & me. Contact Felice, 661/261-3216

May 27 — **Atwater, CA.** Castle Air Museum (MER). Open Cockpit

Day. Located adjacent to Castle Airport, the museum will host a wide variety of warbirds to view, including the SR-71, B-36 and B-52. Hours are 9am to 5pm.. Contact Anita, 209 723 2178

Jun 2 — **Costa Mesa, CA.** Local college near John Wayne Airport (ksna). Orange County 99's, Flying Companion Seminar. For non-pilot flying companions who would enjoy information on how the Airplane Flies, Basic Instruments, Basic Navigation, Using the Radio, "What'll I do if...?" . Contact Pat Prentiss, 951/533-3341

Jun 2 — **Livermore, CA.** Livermore Muni (KLVK). Young Eagles Rally #2. The Young Eagles Program has been developed by the EAA Aviation Foundation to welcome young people into the world of aviation. Young Eagle flights are free and available to children and young adults, ages 8-18. Space is limited for this event. Contact t. Contact Eric Helms, 925/784-7128

Jun 2 — **Livermore, CA.** Livermore Airport (LVK). 99's Flying Companion Seminar. Learn to be comfortable in the cockpit with your spouse or friend. Learn basic navigation, communications and much more. Breakfast, gourmet lunch and snacks included for \$45 registration fee. Space limited to first 30; deadline to register is May 25, 2007.. Contact Andy McCarthy, 925/606-5508

Jun 8 - 10 — **Columbia, CA.** Columbia (O22). Bellanca-Champion Club West Coast Fly-In. This is the eighth running of this extremely popular and successful event; excellent airport, fine campground, nearby hotel/motels, considerable historic interest. This is a good opportunity to see our Club in action! Non-members with an interest in our . Contact Robert Szego, 518-731-6800;

Jun 9 — **Santa Monica, CA.** Santa Monica Airport (KSMO). AirShares Elite Open House. AirShares Elite is celebrating the Grand Opening of its first West Coast operation. Come see the benefits of shared ownership in today's most advanced and popular general aviation aircraft.. Contact David Lee, 800-482-5411

Jun 10 — **Los Angeles, CA.** Million Air (KVNY). AirShares Elite Open House. AirShares Elite is celebrating the Grand Opening of its first West Coast operation. Come see the benefits of shared ownership in today's most advanced and popular general aviation aircraft.. Contact David Lee, 800-482-5411;

Jun 16 - 17 — **Columbia, CA.** Columbia Airport (O22). Father's Day Fly-In. The 41st Annual Father's Day Fly-In will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Columbia CDF Air Attack Base. We will feature Air Tanker demonstrations, Warbird fly-bys, aviation contests, and a Saturday night hangar dance. Camping available. Contact Jim Thomas, 209-533-5685

Jun 16 — **Lodi, CA.** Kingdom (O20). Just Plane Fun BBQ. Want an excuse to get that plane out and fly somewhere. See aircraft on display, watch amazing RC Aircraft demonstrations and more (free). If you are hungry, a BBQ lunch will be provided by the Delta Flying Club requesting a small donation.. Contact Wendy, 209/334-2961

Jun 16 — **San Carlos, CA.** Hiller Aviation Museum. Vertical Challenge Helicopter Air Show. This year there will be over 60 helicopters at the Vertical Challenge Helicopter Show _ a show which allows spectators to get involved, see the helicopters up close, and take a ride in a Robinson R-44 or Otto the Clown helicopter _ A Schweizer 300. Contact William Turner, 650/654-0200

Jul 6 - 8 — **Lompoc, CA.** Lompoc Airport (KLPC). West Coast Piper Cub Fly-In. 23rd annual West Coast Cub fly-in here in the beautiful Lompoc Valley. We have a great little fly-in, small enough to allow all Piper Cub and aviation enthusiasts get to know each other, yet large enough to be lots of fun.. Contact Bruce Fall, 805/733-1914

Jul 14 — **Livermore, CA.** Livermore Muni (KLVK). Young Eagles Rally #3. Young Eagle flights are free and available to children and young adults, ages 8-18. Space is limited for this event. Contact t. Contact Eric Helms, 925/784-7128

Jul 21 — **Colusa, CA.** Colusa County Airport (O08). Old Time Fly-in. Free breakfast for pilots and passengers, judging and trophies, raffle prizes, and BBQ lunch. Ends at 12:30 pm. Contact Harry Krug, 530/458-0580

Jul 23 - 29 - **Oshkosh, WI.** Wittman Regional Airport (OSH) EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," just keeps getting better year after year, according to EAA members and other loyal attendees.

Sept 15 - **Watsonville, CA.** WVI Airport Open house Saturday

Watsonville Pilots Association Minutes

The April meeting of the Watsonville Pilots Association was called to order by President Mike McIntyre at 7:05pm.

Minutes

- ◆ The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasures Report

- ◆ The treasurer's report was given by Charlene McIntyre and she reported that the funds are sufficient for operations.

