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A composite graphic for the Gillespie Pilots Association. On the left is a circular logo with the text 'GILLESPIE PILOTS ASSOCIATION' around the perimeter and a stylized propeller in the center. In the middle is a detailed airport diagram of Gillespie Field (J35) in San Diego, California, showing runways, taxiways, and terminal buildings. On the right is a graphic featuring a silhouette of a biplane flying over a building and palm trees, with the text 'GILLESPIE PILOTS ASSOCIATION' below it. At the bottom is a dark grey banner with the text 'Gillespie Pilots Association Meeting' in a large white font, and 'April 2024' in a smaller white font below it.

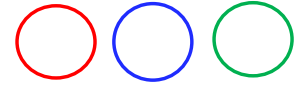
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April 6 GPA Meeting Agenda

- **Classic Aircraft Display -0900-1000**
- **What's left in your Wallet? (AvGas)**
- **GPA Webcam – to FAA Weathercam – Jim Gombold**
 - *Fly Friendly SoCal*
- **Annual GPA Finance Report**
- **GFDC – Report – Chairwoman Phyllis Trombi**
 - *BOS Meeting Wednesday – 5-year Lease extension*
- **Laura Beth & Nathan Moses - Missionary flying**
- **Redbird Annual Flying Survey**
- **KSEE Airport Manager's Report**
- **Raffle drawing...**
 - 1-hour instruction in Redbird full motion simulator
 - **Breslin Aviation**
 - 10 gallons of avgas from **Golden State Aviation**



GILLESPIE PILOTS ASSOCIATION



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GPA Calendar February

Historic Aircraft Display

Phyllis Trombi

Gillespie Pilots Association

Normal Rules!

- Display during GPA meetings
- Sign-off available following meeting
- Pick up paperwork after the meeting



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GPA Classic AC Display

Historic Aircraft Display Days & Dates Now Available for all SoCal

List of all Display Dates in Southern California as of Posted

- **GPA Facebook page**
- **GPA Website**
- **Compliments of Fred Fong**

Monthly Historic Aircraft Displays
Southern California. Jan 30, 2023

DAY	IDENTIFIER	AIRPORT	COMMENTS
	CNO	Chino Airport	At FlyingTijers, 10am-2pm display time 4 hours REQUIRED.
	L70	Agua Dulce Airport	
1st Sat	SEE	Gillespie Field	At terminal building, 845am - 10am, Phyllis Trombi et al. Gillespie Pilots Assn (GPA). For further updates see GPA website https://www.gillespietpilotsassociation.org/
1st Sun	SFP	Santa Paula Airport	At museum adjacent restaurant
	AJO	Corona Airport	Either at the restaurant, by pilot lounge area, or at the club house. Varies. Mary Jo & team.
	AVX	Avina Airport	Non AeroClub members \$35 landing fee, 10am-2pm. Mgr: Jeff Jensen.
	CMA	Camarillo Airport	Way Point Cafe - Not consistent. Manager not around all the time, no one else knows about the program plus they have no official stamp.
	SOM	Brown Field	9am-11am, at EAA next to tower, 2nd AND 3rd Sat
	WJF	Fox Field	
	APV	Apple Valley Airport	Transient ramp north of terminal. (Might be locals only due to C-19. Pls check 1st)
	FUL	Fullerton Airport	In front of the restaurant - Dennis Newbury. Exit runway on D or E, use 129.875 contact ground crew for parking instructions, this freq only valid on display day. Do not taxi past
2nd Sun	LOB	Borrego Valley	11am-12pm. Meadow Chase, airport mgr. Transient parking by the office. <i>Ask Ground for progressive. It is half way to the North end of the field, across the ramp.</i>
	WHP	Whiteman Airport	From Able Air, at the blue hangars along Pierce St, the row of hangars at the arrival end of Hwy-12, unit WH9. Contact is Don Hagopian, President, Whiteman Airport Assn. Sign off
	MHV	Mohave Airport	
	RIR	Flabob Airport	All day, EAA pancake breakfast 8-11am
3rd Sat	SOM	Brown Field	9am-11am, at EAA next to tower, 2nd AND 3rd Sat

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Gone West GPA/AAA Member Len Buckel



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Your GPA President... - for now...



