

**THIS IS AN INTERIM NEWSLETTER PENDING VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

**Request for TCPA Volunteers: by G. Loegering**

The Trinity County Pilots Association was incorporated in the 1980s and serves a useful purpose for aviators and plane owners who live or visit Trinity County to get airport improvements, build hangars and promote local aviation including donating scholarships. We also organize group fly-ins to explore the north state and displays among other activities. Other pressing local issues have reduced our activities during the past couple of years after completion of several projects and organization of the website. Volunteers elected in the past are still doing necessary jobs and working with the County but there is a need to get new people involved as the need to promote general aviation continues. On August 3, 2011, an article in the Trinity Journal describing future improvement of the Hayfork Airport taxiway was denounced by a member of the local community who insisted that the airport be closed, as it is just for elitists! We need to defend against this type of misconception as was done in a rebuttal letter by another resident to the Journal on August 17. PLEASE CALL 530-266-3487 or 266-3451 TO VOLUNTEER; we need officers and also a newsletter editor; if everyone helps out a little it takes very little of one persons time. This is not a request for dues which will be addressed by TCPA officers at a later date.

**California Attorney General Request: by G. Loegering**

The California Attorney General’s office monitors charities to make sure that money is not misspent. TCPA was surprised by a letter from them dated 28 July 2011. This was apparently a result of some new software implemented to get money by crosschecking between agencies. The letter came with enforcement threats if we did not respond within 30 days. It turned out they wanted seven years of fiscal records even though we are well below the threshold to pay a registration fee and have continued to maintain the requirements for our corporate status with the Secretary of State. Note that we are also below the threshold to file a tax return.

Our Treasurer, Robert Mazzei, had all the historical records. These were sent in by our Secretary, Don Mullen, on their form and now that we are aware of this requirement we will, in the future, file this needless government paperwork annually. The treasurer’s report to the state is summarized below for your information. There is \$4000 in grant funds (Wolf) deposited in 2007 set aside for development of on-airport campground facilities at O86 but this is awaiting the County getting ownership of the land from the feds; a process which has been going on several years.

Year	Annual Income	Year End Balance
2010	1,211.07	11,013.81
2009	70.11	10,947.12
2008	223.10	12,376.57
2007	6,459.90	12,373.47
2006	823.15	7,369.50
2005	4,150.40	7,189.28
2004	525.37	7,456.87

### **New Trinity County Hangar Ownership Proposal: by G. Loegering**

Our secretary, Don Mullen, and Kelli Gant have come up with a new concept for hangar promotion, ownership and control that will mutually benefit local aircraft/hangar owners and the County. All existing and potential hangar owners need to be aware of and comment on this proposal which will be negotiated with the county this fall. The proposal promotes the idea that local hangar development will help sustain and grow the airport facilities by the users, which in turn will help grow the local community and economy.

To summarize, the old concept was to have the hangar “owner” pay the County a ground lease fee; and then the owner would build the hangar at his/her cost. The ground lease fee was generally contracted for 25 to 30 years at a fixed initial annual rate or an up front settlement which could be used to generate County matching fees for airport improvements like repaving. The hangar owners also agreed to pay the cost of installing and maintaining taxiways and ramps directly servicing the hangars during the lease. The overall agreement stipulated that at the end of the lease period the hangar would revert to the County to generate airport income from rents. The owner had the first right of refusal to rent the hangar from the County.

The new concept is for the hangar owner to maintain ownership in return for a higher ground lease fee; the hangar does not revert to the County. This takes into consideration that the County is not in a good position to manage hangar rentals and maintenance efficiently. Most importantly, it could yield the County a higher net income immediately and enable the owner to recover some cost when resold. The new proposal materialized following a request by a potential hangar owner to build a new large hangar at the Hayfork Airport, the fact that there were maturing hangar leases at other County airports and an unusual number of hangar vacancies indicating lower demand. The concept to be negotiated is a much improved plan that would encourage hangar construction and ownership, increase the income to the County airports and have standards that could be applied equally to all County airports. The concept would also minimize the negotiation time to start a project. The plan would apply to all new owners, but most importantly, to existing hangar owners who want to buy in.

The new concept will reconsider the requirement for the hangar owner to maintain the ramp and taxiway serving the hangar because the County can get this done with 90% grant money that comes from state and federal gasoline taxes. There are many details to work out to formalize the concept, but the advantages of this new approach for both the County and hangar owners make it worth the effort. Contact Don, 530-266-3451, or email [don9@tds.net](mailto:don9@tds.net) for a more comprehensive write-up.

### **TCPA Awards High School Scholarship: by Kelli Gant**

TCPA gave a \$1,500 scholarship to Trinity High School graduating senior Brenden Mucklow on May 25 at the Trinity Performing Arts Center in Weaverville. Brenden will be starting college at Cal Poly Pomona in September and is double majoring in Math and Science with emphasis on aeronautical physics. Brenden is interested in developing the next generation of air- and space-craft. Brenden's cumulative GPA is 4.06. During his senior year, he took five college advanced placement classes. One of Brenden's teachers commented that he would rate Brenden in the top 5% of all the young mathematicians, scientists, and engineers that he has worked with in his years as a researcher.

I had the honor of representing TCPA at the high school awards night and used that opportunity to tell the full-house audience about TCPA, its members, and their support of local students.

TCPA's continuing support of the Trinity High School Scholarship Foundation is the result of your generous donations to the TCPA scholarship fund.

**AWOS at Trinity Center Construction Begins: by Mike McHugh**

The County has begun the grading process for the installation of the new AWOS-3 at Trinity Center. It will be located just northwest of the windsock. Construction was halted during the FAA shutdown, but grading continued after the FAA funding was temporarily restored. At this time, the County is trying to get rights to cross USFS land with an underground power conduit to complete the power installation for the new unit. We hope it is online this fall.

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Lake Lions Fly-in BBQ**

Fly on up to the Airport Inn Resort at O86 (Trinity Center) on **Sunday, September 4, 2011**. This is the *new venue* for the annual Fly-in BBQ, right at the northwest end of the parallel taxiway – couldn't be more convenient for a fly-in! **BBQ noon-4pm, FREE concert 2pm-6pm.**

All-new menu featuring barbecued tri-tip and chicken sandwiches, Santa Rosa beans, fresh green salad, and dinner roll. Steve's Bar will feature an expanded list of microbrews, wine, and soft drinks.

The annual Craft Faire will be at the new venue, and the airport will have many aircraft on display. Plenty of aircraft parking available.

For the BBQ, adults \$12, kids 6-12 \$6, kids under 6 free. Concert is free.



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