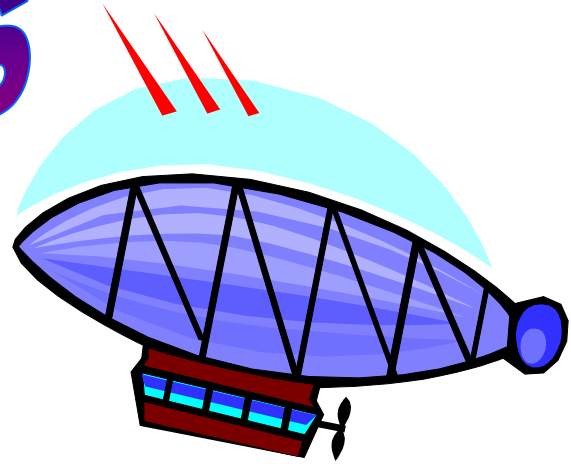


May 2011

Tailwinds



Join us in the Pilot Lounge at Brackett on Thursday, May 5, 2011
Social time 7:00PM
Speaker Meeting begins @ 7:30PM

Our Speaker this Thursday is Stan Jones

Balloons and Blimps is the subject of Stan's presentation. He is knowledgeable about the evolution and development of the Navy's Balloons, Blimps Dirigibles. During the Korean War, the U.S. Navy had an active lighter than air (L.T.A.) program.

Stan Jones is a docent at the P-38 Museum, March Air Force Base Riverside, CA.



April's Display

That day was as good as it gets. Blue sky's, green fields and purple mountains with a sprinkling of snow.

We had many regulars and some new folks showed up to enjoy the day and look at historic cars and planes.

Alice did a super job getting everything up and ready. Many volunteers were on hand to take down the cones, flags, and put away all the accessories that are required for this once a month event.

This display is a large endeavor held every month. Volunteers are needed to help set up. Help is needed in setting up cones/flags on Saturday AM, parking planes on Sunday AM and guiding them out after the event, setting up canopies, chairs, BBQ equipment, recycle containers. We've asked Alice to ride point on this, so if you are interested, please let me know. I'll get names and phone numbers gathered and give them to her.

Phyllis 949-395-5213

On Saturday April 16, Rick and I decided to join Don Shade and Big Bear Airport Pilots Association Team on their MS walk. The walk was to raise awareness and funds to find the cause and cure to multiple sclerosis. The day proved to be perfect to walk along Big Bear Lake on the Alpine Pedal Path.

Don picked us up from the airport and drove us to the staging area. There we met members of BBAPA team who were set to walk. The team had 13 members and raised **\$1,279.00**

We began the walk amongst kids, parents, grandparents and dogs. This is the only MS sponsored walk that allows dogs. As we walked there were plastic American Flags (like the ones realtors use) on sticks in the ground lining the asphalt path. On the stick just below the flag, was a sheet of paper with the name of a BBAPA member walking that day. We walked a little further and there was another.



These flags of recognition lined the 1st quarter of the walk. Even Rick and I were listed. We felt pretty special. Don got up early and placed these along the bike path. Our team was the only one who got any type of recognition like this. Thanks Don. We ended the day checking out Gary Steube hanger (X-7), as he had just received a "Highlander" in a box. Then off for a hamburger at BJ's that has the best burger in town.

All in all, it was a fun day meeting new pilots and spouses, getting some exercise for a good cause and finding a new place to eat in Big Bear.

Happenings in May 2011

Skylarks

May 14 - Flying to Camarillo to lunch at the Waypoint Cafe

Also in the plans is a trip to Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival and then a few days in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The dates are Oct 7-11. Contact Bill Zander

Big Bear Airport Pilots Association

May 14 - Young Eagles program and they are looking for pilots to come up and help.

May 29 - Rosamond Golden Cantina Sunday Brunch

Flabob Airport

Third Saturday Display Day Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast, Tours and Car Show 8-11am

May 20-22 Aeronca- Southwestern Fly-in- <http://www.aeronca.org/SW2011.html>

May 22-The Ninety-Nines Present "Cougars and Kittens; Tigers and Cubs," an all-day pilot proficiency get-together, with spot landings, precision taxiing, message delivery, and many other fun and skill-improving events. For information or to enter, call Ilse Hipfel at (626) 252-7314 or Loreen Wynja at (951) 316-1583

Member Corner

Don Shade is a resident of Glendora and a member in good standing in BAA and Big Bear Airport Pilot Association. He is chairman of BBAPA membership, writes the BBAPA newsletter and is quite the cook at the C-row Hangers 'BBQ's' in Big Bear.

He began flying in 2000 in a 172 out of Brackett from an outfit called "Runway 37". Which was run by Cable Air out of the old Ballard building.

He owns a Cessna 182, N42754. He parks it over on the south side near NAI. He chose the 182 because it's safe, has a big payload, economical and good for flying up to Big Bear where he has another home. He has owned the plane for 6 years. His favorite flying adventure is to fly instruments and in the clouds. He prefers to fly short distances, making multiple stops, rather than long flights. Normally he goes no farther than 20 miles from Brackett. He makes Brackett/La Verne his base, as it's closest to home.

You can't miss Don, he's pretty tall - at least 6'4", quick with a smile and always willing to help where ever he can. He is a jack of all trades...say hello the next time you see him.



A BAA DIRECTORY WILL BE CREATED AND PRINTED OUT SOON. THERE ARE SOME PHONE NUMBERS MISSING ALONG WITH ADDRESSES. PLEASE SEE THE DRAFT OF THIS DIRECTORY AT THE THURSDAY MEETING AND MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS.



Ever wonder how Alice and Denny get all that stuff from their hanger to the 3rd Sunday display picnic area? I always have. Staying late to help gave me my answer.

A picture is worth a lot of words. Pretty ingenious if you ask me.

Thanks you two!



Please support BAA!

We haven't reached 100% in our dues. Please send in your dues to support the many activities here at Brackett.

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



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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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