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## WHAT'S UP? MR. TOAD'S WILD RIDE

It is ironic that, at one time, entrance to Disneyland's Mr. Toad's Wild Ride required a "C" ticket; there are more than a few similarities between the iconic ride, a fixture at Disneyland since opening day 1955, and the FAA's proposed Class C airspace for Long Beach Airport.

The latest adventures into the LGB Class C effort, per the Federal Register, announced "... fact-finding informal airspace meetings to solicit information from airspace users and others, concerning a proposal to establish Class C airspace at Long Beach, CA. The purpose of these meetings is to provide interested parties an opportunity to present views, recommendations, and comments on the proposal." The FAASTblast email went one step further, stating, "The changes are expected to make the Class C airspace area fully support the procedures for the current operations."

The airspace meetings, held October 25 and 26 at the Holiday Inn, drew an estimated 80 and 60 attendees, respectively, plus approximately two dozen City of Long Beach, FAA, and tower personnel.

To list just a few of the items discussed:

1. In 1991, before SNA airspace was changed to Class C, there were nearly two dozen flight schools and a 10-year waiting list for general aviation tiedown. Due to the SNA Class C, the exodus of general aviation aircraft has left only 2 or 3 flight schools and open tiedown.
2. If LGB Class C airspace is implemented, a wall of airspace is created from Point Dume to Dana Point: SMO Class D, LAX Class B, TOA Class D, (proposed) LGB Class C, Los Alamitos Class D, and SNA Class C.
3. The VFR flyways system cannot be flown without communicating with ATC.
4. The requirement of Class C airspace to establish communications prior to entering the airspace, especially considering frequency saturation of 124.65 and 127.2, may force aircraft to hold outside the Class C.
5. Operations on Los Alamitos surface area taxi through two airspaces, both Delta to Charlie.
6. In response to a question regarding why LGB is being targeted for Class C, "To address safety concerns brought to TRACON by outsiders. In the continental United States, LGB is the only airport with over 1 million passenger enplanements without Class B or C airspace." However, opponents pointed out that the distinction should be made that LGB is surrounded by Class B or C airspace, therefore should not be compared to airports that have no other adjacent and more restrictive airspace.
7. It was suggested during the presentation that VFR operations would not change at LGB with Class C; that VFR departures and arrivals would be worked by tower only and not require communication with SoCal. However, attendees noted, Santa Ana Class C was designed to allow VFR the same leeway; however, flights are not normally accepted by SNA tower without first communicating with SoCal.
8. The establishment of additional, non-standard controlled airspace would increase the complexity of the airspace and cause a decrease in overall safety for the entire area. Pilots will be forced to spend even more time 'heads-down' in the cockpit trying to ensure that they remain clear of controlled airspace, are communicating on the right frequency, and are on course to their destination."
9. The FAA withdrew a similar plan in 1991, saying that the Los Angeles Basin is so complex and congested that a review of the entire metroplex was needed

Navigating through the airspace as proposed, would be akin to Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, "recreating the frenzied journey of Thaddeus Toad, zig and zag ... for a manic flight ... on a uproarious journey toward "nowhere in particular" ... and you're along for the ride... You speed down a dark tunnel. The chaotic journey ... is more frenetic than frightening."

For updates on the proposed Class C for LGB, monitor our website, [www.Lbfflying.com](http://www.Lbfflying.com). To view the FAA presentation, link to [www.LGBClassC.org](http://www.LGBClassC.org).

Comments must be received on or before December 12, 2011 and can be submitted via the website, [www.LGBClassC.org](http://www.LGBClassC.org).

Editorial comment: The FAA team that handled the public meeting was very professional; input by the audience, hopefully, was not construed as "killing the messenger." We realize that they have a job to do and that their task is handed down by those with a higher pay grade within the FAA. Also, reference to Mr. Toad's wild ride is paraphrasing Disneyland.go.com.



**O COME ALL YE PILOTS!  
MERRY HOLIDAY BUFFET**

Club pilots, family and friends are  
all invited to the Long Beach  
Flying Club & Flight Academy  
Christmas party on Friday,

December 16th from 1:00 PM to  
3:00 PM! We'll have all sorts of  
holiday treats! If you'd like to  
bring a dish for the potluck, call  
the club to get on the signup sheet.  
Come one, come all!



CHRISTMAS AND THANKSGIVING upon us!! We will have the following office hours during the holidays:		
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Wednesday, November 23, 2011	Thanksgiving Eve
Closed	Thursday, November 24, 2011	Thanksgiving Day
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Saturday, December 24, 2011	Christmas Eve
Closed	Sunday, December 25, 2011	Christmas Day
8:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Saturday, December 31, 2011	New Year's Eve
Closed	Sunday, January 1, 2012	New Year's Day
Aircraft rental for the rest of the time will be handled using night dispatch procedures. all ahead for the combinations -- and Happy Holidays!		