My 1979 Cessna TR-182



Captain Denny Breslin

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News You Can Use

Safe Air 727 runs off the end of the runway in Malakai, and runs into a DC-9 that ran off the same runway last month!!!

Oh, and Air France pilots are going on strike to protest the proposed law against striking



Safe Air 727 suffers runway excursion, crashes into previously disabled MD-82

From the "You've got the be kidding me" department comes the story of a Safe Air Company 727 that suffered a runway excursion this week in Malakal and crashed into an MD-82 disabled on the side of the airfield because of a landing gear collapse in February. No serious injuries were reported.

And in France, pilots will go on strike 15-16 April... to protest a proposed law limiting their ability to strike.

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News You Can Use

Icon Files for CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY!

...just as **VAN's**
come out!

TOP STORIES



ARTICLE

Icon Aircraft files for bankruptcy, seeks buyer

After delivering more than 200 amphibious light sport A5 aircraft since the summer of 2016, Icon Aircraft petitioned for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on April 4. [Read more >](#)



ARTICLE

Van's poised to climb out of bankruptcy

Van's Aircraft presented a plan to the bankruptcy court that would repay most creditors and avoid liquidation of the kitplane industry leader. [Read more >](#)

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Captain Rick Fordem sent us this picture from his last FEDEX flight



While flying over Africa.....



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2024 GPA Officers

Denny Breslin	President
Leslie Day	Vice President
Wes Morris	Secretary
Doug Ferry	Treasurer
Rick Fordem	Immediate Past President*
Bill Allen	GPA Board
Tom D'Amico	GPA Board
Jim Gombold	GPA Board/Webmaster*

Immediate Past President* not electable office

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GPA Dues Due for 2024



- Pay \$20 at the Meeting – or -
- Pay online at our website: ←

www.gillespiepilotsassociation.org/gpa-membership

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Donuts...

Bet you didn't know...

Airplanes are powered by carbohydrates!
...compliments of GPA



Thanks, Phyllis Trombi- for making the coffee!
Thanks, Wes Morris for those donuts!

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GPA on Facebook

- Pictures
- Dialog
- Announcements
- Sharing





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Abuse complaints

GPA EMAILS: ANNIE H THINKS THEY ARE ABUSIVE!

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ISP	Complaints
YAHOO	1

Email Address	First Name	Last Name	Member Rating	Last Changed
annieh636@aol.com	Annie	Hunt	★☆☆☆☆	4/3/24 8:29PM

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annieh636@aol.com	Annie	Hunt	★☆☆☆☆	4/3/24 8:29PM

Top locations by opens

USA	254 88.5%
Sweden	32 11.1%
France	1 0.3%



GPA EMAILS: WHERE IN THE WORLD DO THEY GO?

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**GPA Raffle –
Thanks to sponsors & donors!**



**1 hour of simulator instruction in
Redbird Full Motion Simulator**

**\$1 - One ticket –
\$5 – 7 tickets**



10 Gallons of Aviation Fuel



Who was winner in March?

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The Redbird has been Recombobulated



**Redbird makeover
complete!**



**Redbird Simulator
Reposition and upgrade**

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What's (left) in your wallet? (4/4/24)



April Ave: \$6.46

March Ave: \$6.35

Prices just keep going up and down!

• KSEE	➔	\$6.69 - \$7.09
• KMYF	⬆	\$7.80
• KSAN	➔	\$9.15
• KRNM	➔	\$6.25
• KSDM	➔	\$5.26
• KCRQ	⬆	\$8.63
• F70	➔	\$5.79
• KOKB	⬆	\$5.83
• L08	➔	\$5.46

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GPA Website

Webcam – weather

Fly Friendly SoCal – Noise Abatement

GILLESPIE PILOTS ASSOCIATION

READBACK OF ALL RUNWAY HOLD INSTRUCTIONS IS REQUIRED.

