

## Chairman's Message

By Anele Brooks

I tend to think of the FAA the same way I think of the IRS. Millions of regulations and rules and the breaking or bending of any one leading to the revocation of my pilot's license. While I was reading Gene Benson's most recent "Vectors for Safety" he mentioned that the FAA was no longer going to be out looking for "violations" and he worried that without the FAA policing aviation and general aviation in particular all manner of rules and regulations would be broken with impunity creating dangerous skies!



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So the Santa Maria Safety Meeting held Wednesday, November 18 at the Santa Maria Air Museum came at the right time. David Voelker, FAA Operations Inspector was the scheduled speaker. He gave a presentation several years ago and drew a big crowd, in fact, one woman mentioned that she followed his speaking schedule and tried not to miss any of his presentations. I won't say that I am a David Voelker groupie, but I do like listening to him. He is knowledgeable and personable and if I ever do get ramp checked I hope it is by someone just like him. He says if you make a mistake to "be honest and straight" and chances are nothing serious will happen to you.

First it is important to know that FAA Inspectors have no legal authority to take your pilot certificate from you and keep it. The FAA has no police power it is an Administrative Law Agency. An inspector may ask to see your license and your medical, but both must be given back to you. To lose your

### Christmas Party

*Wednesday, December 2, Pot-luck, 6:00 PM*

*Anele Brooks' office:*

*1290 Costa Brava, Pismo Beach*

*Please, bring a wrapped aviation related gift for the gift exchange (and don't overdo it).*

## Dates and Schedules

Comments, corrections, and suggestions are welcome. Fly-outs: dates are flexible and we will confirm plans and set times at the chapter meeting before the scheduled fly-out. Seats will be available for non-pilots, students, and pilots without wings. We want every seat to be filled, so let us know if you want to come along.

Dec 2	Christmas Party at Anele's office (1290 Costa Brava, Pismo Beach) at 6 pm
Dec 5	Toys for Tots at Oceano Airport (see flyer on last page)
Dec 12	Cookies to the Tower, 10 am at the Spirit
Jan 6	Chapter meeting of the San Luis Obispo 99s, Spirit of San Luis. 6 pm.

license and your flying privileges a report (a very detailed, thorough report) must be written explaining exactly why your privileges should be revoked and just what rules were broken. The report is forwarded to a Regional Office for review and if the violation is serious enough it is sent on to the Legal Department. That is who will hold your license if it is revoked. Even if it is revoked a pilot

may earn the license back. Permanent revocation only happens if you are a drug smuggler or you are selling counterfeit (unapproved) aircraft parts. The last report Mr. Voelker wrote took approximately 150 hours to complete, needless to say it is the last thing most inspectors want to have to do, but if the infraction is serious enough the report will be written.

We all learn about Accidents and Incidents during our flight training, when we have to report and what has to be reported. There are also "Occurrences". An Occurrence is defined as "an event that is not readily discernible as an incident", such as, a low speed abort or an engine failure. Mike Busch brought this up because he had to file an "Occurrence" Report after landing with an engine out in his C310 at North Las Vegas. At a towered airport ATC will be involved, but occurrences are also supposed to be reported even if they happen at a non-towered airport. There may be an investigation into the occurrence and it is possible that your occurrence could be a factor in a Safety Improvement Recommendation! [cont.]

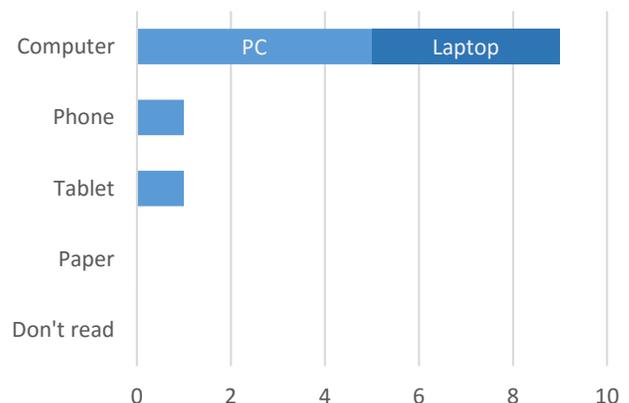
Please make sure that if you leave the traffic pattern that you have checked for TFR's even if you are only planning a local flight. They are put in place by the TSA and if you "bust" one there is nothing that can be done for you, unless, there is a record of you checking for them. You can check them by telephone so there is a recording of your voice or you can go on DUATS or