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS			
BRIAN HERSHER	CFI RYAN DAVIS	First Solo	C-152
TRAVIS SMITH	CFI RAND STERRETT	First Solo	C-172
RYAN TRAN	CFI RAND STERRETT	First Solo	C-152
BANDISH PATEL	CFI RAND STERRETT	Private	C-172
JONAS VON ICRUECHTEN	CFI CHRIS ROTH	Private	C-152
ROMAN CHAVEZ	CFIs RICHARD GARNETT & MONTY GROUTAGE	Private	WARRIOR
MINHO LEE	CFI RYAN DAVIS	Private	C-152
ABHISHEK MUDGAL	CFI RYOTA SUZUKI	Commercial Single	ARROW
MICHAEL MASTERSON	CFI RYAN DAVIS	Commercial Single	ARROW
WEN CHIEH CHEN	CFI HAJIME NAKAMURA	Commercial Multi	SEMINOLE

**NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS! WELCOME!**



- WALTER BENCH
- HENRY BESTWICK
- MATTHEW CHICOINE
- YONHO CHO
- CAROLINE COMBS
- WILLIAM COOK
- ALBERT FERNANDEZ
- PABLO GARCIA
- MAURICIO MORETT
- IBRAHIM MOUSA
- RODNEY OSBORN
- WOOSUNG PARK
- ROHAN PATEL
- JOE PENATE
- NICHOLAS RUSSELL
- DAVID DRAKE SMITH
- NATHANIEL STOCKARD
- GARY VERRIER

CONGRATS to RICHARD GARNETT top CLUB CFI for October, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runners-up were CHRIS ROTH and RYAN DAVIS !

TOP GUN AWARD goes to JI HO LEE for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in October! Runners-up were MATTHIAS SCHWAGER and CLINT MOSLEY!!!

Alumni update from Bill Rosenberry -- Bill reports that he's now based in New York, flying as captain in a Bombardier Challenger 601 for JetFlite International. Congratulations!

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**NOTAM:** Club pilots wishing to write safety articles for our monthly newsletters would be greatly appreciated!

**NOTAM:** Happy 31st anniversary -- November 15, 1980 started the E-ticket ride for Candy working at Long Beach Flying Club !!! Ronald Reagan was governor of California, Jimmy Carter was our US President and the airspace around LAX was called a terminal control area! Long Beach class D airspace was called an airport traffic area, as was the airspace at John Wayne airport, which was named Orange County Airport ... waaay back when. And, believe it or not, October 27th marked our twelfth year in our "new" building!



**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- GREG BELOIT
- GARY FAJACK
- ALBERT FERNANDEZ
- SUNIT KAKKAR
- MIN HO LEE
- DOUG MCCLARY
- HUGO MENDEZ
- LAURA PUSEY
- ROBERT P. RUCHHOFT
- GENC VADIKU
- ADAM WHITE

**CALENDAR**

November 19:	Flabob Airport - 3rd Saturday Aircraft Displays & Car Show, <a href="http://www.flabob.org">www.flabob.org</a> .
January 22, 2012:	Long Beach Flying Club and the Long Beach Airport Association GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held at the AirFlite facility on Taxiway Bravo at the end of Wardlow Road. A buffet will be served beginning at 6:30 PM with the program beginning at 7:00 PM. Everybody is welcome to attend -- we hope to see you there -- sandwiches, fruit and dessert will be served! This meeting will count toward CFI credit for this month!
December 11:	Brown Field 2nd Sunday Fly-In, San Diego Flight Museum, <a href="http://www.aerospacemuseum.org">http://www.aerospacemuseum.org</a>
December 4:	Santa Paula - Aviation Museum of Santa Paula First Sunday Open House and Vintage Aircraft Fly-In. Contact: 805 525 1109 <a href="http://www.amszp.org">www.amszp.org</a> .
December 10:	Catalina Aero Club Display Day. DISPLAY DAY FLY-IN Saturday, May 14th 10 am to 2 pm Aircraft built 1961 and earlier land FREE! Historical aircraft display sign-offs. Buffalo Burgers at DC-3 Grill! Meet other pilots and Aero Club members. Contact Craig Ryan, 714.751.9420.
December 11:	Whiteman Airport Second Sunday Open House, Whiteman Airport Association, <a href="http://www.whpsafety.org/display.html">http://www.whpsafety.org/display.html</a>
December 16:	COME TO THE CLUB CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BUFFET -- 1:00 here at LBFC! CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA -- give the gift of flight a Long Beach Flying Club gift certificate fits perfectly in that holiday stocking!
November 20:	Brackett Field (POC). Thanksgiving Fly-in & Aircraft Display. Aircraft display and classic cars. Fly ins welcomed. Free event. Free parking. Historical signoffs. Restaurant on site. Biplanes rides. Contact Yvonne, 626-576-8692.
November 30:	Long Beach Flying Club CFI meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will be opining club challenges and opportunities, followed by Hank Smith's CFI Topic of the Month, discussing of regulations, training procedures, and other aspects of flying. Join us for an inspirational and educational hour!
December 3:	Chino Monthly Event includes seminars and, weather permitting and whenever possible, flight demonstrations by appropriate aircraft. Seminars start at about 10am and last till about 2pm and occur on the first Saturday of every month. Contact 909.597.3722



**JI HO LEE** arrived on August 3, 2011 for time building. By November 1, 2011 he logged 815 flight hours. This is the most flight hours logged for a three month period (and probably even for a period of a year, too) in the history of the Long Beach Flying Club & Flight Academy. He is an amazing pilot and dedicated 3 complete months to intensive time building. Way to go Ji Ho!!!



**Ace Aviators November 2011  
Zero to Private Pilot in less than a month  
Left to Right:  
DARREN LEE — 61.7 hours and 26 days  
CFI Chris Roth  
CHEE WONG — 82 hours and 30 days  
DEREK LOW — 63 hours and 27 days**



**Congratulations Arnold Pelekelo on achieving his Instrument Rating!**

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