

Tailwinds



Due to 4th of July holiday this week, there will be no meeting this month.

We will see everyone at the Sunday Display on July 17.

From Frank Signoa, President

Greetings BAA members and aviation enthusiasts. The 3rd Sunday of the month aircraft and auto display was another great get together thanks to the efforts of the BAA board, and volunteers that are always there to work. We owe these folks a debt of gratitude for there uncompromising efforts. The weather was great. The attendance was also good. If you are not attending with or without an aircraft or auto you're missing out on the fun and great Hot dogs. Join us next month and see for your self.



Happenings in July 2011



Skylarks

July 9 - San Diego lunch flight

Balloon Festival-Albuquerque and then a few days in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
The dates are Oct 7-11. Contact Bill Zander

Big Bear Airport Pilots Association

Saturday, July 09, 2011 **Young Eagles Flight Day at Big Bear**

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 **BBAPA Dinner and Membership Meeting 5PM to 9PM**

Flabob Airport

Third Saturday , July 16, 2011 Display Day Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast, Tours
and Car Show 8-11am

For those of you who did not make it to the LA County Aviation Commission meeting at POC on Wednesday 6/29; Member John Mirgas was there and gives this short but not so sweet, synopsis of the meeting.

Three speakers from other airports spoke in opposition to any rate increase. One was very angry with AAC and accused Scott Wardle (AAC Regional Manager) of driving revenue generating business away from the airport. One said he drives to an airport an hour away from his house simply because his hangar rent is only \$100. One made a very good case for holding or even lowering hangar rents in order to attract tenants and get the occupancy rate higher. Currently the aviation occupancy rate is roughly 80-85 percent across all five airports. Commissioner Aron A. Wolf (Appointed by Supervisor Yaroslavsky) admitted that he had not read the contract and asked if AAC is incentivized to maintain high occupancy rates. The answer was that AAC basically has no incentive. Discussion among the commissioners generally acknowledged that rent increases are undesirable but, this case, small and tolerable. Commissioner Evelyn Jerome Alexander (Appointed by Supervisor Yaroslavsky) requested that the AAC contract rate be reviewed in March so the commissioners actually have an opportunity to make a change before AAC is required to adjust their payment to the county.

In the end, all nine commissioners present voted in favor of allowing AAC to pass through the 1.5 percent increase to the monthly hangar rentals.

Thanks for the report John...



Member Corner

Meet Lynn “Grumpy” Swann

He has been a fixture around Brackett for many years and has a hanger on the South side facing the golf course. You can find him most days at his hanger or bicycling around the airport chatting with other airport residents.

Grumpy has 2 Seawinds (Seaplane), and 2 Glasaires. All for sale if you're interested. 1st Sailplane he bought was damaged which he purchased for \$10. Well, 5 months later and a lot of glue he had it in the air.

He prefers this plane because they're light weight and are made of fiberglass-which makes repairing them pretty easy.

He got interested in flying when he received a free ride in a sail plane and was hooked from that moment on. He learned to fly in El Mirage on the dry lake and received his sailplane pilot license in 1968. His best time in a sailplane is when he was able to climb to 26,000 feet over Pikes Peak in Colorado. His next adventure is to fly into Alaska in a Seaplane.

He has lived in the LaVerne area for the last 30 years. He is owner/operator of the Puddingstone Hot Tub Resort just on the other side of the Mountain Meadows Golf Course. He also worked for General Dynamics for 35 years as a designer of seeker heads, gyros and launch rails for the space program. We plan on having Grumpy speak on his sailplane experiences at one of our 1st Thursday of the month meetings. He has been supplying ice, tables and chairs for our BAA outdoor functions of BAA. Thank you very much!

You can always find Grumpy at the Sunday Display. He'll either be volunteering, or spinning a yarn or two...Next time you see him, say hey.



