Vol 7. April Website Report

Good Morning to all!

There is certainly good news this month!

**During March the website was visited by 9374 visitors** and **we hosted 11,915 visitor sessions!** This is another major jump in attendance, and another unbelievable record attained!

Since last month’s meeting we published the Mini Route Tower 3 position ramp up.

The first 20,000 lbs. of Sustainable Jet Fuel has been sold. This after the demo at KVNY.

Details are on the HOTNEWS SCROLL LINE.

Are we “Drowning in Drones?” The site has the story from AIN. NTSB wants Part 135 operators to adhere to Part 121 standards, and the May 15, 2017 Lear Jet at Teterboro crash is a perfect example of why. We created a slide, we link to the accident description video and to the accident commentary.

Under Graphic and Technical Stuff – Regularly Asking “What if?” has always been considered an ingredient for good airmanship, so in anticipation of a possible hardware or software threat, with the help of pilot Tyson Grubb, SCAUWG.ORG has not one, but two independent backup systems in place, AND A BETTER system for site editing.

Continuing: I moved the contact us page which has been associated with a fair amount of spam away from easy sight on the menu bar; and in its place, I placed our COMMENTARY menu section, which will be filled with pertinent opinion and a rich source of diverse informative data. To that end I also moved the Aviation Podcast Page to a position under the new Commentary tab.

“The NTSB Safety Compass – the official Blog of the chairman,” was an initial entry. Additional links are also provided for NTSB Safety Alerts, and the NTSB Strategic Plan.

Access to the NTSB Aviation Safety Alert Video series for both Fixed Wing and Helicopter was added to the INFO WHSE page. And, continuing the NTSB theme, I added the BEHIND the SCENE @ NTSB Podcast to the Aviation Podcast Page.

Content: One of our headline slides features Pilots offering views on the 737 Max 8 – as published by AOPA. Also, regarding the Ethiopian tragedy, we subsequently published Paul Bertorelli’ s REPORTAGE, video from airline pilot Juan Brown, plus I made available the actual real preliminary accident report from the Ethiopian Ministry of Transport; Boeing’s reaction to the report, and relative updated FAA statements have been reported on the Hot News Scroll Line.

Poppy’s on the mountainsides near Chino are pictured, photographed by new pilot Traci Konas. Paul Bertorelli addresses whether parachute equipped airplanes really make the airplane safer. (that’s in the INFO Warehouse)

**On the 23rd of March I added our SHORT TAKES Page to the Commentary section.** Short Takes is a

place for CONCISE opinions regarding news and events happening now, to be made available for folks to read.

A VERY NOTABLE contribution to SHORT TAKES as published now, is Richard Eastman’s take on the current schedule of military GPS Jamming Tests, and their implications here in the LA Basin. It’s a very good read written by a long time and WELL honored member of SCAUWG.

ADS-B SUGGESTIONS for those with questions, NBAA’s Ed BOLEN: addressing Fed funding as necessary for Local Airports, New proposed FAA Rulemaking re: oxygen requirement, and FAA SCHEDULED DATES FOR Public hearings re: new Metroplex areas are all reported.

**As our numbers indicate**, SCAUWG.ORG has expanded beyond being a regional site. We are currently spreading our So Cal Airspace message to not just folks who live here, but to those interested in flying here originating from all over this country and others.

To maintain the momentum, our site’s next challenge is to continue to publish relevant material. So, today, for the first time in public, I am announcing that this morning we have launched a NEW SERIES of featured articles written exclusively for SCAUWG.ORG, entitled “AMEPilot,” written by orthopedic surgeon, AME, and former Military pilot, DR. Gregory Hanker, who currently flies out of VNY. AMEPilot will be published quarterly, and the Spring edition has just been posted today under COMMENTARY.

**The safety message that SCAUWG promotes** will be spread tonight (April 9, 2019) when I appear at Proteus Air Services for a sold out seminar on avoiding Mid Air’s and tomorrow night at Whiteman Airport when the focus will be surviving startle response.

**The next scheduled appearance** for the Scauwg inspired Dangerous Airspace seminar in May 2 in San Diego at the state of the Art 150 seat auditorium at Kearney Mesa’s Solar Turbines, hosted by the FAASTeam of San Diego.

Everyone is invited to participate in the site project -just let me know your interest.

And with that said, this has been the official SCAUWG.ORG Website report for April 2019.

Thanks so much for your support,

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