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SPOTLIGHT ON...

NATCA Lauds FAA Collaboration

By AvWeb Editorial Staff

The president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association says the union is collaborating with the FAA on the implementation of new technology and the entire industry will benefit. In a speech to the Air Traffic Control Association meeting in Washington, D.C., back in October, Paul Rinaldi said FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt has involved controllers in the planning process for NextGen and it will result in a better system. "We want to be part of something we can be proud of and serve our country in a critical safety function that is so inherently governmental," Rinaldi told the conference. He said the process began with agreement on a new contract for controllers a year ago that all but eliminated the adversarial atmosphere that dominated the recent history of relations between the agency and the controllers. The progress made between the agency and the union was highlighted by the choice for Air Traffic Control Specialist of the Year, Steve Hansen.

Hansen spearheaded the union's role in enhancing safety through the Air Traffic Safety Action Program (ATSAP). The program encourages controllers to report safety issues so that measures can be taken to address them. "We have seen a steady shift of the FAA away from the failed punitive blame culture of the last administration to one of a just safety culture that values and encourages collaboration. Steve is a big part of that," Rinaldi said. Hansen began his controller career in the military and joined the FAA in 2005 in Fairbanks. He has 20 years of experience

FROM THE MANAGER

ANDREW MARINO

Runway/Taxiway Incursions at WHP. As I hope most of you know we recently made a change to Whiteman's motor vehicle access policy which eliminated the practice of airport personnel buzzing airport visitors through the main access gate at the Airport. It was hoped that this policy change which requires airport users to escort their guests from the airport gates as well as increased driver education would stop the recent trend of runway and taxiway incursions we have suffered here at WHP in recent months. Unfortunately on October 28th we experienced another taxiway incursion. In this case the offending individual was on airport property visiting a friend and when he went to leave the airport he was not escorted back to the gate and in turn got lost ending up on an active taxiway. As aviators I do not have to tell you that such incidents are very serious and pose a real safety and security risk on the airport. If a visitor is coming to the airport (and arriving in the same vehicle is not an option) please be sure to escort them to and from the access gates. If we as an airport community continue to fail in stopping runway and taxiway incursions stricter security and safety requirements will be put in place making WHP look more like BUR or even LAX, something none of us want.

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Aviation Quote of the Month

In response to how he checked the weather, "I just take out my blue card with a hole in it and read what it says: 'When color of card matches color of sky, FLY!'"

-Gordon Baxter



Aviation Trivia

The NTSB requires non-military, non-CIA operators to immediately report when which of the circumstances below occurs?

- a) Flight control system malfunction or failure
- b) Clear air turbulence (CAT)
- c) Near mid-air miss
- d) All of the above

(answer on pg.2)



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**DECEMBER AVIATION
COMMISSION MEETING**

No Meeting



Trivia Answer:

- a) Flight control system malfunction or failure

FROM THE MANAGER CONT..



Support WHP's Aviation Organizations! On Saturday December 4th the San Fernando Valley 99s and Aviation Explorer Post 747 will give you an opportunity to enjoy a great meal at Rocky's all the while donating to both organizations! When you dine at Rocky's on December 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and present the event flyer to your server (which will be available at the door) 20% of your tab will be donated to the 99s and Explorers! Please note that the main dining room will be in use that day from 9:30 until 1:30 and unavailable for this program but the bar area and patio will remain open and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. In addition to the great food and friends that will be present there will also be vendors on the patio selling aviation related gifts - just in time for the holidays! If you have any questions, please call Ruth Logan at 818-356-0797.

Congrats, Dan! AAC Airport Operations Coordinator Dan Fallman recently received his Instrument rating and continues to work towards his Commercial and ATP ratings. It's great seeing a young pilot progress through his training, sharing his aviation knowledge with his co-workers here at WHP. Having Operations Coordinators that are also pilots is a wonderful thing as they can anticipate the needs of our airport users and further elevates our ability to serve the WHP pilot community. So congrats Dan, and keep up the good work!

Airport Association Holiday Party. Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to Rocky's Restaurant and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. There will be no meeting in December but all are welcome to participate in this year's Airport Association Holiday Party which will be held at Rocky's Restaurant on December 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm. As usual the Holiday Party will include good food and beverages, giveaways and more. Hope to see you all there!



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DECEMBER 2010**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	2	3	4 9:00-4:00 SFV 99s & Explorer Post 747 Fundraiser (Rocky's)
4-5 10:00-2:00 Compton Antique Auto & Aircraft Display	6 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	7	8 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	9 6:30 pm Whiteman Airport Assoc. Holiday Party (Rocky's)	10	11 Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day All Day
12 10:00-2:00 Whiteman Display Day	13 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	14 7:30 pm Latin American Pilot's Assoc. (Rocky's)	15 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	16	17	18 9:30 am EAA Chapter 40 (Rocky's)
19 10:00-2:00 Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display	20 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	21	22 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	23	24	25 10:30 am Young Eagles (Grassy Area Adj. to Pilot's Lounge)
26 9:00-1:00 El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display	27 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	28	29 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	30	31	