RWY 09L-27R
S-90, D-120, 2D-200

RWY 09R-27L
S-12

RWY 17-35
S-58, D-106, 2D-195

JANUARY 2020 ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE 0.1° W

ATIS 125.45
GILLESPIE TOWER* 120.7 257.8
GND CON 121.7
CLNC DEL 125.1
FIELD ELEV 388

SW-3, 22 FEB 2024 to 21 MAR 2024

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What, Me Worry?

**GPA Webmaster
– Capt. Jim Gombold**

Jim has submitted our proposal to be an official
FAA weathercam

- MOU signed and submitted



Check our website, Kemosabes...

[GPA Website](#)




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**KSEE FAA Weathercam
Thanks to our webmaster
Captain Jim Gombold**

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GPA Webcam

04-05-2024 17:36:29

Friday afternoon 17:35 pm

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Gillespie Pilots Association Webcam



HOME ABOUT US OUR IMPACT EVENTS GALLERY **WEBCAM** GILLESPIE PILOTS ASSOCIATION

RESOURCES ABOUT GILLESPIE MEETING ARCHIVES
MY ACCOUNT MEMBERSHIP RE-SUBSCRIBE DONATIONS
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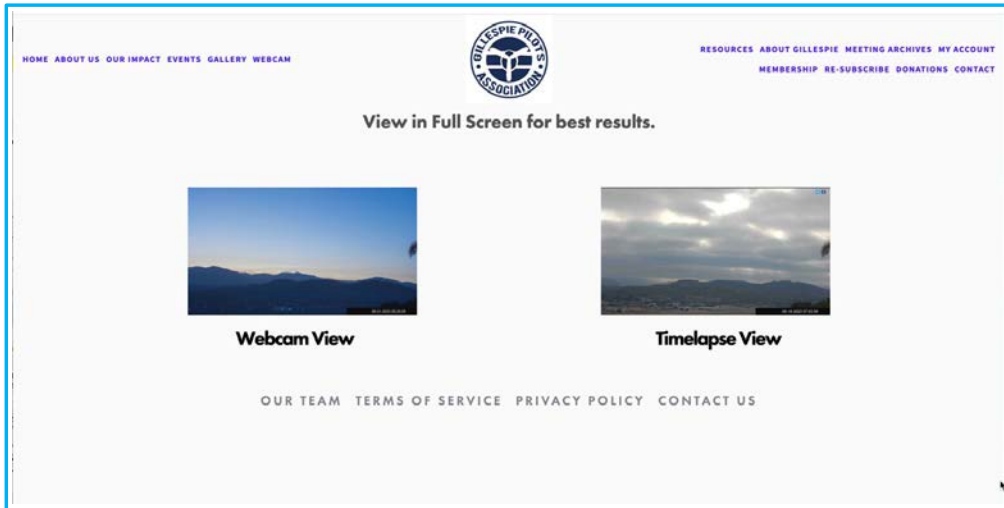
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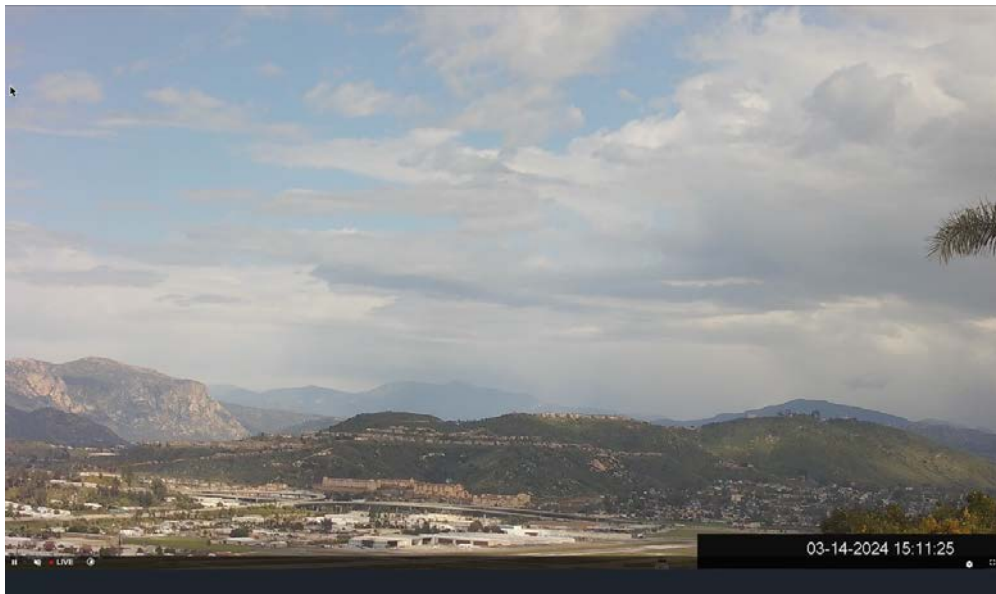
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Gillespie Pilots Association Webcam



