

LIBERTY FIELD FLYERS

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SEPTEMBER 12TH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sept. 12th meeting should be particularly interesting. Steve Smith just came back from his small plane flight from Santa Rosa to Northern Alaska. He flew as high as 20,000', a few hundred feet from the top of Mt. Denali, and has many interesting stories to tell us about this flight. As we have seen before, Steve puts together a great presentation and we can expect no less on Saturday.

August 8TH 2015 MEETING MINUTES

by Chris Rampoldt, Secretary

There was a poor turnout in August because several members were on vacation. Nine Liberty Field Flyers members were present for our Pizza Lunch. Les, our President, began our meeting at 1:00-PM. In attendance also were two new members, Will and Christine who have some prior flight time in small GA. aircraft and are now interested in advancing their flying by getting their licenses and hitting the blue yonder.

It was noted by some members that there is difficulty finding instructors for the Light Sport License. Brenda filled us in on how the designated FAA examiner, Steve Benedict, was expelled by the FAA and can no longer give check rides. The FAA's method of excluding Steve seemed questionable. Steve has a lot of experience and was well thought of by many and the current FAA appears to be becoming more and more authoritarian, inflexible, and self-serving.

Discussions by members included:

- Mark discussed his issues with his new aircraft and in return got tons of advice from other members including the standard, "Be careful" and move ahead slowly and methodically when learning to fly a new airplane.
- Harry is now very happy with his Challenger aircraft and admitted that it took about two years of tinkering to get it to this point. Whatever it takes.
- Fly-in destinations were from a list that Les made up included:
 - The Wings over Watsonville -- on Sept. 5.
 - The Lions Fly-in BBQ and Car Show----Sept. 6 at Trinity Center Airport.
 - The PCAM Airshow: Wings Over Wine Country at Santa Rosa Airport Sept. 26.

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:00-PM; members hung around and talked for the next hour, and then I fired up my trusty Cessna to the sweetest word in the English language....."CLEAR!!!!!!".
Chris.

UPCOMING FLIGHTS & ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

by Les Goldner

Date	Location	Flight/Activity	Comment
13-Sep	Willits Airport (o28)	Airport Day and Heroes Fly-in. See: http://www.willitsairport.com/willits-fly-ins	Includes reach Med and fire services demos
26-Sep	Santa Rosa (KSTS)	Wings over Wine Country PCAM Airshow	Let's do a group flight
3-Oct	Mather (KMHR)	Cal. Capital Airshow. See http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com/	Major Airshow
17-Oct	Marysville (KMYV)	Golden West Fly-in and Airshow. See http://www.goldenwestflyin.org/	Let's do a group flight
24-Oct	Gross Field (KDVO)	Safety Awareness Weekend. Spin/stall Awareness. See http://www.marincountyairport.org/	May incur fees?
-	Lake Pillsbury	Camp-out Cancelled	OK?

TSA'S 'AIRPORT OF THE FUTURE' WILL USE BIOMETRICS, RISK-BASED SCREENING

September 4, 2015 By [Hallie Golden Nextgov](#)

(Ed. Note: Our government has already made it miserable for flying out of airports as small as Santa Rosa: See [here](#) what new impositions are planned for us)

The airport security agency releases its ambitious strategy to upgrade its technology, connect more dots, and search fewer people.

This week, the Transportation Security Administration released its ambitious strategy to create what the agency describes as the "airport of the future."

Today, TSA oversees about 440 federally regulated airports, which include a daily stream of about 1.8 million passengers and 1.2 million checked bags. But over the next 20 years, the number of passengers is predicted to increase by 1.1 billion, according to the 2015 Federal Aviation Administration forecast.

TSA technology and procedures may need to grow, too, to meet the security needs from this influx of passengers, the report stated.

The agency plans to devote a "significant portion" of its \$3.6 billion security capability acquisition budget to security technologies, according to the report.

A few years ago, TSA moved away from a one-size-fits-all approach to security and began incorporating a risk-based security strategy, beginning with its adoption of such programs as its pre-screening lanes. TSA wants to take this approach a step further through a system, combining technology, data and processes within and across airports.

The agency “envisions a future defined by intelligence-driven, risk-based screening procedures and enhanced technology that will enable TSA to employ a flexible, adaptable and robust multilayered approach to detecting an evolving range of threats,” the plan stated.

In a single chart, the plan authors laid out TSA’s strategy for developing and advancing key technology initiatives.

TSA’s near-term enhancements, which have a 1- to 3-year timetable, include such programs as a checked baggage risk-based security pilot and an open threat assessment platform, which would be an X-ray detection system to help TSA employees complete passenger risk assessment.

The agency’s long-term functional enhancements, which have a 3- to 5-year timetable, included the APEX Screen at Speed program, which would implement advanced and quick screening technology, and the use of more biometrics in security procedures, according to the plan.

The newly released plan builds off the agency’s May 2014 Strategic Capability Investment Plan, expected to be updated every other year.

TSA led the plan’s development, in addition to officials from the Department of Homeland Security, the Aviation Security Advisory Committee and other stakeholders.

THIS MONTH’S PICS

The Mark Johnson Section



Extremely rare photo: Mark actually doing aircraft maintenance work!



Mark getting ready for first flight (what are you doing there Mark?)



Taxiing out for first flight (He got about 5' up)

The Everyone Else Section



Steve and Doug listening to a good band at Trinity Center fly-in



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Chris enjoying the \$5 burger at Skypark during one of our every-Saturday flights



Chris flying over clouds near Santa Rosa



Brenda and Bill on same flight as above



Doug and Steve at Trinity Center Saturday