



# Tailwinds

May 2013 Edition



***Join Us For a Presentation by  
Mark Bassam  
&  
Rick and Phyllis VanArsdale  
on  
Thursday, May 2nd***

***Our Meeting will Start at 7:30pm  
Social at 7:00pm***

***Mark Bassam*** will be discussing WingX Pro navigation software for the iPad.

***Rick and Phyllis VanArsdale*** will show a PowerPoint Presentation of their flight into main land Sonora, Mexico. Their stay at Hacienda de los Santos, with a side excursion to Laguna San Igancio into Baja Del Sur to commune with mother and baby Grey Whales.

**Cookies and Coffee will be available throughout the meeting**

# Notes From Last Meeting:

Last months meeting was jam packed with information from Paul Ricchiazzi and Dr. John Phillip. Paul is looking for pilots that would like to volunteer for Angel Flight missions and illustrated the rewarding experience of aiding those in need of medical support that would otherwise be out of reach of local care. Dr. John Phillip discussed MedXPress, the online application form required for FAA Medical Certificates. Remember to save your information frequently and print out a copy of the form to bring to your physical exam. Your AME is there as a resource as well as the FAA provided 24 hour help line.



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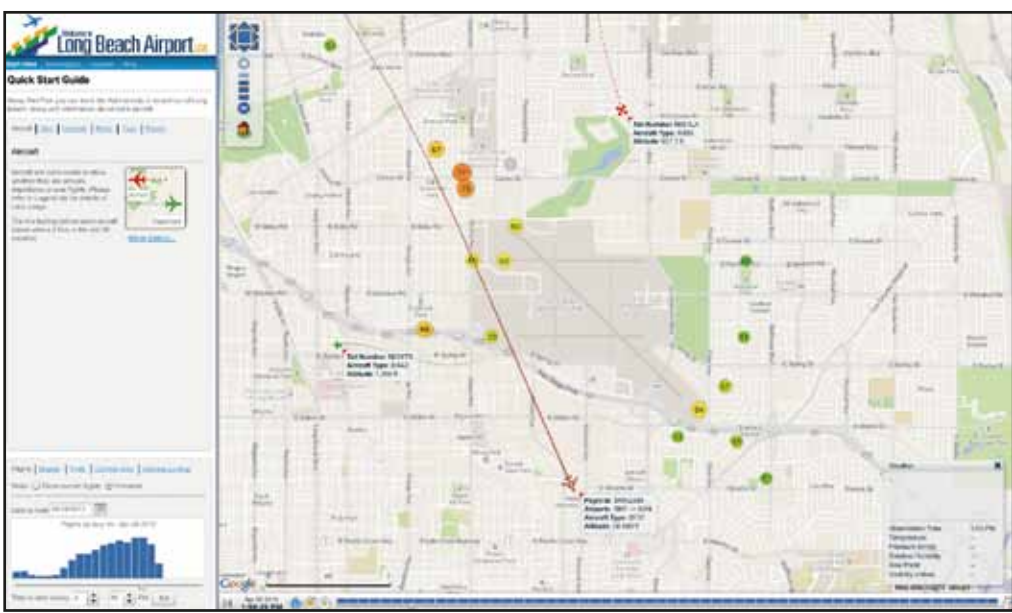
## Low & Slow?

Article By:  
Warrick Leigh

Pilots have a new reason to avoid flying low and slow in some of the residential areas surrounding airports in Southern California. An online service called 'WebTrak' allows members of the public to see real-time and historical flight and noise data collected by noise monitoring and tracking systems implemented at select airports. Radar data paired with information from noise monitoring terminals is collected and overlaid on Google Maps, allowing anyone with access to the Internet to replay historical flight activity within the past 30 days, locate their residence on the map to determine the distance from aircraft in flight, and, if they wish, register a comment or concern about a particular flight.



Community Web Replay  
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Currently the service is implemented at Van Nuys, Long Beach, McClellan-Palomar, LAX, Santa Monica, and San Diego Int'l to name a few.

Check noise abatement procedures at your destination airport and be aware of those with a noise reporting system such as WebTrak. Most importantly, Fly safe!