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KSEE Webcam – Thursday 3-14 weather



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KSEE Webcam – Time-Lapse Monday March 18



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Fly Friendly SoCal SoCal Noise Abatement Effort...

Gillespie Pilots Association
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March 2024 GPA Minutes added

Upcoming Events
March 20, 2024 Next GFDC Meeting
April 6, 2024 Next GPA Meeting

Fly Friendly SoCal

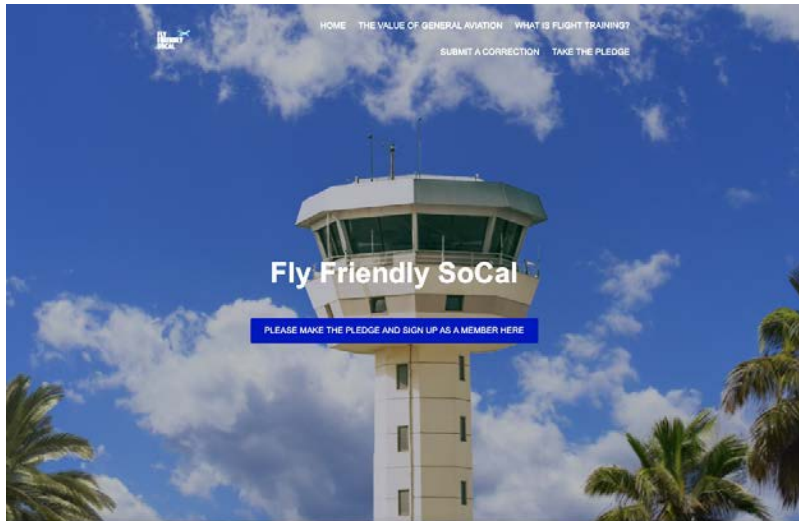
Click on photo for noise abatement information, and an interactive map of SoCal.

Minutes of March 2024
GPA Meeting

Meeting March 2, 2024
PDF Version of Slides from GPA

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Gillespie Pilots **good-neighbor** noise abatement



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The **Fly Friendly** Pledge

Fly safely first, observing all FAA Regulations.
Learn where the noise-sensitive areas are around all airports where operations are conducted, and avoid them as much as possible.
Learn about and follow the noise abatement procedures at all airports where operations are conducted.
Follow the **Fly Friendly guidelines for each airport where operations are conducted, not just our own.**
Commit to having the lowest impact on all neighborhoods we fly over.
Educate other pilots about the Fly Friendly Pledge

[Take the Pledge here](#)



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Current Fly Friendly Schools and Operators:

- Airman Flight Training (KLGB)
- EAA Chapter 7 (KLGB)
- Torrance Airport Association (KTOA)
- Gillespie Pilots Association (KSEE)

SoCal Airports with noise policy

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- Gillespie Pilots Association (KSEE)

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Department of Public Works

Gillespie Field Noise Abatement Program

Safety Issues: Reports on the following safety issues must be made to the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at (858) 502-9882:

- Low-flying aircraft
- Accident reporting
- Air carrier certification and operations
- Aircraft maintenance
- Aircraft operational issues
- Aircraft permits
- Airman certification
- Certification and modification issues
- Enforcement of Airman & Aircraft Regulations

How to File a Noise Complaint

Airport Noise Reporting Form

Frequently Asked Noise Questions

Sheriff's Aerial Support to Regional Enforcement Agencies (ASTREA) FAQs

Clicking the link on each airport opens the noise abatement policy for that airport...

