

TO: District Board and Staff
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV
SUBJECT: AuxAir Monthly Report for September 2019

AuxAir continues to provide between four and six missions each week in support of the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. We are assisting NOAA by monitoring and taking photos of the CEMEX operation near Moss Landing and both the Mud Creek Slide and Paul's Slide in the Big Sur area.

Our training of new members continues to go well. We have three auxiliarists in flight training and one of these will be a new pilot for the auxiliary. We have several others in the early stages of training and working on their prerequisites.

Our Fall Aviation Safety Workshop and swim test are scheduled for Saturday, 09 November 2019. These will be held on CGI with the Workshop starting at 0900 and the swim test will follow the workshop at the pool. As always, the swim test will include those auxiliarists who need this for their boat qualifications. If you plan on attending the Workshop and/or swim test, please RSVP to Hal Seibert at s347@aol.com. We need to provide attendance numbers to the Galley.

Hayward Airport held their annual open house on Sunday, 22 September 2019, and the Auxiliary was represented by Peter Todebush and Greg Olsen, who provided a static display with the Aux Comms Van and a Cessna 182 aux aircraft. Greg and Peter talked with many visitors, handed out information about the Auxiliary and may have recruited potential new auxiliarists. Larry Olson also displayed his aux J3Cub aircraft along with his aux Cessna 172, which also flew 16 young people who were visitors at the Open House.

We held our bi-monthly Squadron Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, 24 September 2019, at the Holiday Inn, Dublin. Doug Kerr presented an overview of the Sector Command Center on YBI. This was particularly interesting for our pilots and air crews in understanding which operational units and who we talk with before, during and after our missions. Additionally, we were very pleased to have Virginia Luchetti attend our dinner/meeting. She talked about various subjects of interest to our aux members, with an emphasis on the importance of the 7029 forms. Virginia gave us very good information and we all have a better understanding of recording and tracking this information.

I want to recognize one of our outstanding Aircraft Commanders, Rory Neumann, who has contributed about 25 years of service to the auxiliary. Rory has been our ADSO for maintenance and facilities and has also made trips to Southern California to help D11S with their aircraft inspection program. Rory is certified by the FAA as an A&P (Airframe and Powerplant) and an IA (Inspection Authority) and has been vital to the safety and success of our auxair program. Rory flies one of our twin-engine aircraft and has flown many missions for the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. Unfortunately, Rory has family and other obligations and has determined it necessary to resign from the Auxiliary. AuxAir will miss Rory and his expertise in maintaining our aircraft that certifying them on an annual basis for service to the auxiliary.

Respectfully submitted,

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