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IFR Refresher Clinic

It was a perfect VFR day to fly to CMA for an IFR refresher course.

Forty pilots happily wandered in from the bright sunny morning into the half light of the power point projector to spend the day sitting in rows on stackable chairs. There was fresh Starbucks coffee when we arrived and candy bars for sale if you needed some energy.

Robin McCall introduced himself. A life-long pilot, he had started his flying career locally and became an ATP with Delta. Retired from the airlines and back to teaching flying, Robin was glad to share his experiences and knowledge. The audience had a wide range of experience from CFII's to those who had not yet achieved the instrument rating. There were lots of questions and discussion as Robin guided the group through the flight planning for a trip from Salinas to John Wayne Airport and then throwing in a few "What if..."s and emphasizing regulations, sharing rules of thumb, and reviewing terminology. The time flew by. As often happens, the flight planning takes longer than the flight being planned.



Before we knew it we were out in the bright sun heading for lunch at the Waypoint Café. The transient parking was stacked with planes and the café was full of happy customers. No evidence of the economic downturn here. It was too nice a day to let anything be a bother.

After a leisurely lunch under the shade of the big green umbrella, we scampered back into the power point gloom to continue our hypothetical trip south, reviewing departures and enroute charts and finishing with the approach to John Wayne. Again the time went by quickly with so much information to cover.

As we left the conference, the weather check confirmed it would be a beautiful VFR flight back to SBP. We would have to save all the IFR tips for summer fog or a trip east this summer. I did have my airport diagram open on my lap as I taxied to the run up area but put aside all my charts for a beautiful flight up the coast. What an amazing and glorious place to fly!

Submitted by Grace Crittenden



Next Meeting

Wed May 6 – 5:30 PM Spirit of San Luis, San Luis Obispo Airport

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