GILLESPIE FIELD

RUNWAY 9R/27L TOUCH & GO NOISE ABATEMENT PATTERN

- On takeoff use best rate of climb (Vx) or (Vy) until reaching 1400' MSL without compromising safety
- Fly runway heading taking into consideration any crosswind to prevent drifting off course
- Turn Crossing between Fanta and Hwy 125 and then fly over HWY 125
- From HWY 125 turn downward to fly over the FIRST VALLEY
- Make every effort to reach 1400' MSL before turning downward and use reduced power settings while over residential areas

Note: These noise abatement procedures are recommendations and may not be advisable for every aircraft in every situation. They are subject to change due to weather, traffic, and air traffic control. Flight safety always has priority over these recommendations.

GILLESPIE FIELD NOISE ABATEMENT TOUCH & GO PATTERN RUNWAY 27L

Gillespie Field is a busy general aviation airfield that supports numerous aviation businesses and the local economy. For many years, the County has managed a voluntary noise abatement program to encourage aircraft operators to comply with noise abatement procedures. The program has several components, some of which are directed at reducing noise through pilot education and others intended to raise the awareness of the residents about the existence of the airport and flight operations. Airport staff maintains a proactive approach and policy towards educating both the airport users and the surrounding communities on issues and concerns. Outlined below is Gillespie Field's voluntary noise abatement program (VNAP):

- ✦ Discourage touch and go and successive full stop taxi back for departure operations 10pm to 7am
- ✦ Discourage jet operations 10pm to 7am
- ✦ Encourage training operations at other County airports
- ✦ Encourage touch and go operations on Runway 27R when able
- ✦ Runway 17 preferred noise abatement departure when tower closed

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Brought to you by the
neighbor-friendly pilots at
the Gillespie Pilots
Association!



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GPA Financial Report 2023 Year End Report

Income: \$4616.56
Expenses: \$3642.49
Excess: \$ 974.07

GPA Income Expense - Last year 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023

Category	1/1/2023- 12/31/2023
INCOME	
Donation Received	965.29
Dues	2,493.44
Interest	3.83
Raffle	1,154.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,616.56
EXPENSES	
Fly-in	
Expenses	334.16
TOTAL Fly-in	334.16
Post Office Box	194.00
Promotion	215.64
Refreshments	637.15
Software	46.49
Mailing List	53.00
Presentation	214.89
TOTAL Software	314.38
Web Hosting	
Hardware	592.63
Internet Provider	650.00
Internet Registration	66.47
Web Site Software	638.06
TOTAL Web Hosting	1,947.16
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,642.49
OVERALL TOTAL	974.07

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GPA Financial Report: 2024 Year-to-Date

Income: \$1019.89
Expenses: \$ 951.10
Excess: \$ 68.79

GPA Income Expense - Year to Date 1/1/2024 through 4/4/2024

Category	1/1/2024-4/4/2024
INCOME	
Donation Received	39.12
Dues	787.68
Interest	0.09
Raffle	193.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,019.89
EXPENSES	
Donation Given	35.00
Refreshments	115.12
Software	92.98
Web Hosting	
Web Site Software	708.00
TOTAL Web Hosting	708.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	951.10
OVERALL TOTAL	68.79

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Department of Public Works

MENU I WANT TO ... ROADS ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT

Gillespie Field Development Council

Next Gillespie Field Development Council (GFDC) meeting:
Wed, May 15 @ 6 p.m.

- El Cajon City Council Chambers
- 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon
- **PHYLLIS TROMBI**– Chairman 2024

ALL GPA members should attend these meetings!

