

TO: District Board & Staff
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report, May 2019

As our weather is improving and activities increasing, AuxAir has been increasing the number of flights each week. We are now flying almost every day with some days having two flights covering two different Sectors. We continue to support Sector San Francisco, the Air Station, the Auxiliary, NOAA and other allied agencies. Our Delta patrols locate and photograph abandoned and derelict boats and this information is forwarded to Sector and Wil Sumner. We continue to photograph the CEMEX plant near Moss Landing and provide this information to NOAA. We are also involved in talks with marine, fish and wildlife teams regarding providing observation/monitoring flights for whale protection.

On Thursday, 25 April 2019, Air Station San Francisco hosted their annual Interagency Day at the helicopter base. A number of local, state, and federal agencies were represented and participated in an excellent program, including several demonstrations of helicopter activities. AuxAir was well represented with the fly-in and presentation of Doug Kerr's Bell-47 Helicopter. One Coastie asked me when the Bell was manufactured and I told him in 1955 and added that was before he was born. He responded: "Heck, that was before my Dad was born." Kinda made me think how time goes by.

In addition to our AuxAir presence, Peter Todebush along with other auxiliarists, brought our Aux Command and Communications Vehicle to the Air Station. This was opened up for viewing by representatives of the other agencies and was well received and admired by all.

Also, on 13 April 2019, Hal Seibert conducted our Aviation Safety Workshop at CGI, followed by our required swim test. We had a very informative program with excellent turnout of auxiliarists and support from the Gold Side.

On Tuesday, 28 May 2019, Ron Darcey will be putting on our bi-monthly Squadron Dinner/ Meeting at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. Trops are the dress for the event and reservations are required, which can be made by emailing Ron.

We continue to conduct training and expect to have new observers, aircrew, and pilots coming online in the near future. We also expect to have a couple of new aircraft involved in our aviation program.

Respectfully submitted,

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