



Gillespie Pilots Association Meeting Minutes

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April 2, 2022
Membership Meeting

GPA President Captain Denis Breslin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 0901 hours. The meeting is open to all GPA members and those who are signing up at the present meeting. (There were approximately 50 in attendance)

GPA President Breslin presented the meeting agenda, welcomed the guest speaker, Anne Baldwin, as well as all the potential new members. Due to continued COVID restrictions, the use of the Airport Administration Building is still conditional on all attendees wearing a facial covering, except for when they are eating or drinking, regardless of the person's vaccination status.

Gillespie Pilots Association Website <https://www.gillespiepilotsassociation.org>;

- **GPA membership dues** – still only \$20 for the whole year!
- Check out the GPA on **Facebook**. Be sure to check out the GPA Facebook page.
- **Socialflight.com** – What's happening in Aviation – GPA meetings are listed under 'Events'
- List of **2022 GPA Board** members.
- **Classic Aircraft Display** has resumed from 0900-1000 on the Admin and East transient ramps.

- I. **Gillespie Field Development Council:** The GFDC is the body to take issues affecting Gillespie Field before the County Board of Supervisors. Their work has a direct impact on the airport's operations and their 5-member Board consists of two current GPA members, Barry Bardack and Phyllis Trombi.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday May 18th, 2022 at 6:00 located in the El Cajon Council Chambers at 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon. All GPA members are **highly encouraged** to attend the GFDC meetings and be involved in both group's work.

- II. **Fuel Prices:** Fuel prices have skyrocketed across the nation and is starting to affect aviation as well. Fuel at SEE is between \$6.04 and \$6.41 while at MYF it's between \$6.85 and \$6.88. CRQ comes in at the highest of the local airports with \$8.25, while L08 is still the lowest at \$4.78, but don't expect that to last. Because of these prices, many of the owners of rentals in the various clubs will need to raise their rates.
- III. **MCAS Miramar Air Show:** The annual Miramar Air Show is returning September 23rd - 25th after a two-year break due to COVID. This year's title is "Marines: Fight. Evolve. Win". The Navy's Blue Angels, always a favorite, will again be presenting their show to the thousands in attendance. The crowds can get extremely large, so for those able, the Friday show is preferable.



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- IV. **Gillespie Field VPD and Runaway Incursions:** As a result of multiple vehicle and pedestrian incursions, specifically at KSEE, a Driver Training Program was implemented and became effective January of 2022. Over 800 drivers have been trained so far and there are still a few infrastructure items still needing to be addressed. Additionally, there was one recent incursion by a pilot from KSEE.

Another step to the process is a fine structure for VPD violations. Project Manager for the County of San Diego, Anne Baldwin gave a presentation of the history, statistics, and proposed administrative citation program being proposed for VPDs at SEE. (See the attached power Point for specifics.) The current proposal would trigger a warning after the 1st violation within one year, followed by a \$100, \$200, \$500, and \$1,000 citation for each subsequent incident. Each incident will be investigated and can be appealed.

There was a lot of discussion on the topic and a majority of the meeting was dedicated to the issue. Some of the common points centered on where responsibility for a VPD actually lies. Is it with the actual person who commits the VPD, the leaseholder where the violator entered, the person who allowed the violator access, or a combination of each? Several scenarios were posed and Ms. Baldwin reiterated each case will be evaluated and determined on a case-by-case basis. There was also discussion on leaseholders responsibility and how these rules will affect the social aspect for which KSEE has come to be known.

President Breslin stressed the importance of education over punishment. The goal is compliance and suggested an intermediate step after the warning where the violator's on-airport driving privilege be suspended until they either re-take the initial driver's course or some other appropriate training. Only after this step would a fine be appropriate. There were several other suggestions offered, including common drop boxes outside the fenced area for delivery trucks and such.

The County has not officially implemented the citation process yet and is still accepting public comment. All in attendance were encouraged to submit their comments and suggestions to the below site by April 30th, 2022.

Submit Comments and suggestions to: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/airports.html>

- V. **SD County Director of Airports:** Cam Humphries recently resigned as the County Director of Airports and the County is currently accepting applications to fill the position. There is no definitive timeline to fill the position, but they anticipate interviews in May with the selected candidate starting in late Summer or early Fall 2022.
- VI. **Brig. Gen. Robert Cardenas:** A moment was taken to honor Brig. General Robert Cardenas who recently passed away in San Diego on his 102nd birthday. Gen. Cardenas was raised in San Diego, graduated from SDSU, and went on to fly missions in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam as well as be an instrumental part of the Air Force Test Pilot program after WWII.
- VII. **VIII) Raffle Results:** The raffle winners for the 10-gal of gas from Golden State and the 1-hour of training in the Redbird Simulator were:

Golden State 10-gal of gas: Marty Jensen



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Redbird Simulator:

Steve Mitchell

The meeting was adjourned at 1004 by GPA President Breslin.

The next GPA meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Airport Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Wes Morris, GPA Secretary