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SLOPA Members fly local officials

The SLOPA Board contacted local City and County officials and offered G.A. flights of the area to illustrate and educate on local airports and procedures. On April 17th SLOPA County Supervisor Katcho Achadjian joined Al Yecny for a flight. Russell Stump of SBP Airport management, and his son, joined Jim Maul, and Planning Commissioner Alice Loh joined Wanda Strassburg.



Supervisor Katcho Achadjian and Al Yecny



Airport Mgt. Russell Stump, his son, and Jim Maul

Some items from the May 2004 meeting of the Airport Land Use Commission

"Consent Items:" (Recommends a consistency determination"

- Hearing to consider a request by Laurel Lane Properties/in City of SLO to subdivide to a parcel of land at 1102 Laurel Lane.
- Hearing to consider a request by Larry Downing/in City of SLO regarding construction of 4 dwelling units (11,700 sq.ft. parcel) at 3212 Rockview.
- Hearing to consider proposal of the SLO County Airport Land Use Commission to adopt proposed amendments to the Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP).

"Discussion:"

- Crestmont/Rolling Hills area subdivision proposed by Mike De Neve, agent: Subdivide existing 23.68 acre parcel into 20 to 23 one-acre residential parcels. No applications to the County for processing at this time. The property is south of the SLO Co. Regional Airport.
- The SLO County staff's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to amend the Title 22 Land Use Ordinance and Land Use Elements in accordance with prior ALUC consistency determinations.

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while a MD80 landed. The MD80 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee.

Some quick-witted comedian in the MD80 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

Our hero, the Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with: "I made it out of MD80 parts. Another landing like that and I'll have enough parts for another one."

MINUTES

SLOPA Board Meeting
April 17, 2004 8:30 AM
Spirit of San Luis Restaurant

Members Present: Oscar Bayer, Linda Butler, Richard Girard, Elizabeth Dinan, and Dave Darbyshire

Members Absent: John Eichler

Guests: None

Reports: Treasurer's report submitted by Dick Girard and accepted without modification. Balance on hand is \$1558.18. Dick also reported that we had received one new membership application.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 17, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted.

Old Business

1. SLOPA received notification that their appeal regarding the Oceano Airport and the construction of a new hotel was received and that we will be notified of the hearing date.
2. John Eichler was to plan a flyout for June; Linda will email him the name of the new member who is interested in helping with flyouts.
3. General meeting and bar-b-que – Dave Darbyshire will check with the caterer. Dick will look into tables and chairs. Discussed alternate dates and the price to charge for the bar-b-que as well as the possibility of selling beverages to raise additional monies. Tentative location – Linda Butler's hangar.

Actions:

- Dave to call Sweeney's and sees which dates he is available to cater on.

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

Next Meeting

Saturday, June 19, 2004 at 9:00 AM at the Spirit of San Luis Restaurant.



SLOPA Board Meeting

Officials Reveal Temporary Development Plan

The Los Angeles (CA) Daily News -Thursday, June 3, 2004
Van Nuys, Calif.,

With the Van Nuys Airport master plan stalled, officials at the nation's busiest general-aviation airport have unveiled a stop-gap proposal that could help guide development until a final blueprint is in place. The proposal sets aside 50 acres for small-piston aircraft that are being squeezed out by lucrative jet business — much like the master plan aimed to do. The plan was approved by the airport's Citizens Advisory Council late Tuesday and will be taken up on Monday by the city Airport Commission.

"There was a general consensus last night that this leasing policy change is a good interim step which will both protect the presence of props at Van Nuys Airport and allow the orderly development of other parcels," council Chairman Coby King said Wednesday. "But the master plan still needs to be finished to lock these protections into place." The new proposal comes more than a year after community leaders and, more recently, Councilman Tony Cardenas embraced a compromise version of the master plan. But action on that compromise, known as Alternative J, has stalled as the city Airport Commissioner puts its effort into Mayor James Hahn's \$9.1 billion plan to modernize Los Angeles International Airport.

Residents and business leaders around Van Nuys Airport are frustrated by the delay and worry that development continues piecemeal. They have reason to be concerned: The number of corporate jets based there grew 12 percent from 2002 to 2003, and eight entities are competing for a 7.2-acre site at the airport, including an aviation career-training center endorsed by boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya. The proposal put forward this week, like Alternative J, sets aside vacant land for the smaller planes and frees up space for potential jet operations. "It gives them a place," said Van Nuys Homeowners Association President Don Schultz. "It's more than just saying, gee, we want to keep the propeller aircraft here." However, like Alternative J, the new proposal encountered strong opposition from two key Advisory Council members, resident leader Gerald Silver and business leader Robert L. Rodine.