## from the windsock

As part of the 2013 'Wings of Freedom Tour', the Collins Foundation brought their dual control P-51C Mustang, B-24J Liberator (the only restored flying B-24J in the world) and B-17 Flying Fortress (one of only ten B-17s still flying in the United States) to Brackett. The aircraft were on display for static tours as well as in flight experiences. The Collins Foundation honors WWII veterans by bringing restored historic aircraft to local communities throughout the United States.



## BAA Website Update

The Brackett Airport Association has a new website layout! Thanks to those who helped set up the initial BAA website and contributed in any shape or form to our endeavours on the digital frontier.

The object of the new website is to provide a centralized source for information at Brackett as well as a link to surrounding groups/events in Southern California. You can find it at [www.baapoc.com](http://www.baapoc.com) or if that is too confusing, [www.brackettairportassociation.com](http://www.brackettairportassociation.com). Please take a look and be sure to provide any input on how we can improve.





Article By:  
Phyllis VanArsdale



On Thursday April 18th, I drove to El Monte to check out BAA member Jeff Strouse and Dr. Longo's Aerial Sim Training on Valley just south of El Monte Airport. I was greeted by Dr. Longo who was getting the simulator set up for a customer coming in. He stopped and took his time explaining to me how the simulator worked. To me it looked like a nice airplane cockpit with a clean panel and clear view ahead and on the sides. They have the ability to simulate 13 different Cessna's, 6 Beechcraft's, 9 Piper's, 3 Mooney's, and a Diamond DA20. These planes have different throttle configurations; however with a shelf full of throttles they can change them in under a minute to correctly simulate the craft of your choosing. I was excited to hear of plans for a pinch hitting course. The Sim has two seats and an emergency can be created where the PIC is no longer able to fly. With the use live professional Air Traffic Controllers to assist in the emergency it gives a 'real life' feel to the exercise. It also gives the right seaters practice in a safe environment and feel confident in their ability to take over in an emergency.

Jeff came into the shop when I was there and asked me if I'd like to try it. It was a little foreign to me, but I hopped in the left seat none the less. Dr. Longo set up the Simulator for a Cessna182. After a few failed attempts to take off, (not enough right rudder) I was up and making right pattern at El Monte. I turned base with some coaching from Dr. Longo and then turned for final. I'd like to say I greased the landing, but...I got the plane down, even though I wasn't on the center line of the runway. I could tell with practice and some familiarity with the set up, I could get the hang of landing without ever having to open our hanger door.

I encourage you to visit Jeff and Robert at their office in El Monte. They offer a variety of programs tailored to fit your needs and are excited about their new business for our flying community. Visit [www.aerialsimtraining.com](http://www.aerialsimtraining.com) for more information!



# April Display & Fly-in Report



The weather was good and so was the turnout for the April Sunday Display. There were 40 airplanes and 12 cars in attendance, and approximately 107 Hot Dogs left the BBQ area. Thanks to those who assisted setting up and tearing down the equipment. A good time was had by all. See you next time!

- Denny Marshall

Next Display Date: 5/19/13



## Ladies Corner

The Brackett 'Warming Our Vets' group is continuing its knitting efforts and is looking for donations of yarn and supplies. If you can knit/crochet, have yarn/supplies to donate, or would like to help, then please contact Marilyn at [warmingourvets@hotmail.com](mailto:warmingourvets@hotmail.com) or Alice at (626) 449-1573

# Profiles and Destinations

This is the first edition of a new column series in Tailwinds that will profile BAA members and KPOC people and places, or may include text and photographs from visits to other airports and their restaurants, exhibits, historical displays, etc.

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## A Visit to Flabob (KRIR)

*Text by Michael R. Wood; Photography by Michael R. Wood and Mark Bassam; Copyright ©2013, All Rights Reserved.*

Flabob is a small, uncontrolled, non-tower airstrip in Riverside County with a long history, a couple of flight schools and a popular café. A single, paved but aging 3,190' runway welcomes you as you line up your final approach to runway 6 or 24 depending on the prevailing winds.

An approach to runway 24 can be tricky because of the 1,399' Mt. Rubidoux, which lies just SE of the runway 24 numbers. According to published instructions, an approach to runway 24 is to be made with the turn to final being made to the West (inside) of Mt. Rubidoux, while the night approach is to be made from East (outside) of Mt. Rubidoux. Additionally, the daylight pattern altitude is 1,400' while the night pattern raises to 1,800' in order to maintain a safety margin from the Mt. Rubidoux peak.

