

# NorCal Business Aviation Association

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Greetings everyone,

These first months of 2012 are flying by for many of us but we're working hard to provide the quality content we all want for our luncheons.



Our first two events (Safety Day in January and the February Luncheon) were each very successful as we had huge turnouts and great feedback. I want you to know that we're listening to your feedback. We'll continue to focus in on the content, making sure it will not only be informative but also instructional. We want you come away from a luncheon knowing something you didn't know beforehand.

We tried something different for our February luncheon and we're sure glad we did. I consider this our first training luncheon. It was our most attended luncheon to date with over 100 attendees. Mark Thelen of APG did a wonderful job of explaining aircraft performance. After the formal luncheon ended, approximately 50 pilots and dispatchers stayed behind for the advanced level, two-hour breakout

session on aircraft performance. This format went way beyond just being a lecture as a very lively and informative question and answer session followed. I'd like to thank ARinc Direct for generously sponsoring this luncheon.

Our next luncheon is set for March 13th at 11:30 am and will be at Michael's. Our sponsor will be our friends from Gulfstream. Our speaker will be Randy Gaston, Gulfstream's VP of Flight Operations. Randy will be talking to us about "Information Management in the iPad Era, and its role in Safety and Training". Also on hand will be Wayne Oedewalt, Sales Director for Gulfstream to update us on new offerings from Gulfstream as well as provide program updates. We envision this luncheon to have a large turnout with significant Q&A.

**NCBAA ADVOCACY:**

I'd like to remind you again about our membership renewal drive currently underway. You can join us by going to our website [www.NorCalBAA.org](http://www.NorCalBAA.org) (press the "Membership & Volunteer" tab) to pay the small \$60 annual membership fee or join at the luncheon. If you have any questions about our membership fee and what you get from it, please ask one of us. We are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization where your membership dues not only help pay for the day-to-day expenses but also contribute to our scholarship fund.

I'd also like to recognize the work our Mentoring Committee is doing to prepare for our first scholarship award that will be presented at our May 8th luncheon in Hayward. Victoria Collom is the Chairperson of this great team of people dedicated to the advancement of aviation in our schools. Our May 8th luncheon will be held at the Ascend Development Hangar Complex at the Hayward Airport and will be a special event for us as we award our first scholarship to a deserving student. There will also be static displays, an eBay auction of a bi-plane motorcycle (proceeds going towards our scholarship fund) and a keynote address from John Van Geffen, aviation attorney for Avialex.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our March luncheon.

Fly Safe,

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