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MERRY CHRISTMAS 2011!

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WHAT'S UP? AOPA SEES PROPOSED LGB CLASS C UNJUSTIFIED from WWW.AOPA.ORG

AOPA has submitted formal comments opposing an FAA plan to establish Class C airspace at California's Long Beach/Daugherty Field, expressing strong disappointment at the FAA's failure to address more than a thousand pilots who called on the agency to provide data justifying the airspace change and to complete a broad review of the entire southern California airspace area. Members are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to make a statement about the plan's impact on general aviation before the end of the public comment period Dec. 12. "The overarching message is that the FAA's latest plan is worse than the last because of the added complexity of variable-height ceilings, said Tom Kramer, AOPA manager of airspace and modernization. The FAA made a previous attempt to impose more restrictive airspace at Long Beach in 1991, but withdrew the plan and called for a region-wide airspace review because the area's airspace was already too complex.

In October 2011, AOPA participated in informal airspace meetings on the new airspace modification and continues to maintain that the FAA failed to demonstrate the existence of safety risks that would necessitate changing the airspace from Class D. Imposing Class C airspace at Long Beach—with a complicated configuration that employs variable ceiling heights—would have significant negative effects on GA operations in the area, AOPA said in formal comments submitted Dec. 7. The association urged the FAA to take its own long-standing advice and consider changes at Long Beach in the broader context of reviewing airspace needs of the entire Los Angeles Basin. "Rather than address issues in isolation, AOPA requests that the FAA take a comprehensive approach to the entire Los Angeles area," wrote Kramer in AOPA's comment. "The airspace over Los Angeles is so complex that a solution cannot be successful without taking the surrounding airspace into account. Despite the FAA's 1991 recommendation that the (Long Beach) airspace should not be reclassified without a much broader review of the Los Angeles airspace area, a comprehensive review has never been conducted and the FAA has failed to follow its own guidance in a very complex terminal airspace that would benefit from a comprehensive review." Furthermore, the FAA failed to consider expanded Class D airspace as a solution before proposing the Class C airspace plan, he said. Expanded Class D airspace would accomplish the FAA's stated goal of establishing more two-way radio contact between air traffic control and pilots flying in the area, and would be consistent with the policy goal of applying the least-restrictive airspace solution possible to the task of managing the area's flight operations. As AOPA has stressed in the past and again recently with the tragic events of the crash into the Superstition Mountains to the east of Phoenix, Ariz., any airspace changes must take into account all users of the system and make the airspace less complex for operators—not more complex. The concerns about safety and complexity that AOPA raised during the Phoenix Class B airspace changes have been acknowledged as a possible subject for review by the National Transportation Safety Board in connection with the recent fatal accident. The Class C airspace plan could "significantly compress and funnel" the area's general aviation traffic, increasing the risk of collision, Kramer wrote. Members can study the proposed airspace modifications in detail and submit comments online. Please also share your comments with AOPA.



SQUAWK, SQUAWK, SQUAWK by Richard Garnett

ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND CFI'S:

The first line of defense in maintaining our aircraft in a safe and airworthy condition, is our squawk process. This process relies on you as pilots to note, in writing, any and all maintenance problems that you discover on any of our airplanes. Without your initial written documentation describing the problem, there is no record that a maintenance problem ever existed or that it was ever repaired. Compounding the problem is that unwritten maintenance discrepancies are left for the following pilots to discover and deal with. In some cases, "minor" discrepancies on first flights may develop into "major" life threatening, catastrophic events on a subsequent flight simply because it was not written up processed for repair.

An example of this occurred in Florida when a pilot detected a "burning smell" from the electrical weather radar and pulled the circuit breaker, which stopped the problem. However, the pilot who flew the airplane the next day was not aware of the problem, pushed the circuit breaker back-in, and within 10 minutes after takeoff the airplane developed a major in-flight fire, and crashed resulting in five fatalities.

PLEASE NO VERBAL REPORTS TO THE MECHANICS

It is imperative for our process to work, ALL maintenance problems MUST be written up on the SQUAWK SHEET found in each aircraft binder. Please help our mechanics make the proper corrective action by describing in accurate detail the nature and circumstances regarding problem.

Do not make a verbal report of a maintenance issue to the mechanics. They are always busy with other aircraft and it is too easy for your item to be forgotten. More importantly, sidestepping our written process destroys the integrity of our maintenance reporting system.

PLEASE SQUAWK RESPONSIBLY!



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 NEW YEARS are upon us!!!
We will have the following office hours during the holidays:

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 HERSHEY	First Solo	C-152	CFI RYAN DAVIS
DARIN HERNANDEZ	First Solo	C-152	CFI RYAN DAVIS
YONHO CHO	First Solo	C-172	CFI RYOTA SUZUKI
KIHYUN NAM	Private	C-172	CFI RICHARD GARNETT
LORENZO BOLOGNESI	Private	C-152	CFI RICHARD GARNETT
JOWON SEO	Private	C-152	CFI RICHARD GARNETT
RUDI LIMICH	Instrument	C-172	CFI MONTY GROUTAGE
SINWOOK IM	Instrument	WARRIOR	CFI RYAN DAVIS

TOP GUN AWARD goes to RODRIGO A. VASQUEZ for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in November! Runners-up were KI HYUN NAM and SU-CHUNG TSAI!!!