## Results of Reader Survey

By Charly & Rene Schaad

Recently, we asked our readers which medium or device they're using to read the Slipstream. We'd like to thank our ten respondents (multiple responses were possible). It seems most of you are using a computer to read this newsletter, and nobody is using paper anymore. Brave new world! The reason we were asking is because we're contemplating a change in the way we deliver this newsletter in the future. Please let us know if you have thoughts on that.

Number of responses for each device type



www.1800wxbrief.com. Print them out and read them, sometimes important information is buried between Disneyland and Beale AFB. Monitor 121.5 just in case you are flying in the vicinity of a TFR so if you do inadvertently stray into a TFR ATC can contact you!

Last, we were reminded that we are the most complacent at our home fields. Familiarity makes us a little lazy and that is when we are prone to runway incursions and sloppy flying. Most runway incursions are committed by “local” pilots. Don't be one of them!

The old joke is that someone comes up to you and says “Hello, I'm from the FAA and I'm here to help you” maybe it isn't a joke after all, might actually be true!

## Minutes of General Meeting

By Grace Crittenden

We opened the meeting [November 4, 2015] with plans for the annual Christmas party. This year it will be a pot-luck on the first Wednesday,

December 2, at 6:00 PM. We will gather at Anele Brooks' office, 1290 Costa Brava in Pismo Beach. It is a model home so it has a complete kitchen and lots of room and a beautiful ocean view. Bring an aviation related gift for the gift exchange – always a fun event!

December 12 will be Cookies to the Tower. We meet at the Spirit of San Luis at 9:30 for coffee and to divvy up the goodies (and do a little tasting of the goods for quality control).

Kathy Dannecker introduced an application letter for the Discover Flight from June Janzen, one of the Morro Bay High School tennis team. We unanimously voted to offer her a flight and Kathy will arrange for her to fly with Doug Faner. We are all looking forward to hearing about her adventure. The program for the meeting was an AOPA webinar introducing the Lockheed Martin Pilot web-based Flight Service available at 1800WXBRIEF.com. The website offers some interesting and valuable features and the general consensus was that it certainly warranted some investigation.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, 2016.



*An idea for your next flying adventure? Here's our rented C172 over Kalaupapa Peninsula, Moloka'i Island, Hawai'i.*

**December 5th, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m.**

# **Friends of Oceano Airport**



## **Toys for Tots**

Join us for our annual Toys for Tots event in cooperation with the US Marine Corps. Bring a new, unwrapped toy and enjoy the fun.

**10:00 Arrivals and holiday beverages**

**11:00 Live holiday music: The Jingle Bells**

**12:00 Central Coast Smokers BBQ \$15 includes all the fixings**

**1:00 Reindeer Games**

There is no admission charge. Aircraft and antique autos on display. Banner Airways: Take a ride back in history in the 1943 Super Stearman Yellow Bi-plane. SkyDive Pismo Beach is on hand for those wishing to skydive with a view of the Pacific Ocean. Oceano Fuel Discount \$.25 per gallon, plus \$.25 per gallon donation to Toys for Tots.

**Lodging Discount: Pacific Plaza Resort**

**L52 Oceano Airport, Oceano California**

**<http://www.FriendsofOceanoAirport.com>**



**Watch our Video Trailer!**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ib\\_7TWjhKg8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ib_7TWjhKg8)**



**Make a child smile at Christmas!**