

NorCal Business Aviation Newsletter: February 2014

Greetings Everyone,

We had a wonderful luncheon meeting this month at the Hayward Executive Airport and I appreciate all those who attended or took part in putting it together. I want to thank Ascend Development, the APP Jet Center and our sponsor, Embraer. Our speaker, Embraer Production Test Pilot Craig Jacobsen did a really nice job discussing the history and benefits of fly-by-wire. Well done!

March 11th, 2014

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11th at 11:30 a.m. and will be held at Michael's Shoreline Restaurant in Mountain View and sponsored by Clay Lacy Aviation.

Our sponsor: Founded in 1968 by world-renowned pilot Clay Lacy, Clay Lacy Aviation just celebrated their 45th year operating a diverse fleet of charter and managed aircraft around the globe. Clay Lacy operates two FBO's in Van Nuys, California and Seattle, Washington and offers a complete range of aircraft charter, management, sales, maintenance, avionics and interior completion services. Home to an award-winning Class IV maintenance repair station, Embraer Phenom 100/300 authorized service center, 15 avionics dealerships, and Quest Kodiak dealership.

Our speaker: Al Gorthy, Assistant Manager of the FAA Central Region Runway Safety Office, will discuss the critically important topic of "*It's a Matter of Seconds*". Mr. Gorthy is an expert on this subject and I highly encourage all department heads to bring your pilots with you to hear this valuable presentation.

Working with the Runway Safety Group of the Federal Aviation Administration for over the past twelve years, Al Gorthy has provided a unique perspective in developing effective training initiatives to reduce the risk of runway incursions and excursions. Reducing the likelihood of runway collisions and excursions is dependent on the 'conscious' awareness of the pilots and controllers and time available to take action, often a matter of just a few seconds. As a subject matter expert, Al has focused his attention on the adequacy of pilot and controller training and the necessary operational skills to combat the ever-increasing risk of surface accidents.

Al completed over twenty-six years of active duty service in the US Navy where he flew as an operational pilot in the A-7, A-4, F-5 and F/A-18 aircraft. He commanded three operational aircraft squadrons and a major naval shore facility. He has accumulated over 5000 flight hours and 600 carrier arrested landings. He holds a Master's degree and an ATP.

NBAA visit March 5th

The NCBAA and NBAA leaders will meet for a luncheon at Il Fornaio restaurant in the St. Clair hotel in downtown San Jose on March 5th, from 11:30 to 2pm to discuss Northern California Airspace and Airport issues. We hope to identify areas of concern from business aviation operators in the Northern California area. NCBAA will bring together local operations personnel with NBAA's Steve Hadley: Director of regional groups; Jeff Gilley: Director, Airports & Ground Infrastructure; Bob Lamond: Director, Air Traffic Services & Infrastructure and Stacy Howard: NBAA Western Region Representative. Our objective will be to understand areas of concern and develop a strategy to resolve findings.

If you would like to attend or wish to send a technical representative from your flight department conversant on these issues, please RSVP to NCBAA President, John Swaney at president@norcalbaa.org for the luncheon.

NCBAA Advocacy

NCBAA Mentoring Committee:

2014 Scholarship application is now available and due by March 23rd. Open to any pilot, mechanic, flight dispatcher, flight attendant, there exists many opportunities in business aviation today. The scholarship is to provide the recipient with a financial award to assist in the pursuit of that career goal in private aviation. The recipients will receive their award at the May 6th NCBAA Safety Day.

NCBAA Advocacy Committee:

In an effort to communicate more effectively with elected officials, a letter has been mailed out to the Northern California Senators and Assemblymen introducing the NCBAA and the vast resources we offer. This will also position us well to discuss any specific matters at our various business aviation airports at the second annual **Aviation Awareness Day** to be held April 23rd, 2014 on the Capitol steps in Sacramento. All NCBAA members are welcome to join us in Sacramento to support aviation and ensure our State representatives hear our voices.

NCBAA Event Calendar

March 5 th :	NBAA Visit
March 11 th :	March Meeting at Michael's
April 8 th :	April Meeting at Michael's
April 23 rd :	California Aviation Awareness Day
May 6 th :	NCBAA Safety Day

Fly Safe!

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