Silver said residents want a guarantee that older jets will be phased out, the number of new jets will be capped and a nighttime curfew on helicopters will be imposed. "There's no protection in it," Silver said. "This is an invitation for more growth. In no way it resolves the problem." City Councilman Jack Weiss also supports the various noise-abatement measures.

But Rodine says the land shouldn't be preserved for a declining industry when lucrative jet operations could be fueling the Valley economy. "We desperately need a master plan just to reduce the contention in the community. The business owners at the airport also need a master plan so they'll know if this is a place they can do business." Mayor Hahn has not taken a position on the Van Nuys master plan or Alternative J, but supports the airport staff's new proposal, a spokeswoman said.

"He's encouraged by the recommendation because it addresses significant community concerns," said spokeswoman Elizabeth Kaltman. "It's a great step in the right direction."

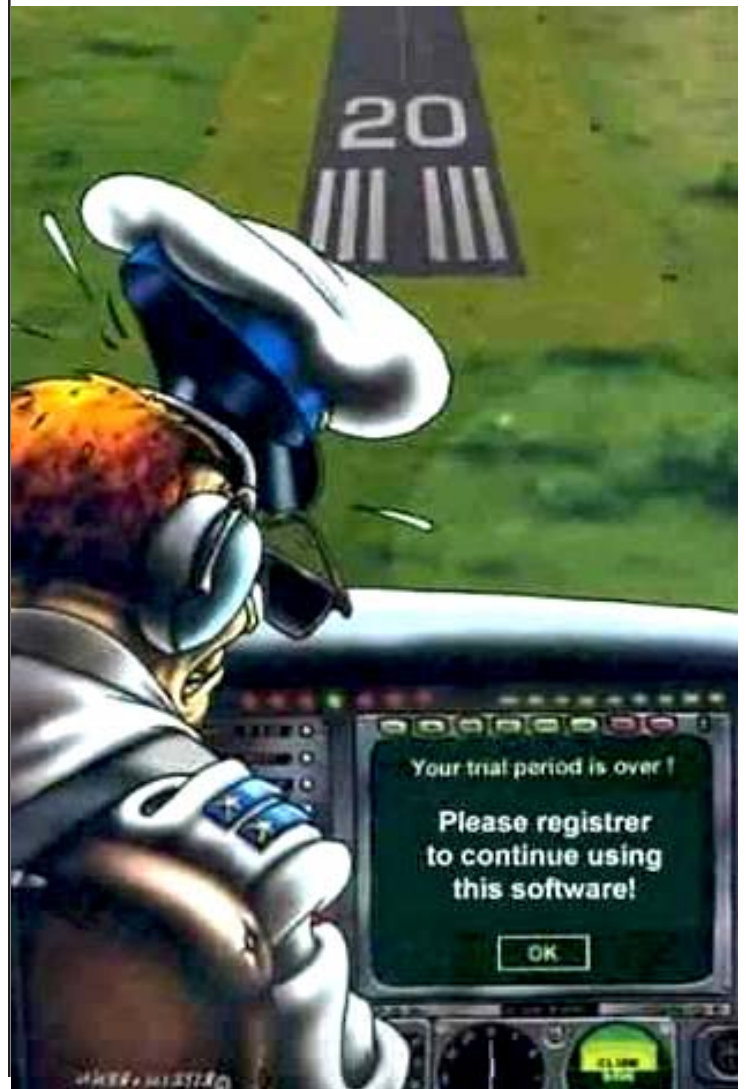
From March '04 "Callback" – NASA's ASRS

B737 Crew:

"We were climbing out on an absolutely beautiful day with very little traffic, pretty quiet on the radio, smooth air, enjoying the flying. We did not reset the altimeter from 30.22 to 29.92 passing through FL180. After being level at FL290 for some time, the center controller said, "I've had you at 300 feet low for quite a while. Check your altimeter". Oops! We got complacent. It pays to be vigilant, even on the "easy" days."

C172:

"It was a beautiful day after 22 days of rainy days. I went out to enjoy the sun and upon return, I decided to make a straight-in approach instead of a full pattern. My landing checklist for the C172N doesn't say "flaps" and because of the lack of normal pattern procedure, I landed with only 20 degrees of flaps. I was wondering why the speed did not decrease. I floated and made a long touchdown. I immediately applied brakes but could not stop in the remaining runway. I ran off the runway and the airplane sustained some damage. I could not understand why I was floating. I could have, and should have, gone around, but somehow I didn't. It was a beautiful day and I was not mentally alert."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 19th - Saturday - SLOPA Board Meeting - 0900 hrs. Spirit of San Luis Restaurant

Sept. 18th - Saturday - SLOPA Barbecue

(Complete & Return the attached BBQ Survey Card)

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