

March 2011

Tailwinds



**Join us in the Pilot Lounge at Brackett on Thursday, March 3, 2011
Social time 7:00PM
Speaker Meeting begins @ 7:30PM**

Dr. Mike Budincich, a pilot from El Monte, will share his experiences and pictures of his mercy flights into Haiti after the massive earthquakes.

From your President- Frank Signoa

Greetings BAA members and aviation Enthusiasts. We had a great third Sunday of the month aircraft and auto display in spite of what appeared to be threatening weather. The display was held in the area east of the Brackett administration building as it has been for the past 13 or so years, thanks to Denny and Alice Marshall and a group of dedicated people who always help. It should be noted that during those years it was canceled once. Even if it rains the group will set up the barbeque in Denny Marshall's Hanger and cook the hot dogs. I can remember an Easter Sunday a few years ago that the display was held.

Those of you that missed the March 3rd general meeting missed a great program. Iris Critchell gave a talk about her experiences in aviation, flying and as a WASP during World War II. This experience was followed by an aviation career to include heading up the aviation programs at USC followed by the same at Harvey Mudd college. A good deal of this experience included flight instructing.



Mr. Cyle Woodruff reported on Brackett Field Airport events to the Aviation Commission's February meeting.

Management and Maintenance:

- 1) A new alternator was installed on the airport operations truck.
- 2) Scrap metal that had accumulated on the airport property over the last few months has been removed.
- 3) Operations staff has spent some time rewiring a few directional signs.
- 4) Airport management is currently working with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) to remove abandoned property by Eagle Helicopters and Aviation, Inc. This property has been in storage for over two years, and SEC is considering putting together a public auction.

Projects:

- 1) The asphalt was repaired at the north gate on Puddingstone Drive. A new safety loop was installed on the ground, and the gate is now working properly.
- 2) Last year, the airport's SB 989 inspection revealed a small leak in the secondary containment system. Helium testing has taken place to pinpoint the leak, and the necessary repairs are pending.

Development and Activities:

- 1) The Argubright construction development on the southeast corner of the airport is near completion.
- 2) Ballard Aviation, Inc. is officially closed. The business building is now available for lease.

In an effort to get to know one another better, the board would like to start a "members corner" in the next issue of Tailwinds. Look for member info sheets on the table at our next meeting.

This sheet will be just a guideline on information you would like to let others know about you. It would be great if you could include a picture of you and your airplane, or you or just your plane.

I'll talk about it at the next meeting too.

Phyllis



Looking for something to do that involves flying?

March 6 Big Bear Pilots are planning a fly in to El Monte for a day at the Races...Horse Races that is. Ground transportation to the track is being arranged from EMT. First post is 12:30, bring a picnic lunch and \$6.50 for entry to the Clubhouse. RSVP donshade@aol.com

POC—**March 20** Airplane and car display

SKYLARKS

March 12— lunch fly in to San Luis Obispo

March 19 -Mesa, Arizona an overnigher for “A night of the 40’s Big Band Dance” and WW II Musical. Cost is \$40 at the door. Flyer in POC lobby. There are about 16 club members going. Phyllis VanArsdale, @ 949-395-5213

Found this information in SOCAL Aviation Review

<http://airports.pilotage.com/events/socal/soca0399.htm>

LAVERN/BRACKETT Tue Mar 16

Airport Marking & Lighting

Location: Brackett Airport Admin Bld.

Speaker: Carol Joyner

Sponsor: Comarco

Contact: LAX FSDO (310) 215-2150

TIME: 7:00-9:00PM



EL MONTE 7:00-9:00PM Wed Mar 10

Communications

Location: El Monte Community Center

3130 North Tyler Avenue

Speaker: Pat Depauw (EMT TOWER)

Sponsor: 99's and SGVAA

Contact: LAX FSDO (310) 215-2150

Flying Companion Seminar

The Ninety-Nines, the organization of women pilots, sponsors a "pitch hitter" course. It's specifically designed for the non-pilot flying companion. Much of what is thought of as fear can be transformed to excitement through knowledge. Great professional pilots and instructors spend the day giving out information from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm

Reserve a space for the Flying Companion Seminar, Saturday, May 1st, 8:00 - 4:00 - call Pat Prentiss (949) 673-4099 Send your non-pilot with a plotter and an LA Terminal Chart, the rest will be provided.

**I remember taking this course shortly after purchasing our 182. The seminar was fun and very informative. It gave me a basic understanding of the dynamics of flying without being overly technical. It also taught me how I could be of use in the cockpit. Phyllis*

Flying funnies:

“I went to the park and saw this kid flying a kite. The kid was really excited. I don't know why, that's what they're supposed to do. Now if he had had a chair on the other end of that string, I would have been impressed.”

~ To invent an airplane is nothing. To build one is something. To fly is everything. ~



We've received dues for this year from about half of our membership. These dues go into our Christmas Party-which will be held in a different venue this year, we purchased our own projector for meeting presentations and any additional items needed for the Sunday Display and our general meetings.

Let's make it 100% of our members have paid by next Tailwinds publication.

Your dues can be given to Dena Miller at the meeting or mailed: The dues are \$20. Make checks payable to BAA.

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Come to the meetings to get and give ideas on how we/you can improve the airport community of Brackett.

Together we can make it great!

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