

April 2011

# Tailwinds



**Join us in the Pilot Lounge at Brackett on Thursday, April 7, 2011**

**Social time 7:00PM**

**Speaker Meeting begins @ 7:30PM**

**Our Speaker this Thursday is Gene Kopp**

How Does the GPS System Work? Location, Navigation, and more....

Gene Kopp is an electrical engineer by profession, and an aviator and flight instructor as an avocation. Gene started in the electronics industry with his BS degree, later taught engineering at Cal State LA and at UCLA, and eventually in 1980 joined the Space and Communications Division of Hughes Aircraft Company.

As a satellite engineer and an instrument instructor, Gene has followed the development of the Global Positioning System (GPS) and has taught the principles of the system to Hughes' engineers.

## From our President– Frank Sigona

Greetings to BAA members and Aviation enthusiasts. The first Thursday is almost here again wherein we can join together for an evening of camaraderie and information. This month we will hear a speaker talk about GPS. I'm sure I will benefit as I don't go much beyond "Direct To" use of the GPS in my plane.

We canceled the third Sunday of the month Aircraft and Auto display because of weather. That was only the third time in 13 years we have ever done that. Be aware though, that we do still meet in marginal weather at Denny and Alice Marshall's hanger making it a social event. Once again thanks to Denny, Alice Marshall and the many BAA members and Volunteers that always makes the third Sunday event a success.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Third Sunday effort particularly for the setup which occurs the 2 days before the display event. Mainly this is due to the fact that Denny Marshall is having some help issues and is usually the person that does the bulk of the setup such as putting out the traffic cones. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

**Big Bear Airport Pilot Association happenings—**

**Join BBAPA Walk MS Team, in our third year, to bring us one step closer to a world free of MS!**

**Saturday, April, 16 2011 @ 10:30 am**

**Alpine Pedal Path, Big Bear**

**Just as auto gas goes up, so goes AV fuel...**

**Local Fuel Prices (100LL) as of March 31, 2011**

**Flabob \$5.049**

**Chino**

Threshold (FBO) \$5.45

Encore (FBO) \$5.59

**Corona**

Fly Carona \$5.29

Corona AirVentures \$5.19

**El Monte -\$5.29**

**Brackett -\$5.29**

**Big Bear -\$4.95**

**Rialto -\$4.79**

**Cable -\$5.05**



It was mealtime during a trip on a small airline in the Northwest.

"Would you like dinner?" the flight attendant asked the man seated in coach.

"What are my choices?" he asked.

"Yes or no," she replied.

Here is the “get to know you corner”. By participating, it will help others to get to know you, your plane and why you are here at Brackett/La Verne. If there is other info you’d like to let us know, feel free to improvise and add what you’d like.



Print out this page, fill in and bring to the meeting...you could be our first member in this corner.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft type and tail number \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this type? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you owned your plane? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn to fly? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you get your pilots’ license? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your favorite flying adventure? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would you like to fly to? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose Brackett/La Verne as your home base? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hobbies or are you an expert at something you’d like to share? \_\_\_\_\_

**You had to know this was coming!**

### **I Survived Sun 'n Fun" T-Shirts For Sale**

The Sun 'n Fun tornado last week was certainly a dramatic enough event, and affected enough people, that a T-shirt to commemorate it was inevitable. By Saturday, show-goers were turning up with gray T-shirts that proclaim, "I survived Sun 'n Fun 2011," with a graphic of a spinning tornado tossing tents, airplanes, and various critters into the air. The actual tornado that hit the airport, while it was certainly damaging, was not quite so dramatic as the one on the T-shirt, but for those who were there, it's now officially a t-shirt-worthy event.



The shirts are for sale online at [PilotMall.com](http://PilotMall.com) for \$25.

Please support BAA!

Please pay your membership for 2011. Dues are paid at the first of the year. Only about a third of our membership has paid so far. Let's get 100%!

These funds go to helping the 3rd Sunday Display, Christmas party and supplies for our speaker meetings. Let's keep the lights on by supporting your Airport Association.

Mail to: BAA, P.O. Box 694, La Verne, CA 91750



## **BAA Board**

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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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