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TO: Board and Staff  
FROM: Larry Olson, DSO-AV  
SUBJECT: AuxAir Report for April 2023.

As our weather improves, auxair is flying more patrols and missions in support of the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and our allied agencies. I did report previously that on 2 April we were asked by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) to participate in a SAREX operation along our northern coast. Doug Kerr worked with CAP and completed the planning for this exercise. Doug, Adam Kovalevsky and Jimmin Chang flew this mission, which involved spotting targets along the coast and handling secure radio communications on several different frequencies. Jimmin took photos and all participants considered this a successful operation.

Then on 13-16 April 2023, AuxAir was asked by the US Coast Guard Reserves to assist in their SPRING 2023 R-IMAT ICS EXERCISE, which was held on CGI. The exercise was a simulated recovery from tsunami damage in the Bay Area. One of the main goals of this exercise was to get the Reserves re-qualified on ICS qualifications. Doug Kerr led auxair participation and the Reserves appreciated our involvement.

Hal Seibert had a flight on 15 April, during which NOAA asked us to take photos of Paul's Slide, south of Big Sur on Hwy 1. Hal and his crew were able to take multiple photos of this slide and these were forwarded to Karen Grimmer at NOAA. Karen appreciated the photos and requested that we continue to take photos in subsequent flights so NOAA can monitor the impact of this slide on the coast line.

On this flight, Hal and his crew continued south along the coast line and checked in with Sector Los Angeles. Sector LA requested assistance in looking for a 34' blue/white sail boat in the vicinity of the Channel Islands. Hal did fly a pattern south of the Channel Islands and saw a number of sail boats, but not one fitting the description given by Sector LA. Sector LA did not say why they were looking for this boat.

Also, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, Doug, Adam, and Jimmin flew a Delta Patrol, during which they spotted an ADV near the western bank of the river to the north of Day Mark 17. This was a partially sunken cabin cruiser type vessel and was a hazard to navigation. Jimmin took photos and the crew identified the lat/long location. This information, including photos, was transmitted to Lt. Kenney at Sector SF.

We are pleased to announce that auxiliarist Pete Hnat has been certified as an Observer and he is now starting on his pilot qualifications. Pete, also, has a Cessna 182, which he has offered for use and his aircraft is now certified for aux flights/missions.

Respectfully submitted,

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