

TO: District 11N Board & Staff

FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV

SUBJECT: Auxair Report for March 2018.

We continue to fly between four and six missions each week in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. We have been asked by NOAA to resume taking photos of the CEMEX plant along the coast just north of Monterey and we do this on all Bravo Sector flights. We are also continuing to help NOAA by monitoring and taking photos of the slide on HWY 1, south of Carmel. We also received a last minute request to provide a personnel/logistics flight to the FOB at Pt. Mugu and we were able to handle this mission with one of our twins.

We are continuing with our training and bringing on new members to the auxair program. One new member was just qualified as an Observer and two others are working on their Air Crew ratings. A new member in the Watsonville area just joined the Auxiliary and he owns a Husky airplane, which we will be happy to have as a facility if all goes well. We have several more members that are ready to take the first aviation exam or are waiting on their DO clearances. Glen Marshall, ADSO-AV Training, is doing an outstanding job bringing on new members into the Auxiliary and into the aviation program.

We are looking forward to our program at DTRAIN, which will include a table or static display with recruiting information and other material regarding the District's auxair operation. Ron Darcey does a great job in organizing our display for recruiting new members and informing others about the duties and responsibilities of auxair.

Our next Aviation Safety Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, 7 April 2018, at CGI. We will have a water egress and swim test following this Workshop (approximately 1600 hrs); and we will also have a swim test on Friday morning, 6 April 2018, at the CGI pool for those who would like to complete their swim test before the Workshop. A medical screening certificate is required in order to take the swim test and this certificate can be given to our staff at the time of the swim test. We also offer the swim test to boat crew members who may need to complete this swim requirement. If you plan to attend the workshop, please RSVP so we know how many to expect and can let the galley know how many extras to plan for. Hal Seibert is our DFSO-AV and organizes our Safety Workshop.

We are also planning on having our next Squadron Dinner/Meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2018, at Holiday Inn, Dublin. Our program was going to include marine experts on whale entanglement and related marine subjects, but it looks like our speakers have cancelled for this meeting, but have said they will attend a future dinner. These dinner/meetings are open to all auxiliarists and regular Coast Guard members, however, reservations are necessary in order for the hotel to have sufficient meals.

Respectfully submitted,

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