

This is a short newsletter mainly to announce a TCPA GENERAL MEETING to be held on September 1, 2013 at the Trinity Center Library/Museum at 1:00PM; just plan to come to the annual Lions BBQ (Noon to 6pm). Our meeting place is very near on Airport Rd west of the old Airporter Inn, the site of the BBQ. The special attraction will be \$1.00 TCPA caps and tee shirts. These were stored for the past couple of years but good as new. Just as with the caps & tees we need some new officers to re-vitalize the organization. Many of us agree that the poor economy of the past few years slowed general aviation down but new pilots are coming in and it would be wise at the very least to preserve the TCPA infrastructure until the members want more activities. Besides, there is about \$10k in the kitty! Membership in the TCPA is strictly voluntary with no obligations and dues are not required at this time so please plan to attend the meeting.

Rick Tippett (TCDOT), Airports Manager, formally reformed the Airport Advisory Committee in August of 2012 through a resolution of the BOS after a historical review of past contributions and value to the county. The committee includes advisory members, usually a pilot or airport user, appointed for each supervisorial district by the Supervisor. Lynton Scott represents District 1, Trinity Center Airport, John Kizziar, District 3, Hayfork & Hyampom Airports and James Weddell, District 5, Ruth Airport. Districts 2 (Supervisor Judie Morris) and 4 (Supervisor Debra Chapman) have vacancies; you can apply to the BOS Clerk or your Supervisor directly. In addition to the five advisory appointees Rick is the staff/chairperson, Judy Pflueger represents the BOS and Mike McHugh is the Member-at-large. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2013. The agenda is being prepared but includes a bylaws draft discussion. The most recent meeting was mid-July and the meeting minutes will be reviewed/approved in September. However, at the July meeting Rick reported that the airports budget, which has been negative, is coming into a positive balance and some deferred maintenance is going to be done soon including replacement of windsocks and hangar repairs. This is in response to a substantial list of county to-do's from airport users in last summer's TCPA newsletter.

There are many airport projects and improvements that are in process and new ones that need to be planned - TCPA members can participate and lead them with inputs to the appointed airport AAC rep. For example, at Trinity Center Airport the NE tree cutting plan/permission must start now; last time it took almost 5 years to get the FAA to take precedent over the USFS. Also at Trinity Center all the land that we as volunteers cleared and leveled for hangars has been built out; we need to get the county/Caltrans to start filing with dirt recovered from road widening and bank sluff-off as they did in the past. These are but a few of the many things we need to think about in a coordinated way so that we can efficiently improve our airports with the limited funds we qualify for.

The pilots are the ones who invested in the many hangars that are now starting to revert back to the county to provide necessary airport matching funds. The hangars at Trinity Center represent an investment of well over a million dollars which not only brought in county land lease fees and property tax revenues but also increased the value of the whole community. We need every pilots support to continue our airport and community growth. We also need your email address; so **if you received notice for the meeting other than by email please send a test/inquiry email to Secretary George at geoloe@tds.net.**
Submitted by: George Loegering, Secretary, TCPA, 08-10-2013