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

Congratulations to club pilot MARCO ENRIQUEZ on his First Officer job at American Eagle in the Embraer turbo-fan ERJ-145. He is based in Miami. Congrats!

NOTAM: Club pilots wishing to write safety articles for our monthly newsletters would be greatly appreciated! Many thanks to Richard Garnet for the help with this month's newsletter!

NOTAM: The December editions of the Los Angeles Terminal Area chart (TAC), LA Sectional Chart and Southwest AF/D are available and a must-have for your flight case!



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA -- give the gift of flight a Long Beach Flying Club gift certificate fits perfectly in that holiday stocking!

NOTAM: CHRISTMAS is here !!! We will have the following office hours during the holidays: Open 8:00 to 1:30 Christmas Eve, closed Christmas Day, 8:00 to 1:30 New Year's Eve and closed for New Year's Day Aircraft rental for the rest of the time will be handled using night dispatch procedures. Call ahead for the combinations -- and Happy Holidays!

NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS! WELCOME!



- JAVKHLAN BAATARKHUU
- KYUNG JIN CHO
- ADAM CHRAIBI
- AARON KEIGHER
- AARON KRIEGER (similar name alert-not a typo)
- TYLER LUTZ
- MARTIN MOHR
- BRIAN MONETTE
- ESTEBAN ORTIZ
- THIRU PURUSHOTHAMAN



- HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**
- CLIFFORD ALLEN
 - MARVIN BALLARD
 - HENRY BESTWICK
 - AARON KRIEGER
 - TYLER LUTZ
 - TOMAS MARTINEZ
 - ZACHARY MITOSINKA
 - IBRAHIM MOUSA
 - DONALD MYHRA
 - JIM PARTIN
 - YAMAMOTO PHAM
 - PETER PUREN
 - JANET SCHWARTZ
 - MARK TERMINI
 - EVERT VERDIN
 - GARY VERRIER
 - CHRIS WITTS
 - CHARLIE ZABINSKI

CALENDAR

Jan. 21 :	Flabob Airport - 3rd Saturday Aircraft Displays & Car Show, www.flabob.org .
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, sandwiches, fruit and dessert, beginning at 6:30 PM with the program beginning at 7:00 PM. Everybody is welcome to attend -- we hope to see you there! This meeting will count toward CFI credit for this month!
January 8 :	Brown Field 2nd Sunday Fly-In, San Diego Flight Museum, http://www.aerospacemuseum.org
February 5 :	Santa Paula - Aviation Museum of Santa Paula First Sunday Open House and Vintage Aircraft Fly-In. Contact: 805 525 1109 www.amszp.org .
January 14 :	Catalina Aero Club Display Day. DISPLAY DAY FLY-IN Saturday, 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: 714.751.9420.
January 8 :	Whiteman Airport Second Sunday Open House, Whiteman Airport Association. Contact: www.whpsafety.org/display.html
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!
January 15 :	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.
February 22:	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!
January 7-8:	Upland, CA. Cable Airport (KCCB). 37th Annual CABLE AIRSHOW & Car Show. Aerobatics, Skydivers, RC Planes, Warbirds, Static Displays, Classic Cars, Airplane & Helicopter rides, Military Vehicles, Vendors, Pancake Breakfast, and more! 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Free parking! Kids under 5 FREE admission, Adults \$7, Children \$5. Performances by Rob Harrison "The Tumbling Bear", Dr D, Doug Jardine, Sammy Mason, Clay Lacy &
January 7 :	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.

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Wishing you a very
Merry
Christmas



And a Happy, Flight-Filled New Year!!!

GIVE THE GIFT OF FLIGHT!

A Long Beach Flying Club gift certificate for any denomination you wish, be it for the first flight, pilot supplies, or aircraft rental, makes a great gift for any occasion!

There are three ways to obtain the gift of flight:

1. Stop by and pick up a gift certificate during our office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm daily). You can purchase accessories to go with the gift certificate such as a visor, aviation mug or LBFC logo shirt.
2. We can send you a preprinted gift certificate for any denomination you wish -- just give us a call! We'll charge your credit card and get the gift certificate in the next out-going mail.
3. We can email you a gift certificate. Send us or call us with a credit card number to activate it for any denomination you wish. You will be given a Gift Certificate number to fill in at the bottom of your printout.

It's just that easy to give a unique and treasured gift. Keep it in mind for upcoming birthdays or anniversaries!

DISCOVERY FLIGHT

\$89 for one, two or three in a C172 or Warrior
Fly with an FAA Certificated Flight Instructor - you fly the aircraft!

AERIAL TOUR OF LA'S FAMOUS LANDMARKS

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HOLLYWOOD TOUR:

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