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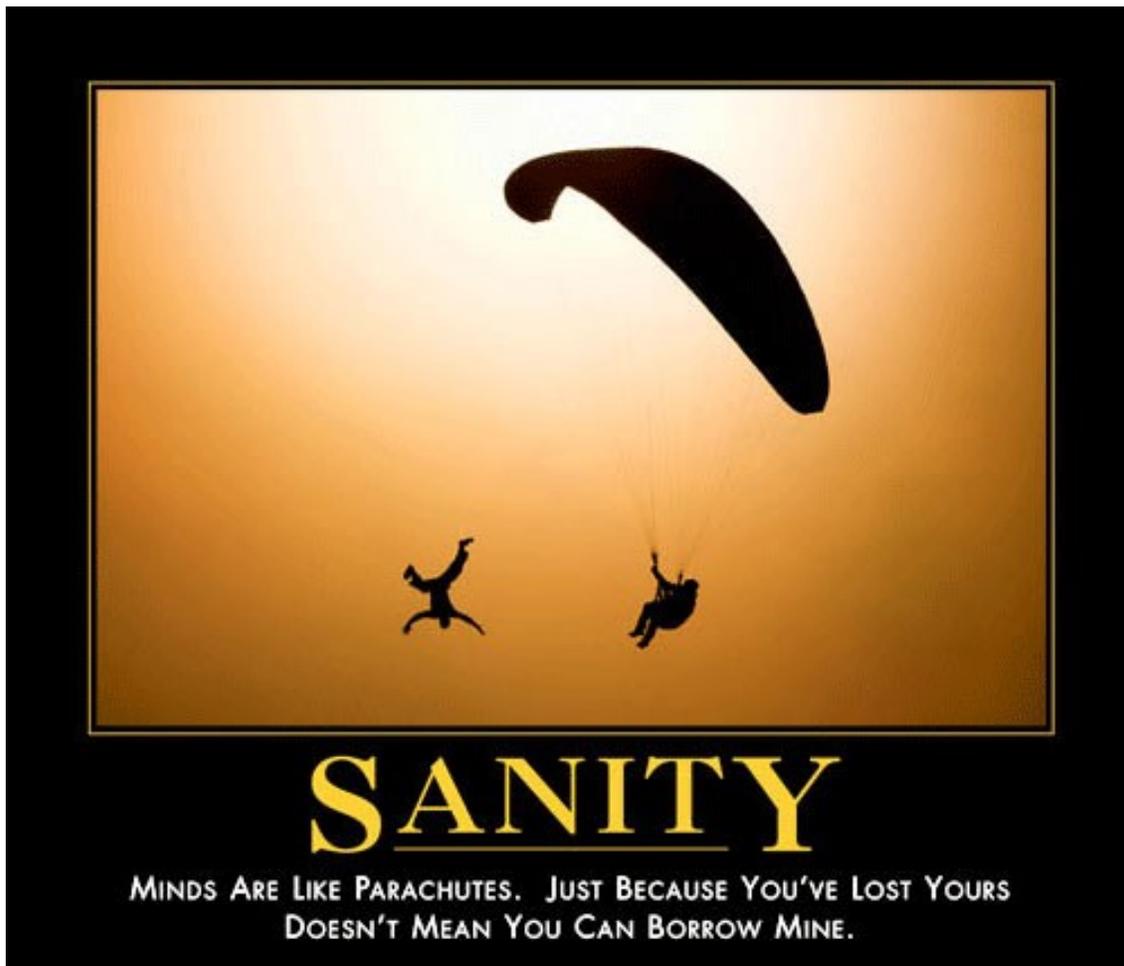
Hosted By: Robert Baker

8/9/2011 (7:00pm - 9:00pm)



Ian Marks will present "Confident COMMUNICATIONS; Say What You MEAN and MEAN What You Say". Build your confidence and get a better understanding of proper communications and procedures within the busy and complex So. California airspace.

Note: This program is free to all current members of OC Pilots. A \$10 contribution is requested from non-members - \$5 for students to help support the Orange County Pilots Association. Join OC Pilots for \$35 per year and enjoy all of our free programs at no additional cost.



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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!