New Business

- ◆ Officer elections - There were no nominations from the nominating committee and the current slate of officers have agreed to another term. So it was moved by Charlene McIntyre and seconded by Jim Carter to accept the current officers for a second term. The motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ The family of Ed Nervino will be purchasing a bench in his memory to be placed by the terminal building. A motion was made by John Cowan with a second from Jim Carter for the WPA to send \$100.00 donation. Ed had been an active member of our association since 1988.
- ◆ The WPA fly out will take place on Saturday, May 19th. Plan to arrive at Paso Robles by 11:30. Some members are in need of transportation and can contact Charlene McIntyre. If you are planning on flying out and have an extra seat please contact Charlene so she can match up seats to vacancies.

Announcements

- ◆ President Mike gave a quick update regarding the on-going legal action. The City's attorneys have asked for another time extension. It looks now like the Court will hear the case around the end of June. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the save the airports cause. Monetary donations can be sent to the WPA. (Update: Since this meeting, a date has been set for the litigation adjudication. It's now Friday July 27 at 0900, at the SC Co. Courthouse, Department 8.)
- ◆ The Watsonville FlyIn will be held again on Memorial Day weekend. Remember to support the FlyIn because it shows our support for the airport. Volunteers are always needed.
- ◆ Remember that there will NOT be a May meeting due to the FlyIn.

Propeller Safety

Our safety seminar was presented by Jeremy MacDonald. He talked about propeller safety. It was a very informative presentation on an item that many of us take for granted. His message to the attendees was two fold: to inform us of the existence of a law called resonance (it occurs at a specific rpm) which can be destructive to the point of total failure and maintenance which great scrutiny must be taken to nicks, scratches, corrosion. The physical defects hasten the destruction of the propeller. He advised us to take a closer look at our props. Have a professional dress the prop when it needs maintenance. Jeremy has a propeller balancing business on the field.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

~ Submitted by Charlene McIntyre, secretary ~

Next WINGS Seminar

The next WINGS Presentation will be on June 27th at the next scheduled WPA meeting. The topic will be **Spatial Disorientation**. For further information on upcoming WINGS Seminars, go to the WPA Home page at <http://www.watsonvillepilots.org/> and press the [WPA "WINGS" Seminar Calendar](#) button.

WEATHER PIONEER ROBERT BUCK DIES AT 93

Famed weather research pioneer Robert N. Buck passed away recently in Vermont. He was 93. Among his accomplishments in a more than 70-year flying career, Buck literally "wrote the book" on how general aviation pilots should cope with weather. "Almost every pilot has read or should have read his 1970 classic *Weather Flying*," said Air Safety Foundation Executive Director Bruce Landsberg. Buck laid the groundwork for much of what GA pilots know today about severe weather. He pioneered research in the 1940s by flying through thunderstorms and severe icing conditions in B-17s and a fortified P-61 Black Widow. That work won him a Civilian Air Medal from President Harry S. Truman.

His other books were *Flying Know-How* (1975), *The Art of Flying* (1992), *Pilot's Burden: Flight Safety and the Roots of Pilot Error* (2000) and *North Star Over My Shoulder* (2002).

Buck retired from TWA in 1974, after an airline career that took him from the copilot seat in DC-2s to captaining Boeing 747s. He became TWA's chief pilot in 1945 and oversaw delivery of its first Lockheed Constellation. In 1970, he flew the airline's first Boeing 747 revenue flight, Flight 800 from New York to Paris. In 1965, he flew around the world from pole to pole in a Boeing 707, with several other pilots in shifts.

Since Howard Hughes was a major stockholder in TWA, Buck often flew Hughes and could recount experiences with many celebrities of the day, including Tyrone Power, Bob Hope, Milton Berle, Jackie Kennedy, and others.

During his retirement in Vermont, Buck continued to fly actively, indulging his special interest in gliders. "If I were king, every pilot would have to get a glider license before ever getting a power license," he once said. "Glider pilots are extremely conscious of terrain, of wind, of learning to land away from an airport."

~AOPA~

Fuel Prices

At WVI Fuel Island, 100LL is **\$4.29** and Jet A is **\$3.34** (05/11/2007)

At KTCY (Tracy), SS 100LL is **\$3.99** (04/30/2007)

Local Events

WPA -- meet on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport.

EAA Chapter 119 -- meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport

Monterey Bay 99s -- meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport.

Civil Air Patrol Squadron 13 -- meet 2nd & 4th Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Watsonville Aviation Ed. Center, Watsonville Airport.

Northern CA Aerobatics Club IAC38 -- meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Livermore Municipal Airport

WPA Airport Legal Fund

Please Help WVI with Your Tax Deductible Contributions.

Checks should be made to "WPA" or "Watsonville Pilots Association". On the memo line note: "legal fund". Send your contribution to: 137 Falmouth CT., Aptos, CA 95003

Thanks for Your Support

WPA Officers

Mike McIntyre:	Chairman
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Charlene McIntyre:	Secretary
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Next Meeting

7:00 PM, Wednesday, **June 27**
@ the EAA-WAEC Building
60 Aviation Way, Watsonville Airport