Founded in 1925, Flabob is California's seventh oldest surviving airport. It was first developed by "Cowboy Aviator" Roman Warren as Riverside airport but needed a new name when emergency crews responding to a crash at Riverside Arlington airport came to Cowboy Warren's Riverside airport instead. In 1943, FLAVIO Madariaga and BOB Bogen purchased the little airport and combined the first three letters of their names to rename the property. At first it was "Fla Bob", then "Fla-Bob", then "FlaBob" and finally, just "Flabob".



The Flabob Airport Cafe is a destination unto itself, with a main dining room and counter decorated with old propellers, aviation memorabilia and photographs, a few hats and huge hanging model airplanes. It has the look that today's restaurant owners pay designers mightily to get, but Flabob Airport Cafe grew its interior look naturally and over a long period of time. The stone hearth bears evidence of a fire but the high ceiling fans hanging from a vaulted wood beam roof provide little cooling in a room that is physically warm and rich with personality. And then there's the food. At this writing the cafe is a destination for the community as well as the airport because the menu is excellent, the prices low and the quality very high. However, change is in the wind and we will have to see if the cafe survives with the same quality it now has.

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The Flabob Airport Café exists in a building which was originally the cookhouse of the NCO Club at Camp Haan, the anti-aircraft auxiliary of March Field during WWII. When Camp Haan closed after WWII, Flavio Madariaga bought the building for one dollar and moved the building from the military installation to its present location and made it the social hub of the airport, which it continues to be. Weekends are very busy, with the customers coming both from the surrounding neighborhood and from other airports.



Just outside the café, in front of a large mural, is a 12-foot, animated replica of the Wright Flyer scavenged from a former Rose Parade float. But there is also a full scale replica of the Wright Flyer under careful restoration by a handful of craftspeople in a nearby hanger.

Out on the ramp, visitors will usually see the famous "Flabob Express." This classic 1940's DC-3 has been based at Flabob since 2001. This particular aircraft had a distinguished passenger list during World War II that included British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. It continues to perform at air shows, do scenic flights, tours and funeral fly-overs. Pilots wanting to add DC-3 hours to their logbook can still use the "Flabob Express" as their training aircraft.

On any given day, a wide variety of ancient to modern aircraft can be found parked in the transient area while their pilots visit with folks on the field or grab a meal in the historic café. Writing about Flabob as a point of interest, Marshall Lumsden wrote in the November 2004 issue of Smithsonian's Air & Space Magazine, "...the café is a portal to the old Flabob." I think you'll agree.



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*Michael R. Wood is a professional photographer and photojournalist. He joined BAA in 2010, and is currently a member of the BAA Board of Directors in the capacity of Membership Chairman.*

# Flying Funnies

There was a pilot flying a small single engine charter plane, with a couple of very important executives on board. He was coming into Seattle airport through thick fog with less than 10 miles visibility when his instruments went out. So, he began circling around looking for a landmark. After an hour or so, he starts running pretty low on fuel and the passengers are getting very nervous. Finally, a small opening in the fog appears and he sees a tall building with one guy working alone on the fifth floor. The pilot banks the plane around, rolls down the window and shouts to the guy, "Hey where am I?" To this, the solitary office worker replies, "You're in a plane." The pilot rolls up the window, executes a 275 degree turn and proceeds to execute a perfect blind landing on the runway of the airport 5 miles away. Just as the plane stops, so does the engine as the fuel has run out. The passengers are amazed and one asks how he did it. "Simple," replies the pilot, "I asked the guy in that building a simple question. The answer he gave me was 100% correct, but absolutely useless. Therefore, that must be Microsoft's support office, and from there the airport is just five miles due East."

## Cartoonist's take (on Tower Closures)



### **BAA Mission Statement:**

*To inform members of issues related to aviation, updates on airport activities, and promoting increased safety awareness through monthly presentations. BAA provides a social atmosphere that develops camaraderie among all aviation enthusiasts and includes support for the monthly aircraft display and group fly-in destination.*

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***Together we can make it great!***

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