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Gillespie Field Development Council GFDC Members – Chairwoman Trombi 2024

• **Chairman 2024:** **Phyllis Trombi** term expires 12/7/2025

- **Bob Davison** - term expires 1/31/2027
- **James Sly** - term expires 8/6/2027
- **Wheeler North** term expires 6/13/2027
- **Barry Bardack**- term expires 6/25/2024

- Each serves a 4-year term
- GFDC meets every other month
- Terms are staggered to ensure rotation consistency



 SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES
MEMBER ROSTER REPORT

GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Contact Person: Lorie Maniss
Phone: 619-956-4803

County Dept: Gillespie Field
Mail Stop: S-119

Next Meeting is Wed May 15

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Five-year Lease extension up for BOS vote April 10

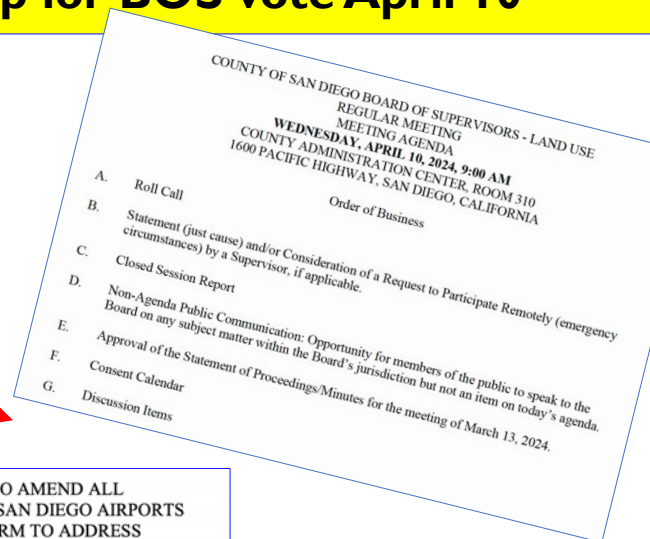
• Motion passed GFDC –
scheduled **April 10** Supervisors
Meeting

• Agenda Item #6

• **Wednesday**

AGENDA ITEM #6

6. ALL COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS - OPTION TO AMEND ALL AVIATION LEASES LOCATED AT ALL COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS TO ADD UP TO FIVE YEARS TO EACH CURRENT TERM TO ADDRESS COVID RELATED IMPACTS, WAIVE ASSOCIATED FEES, AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION
[FUNDING SOURCE: AVAILABLE AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND FUND BALANCE]
(4 VOTES)



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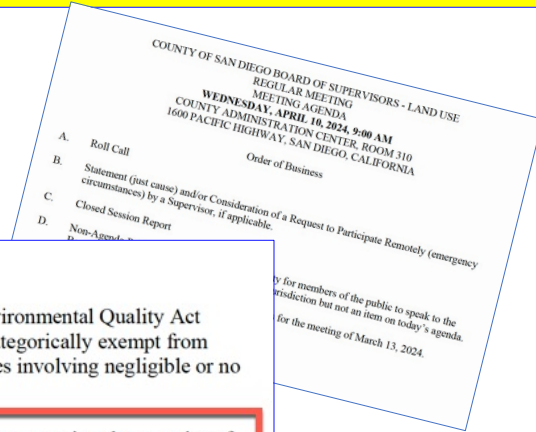
- **April 10 Supervisors Meeting**
 - **Agenda Item #6 Consent Items**

AGENDA ITEM #6

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that the proposed lease amendment is categorically exempt from CEQA review as it consists of the leasing of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Airports to execute, upon receipt, three copies of each lease amendment meeting the requirements of this Board letter and take any other actions necessary to administer the lease amendments. **(4 VOTES)**
3. Waive the application of Board Policy B-29, full cost recovery, to the proposed lease extensions, which are proposed to address the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for aviation lessees at all County Airport Leases.



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Five-year Lease extension up for BOS vote April 10

Lease extension acceptance periods:

- **Within 6 months:** we ask that stakeholders let us know whether or not they will accept the 5-year lease extension offer.
 - Assuming Board approval on April 10th, the deadline will be October 10, 2024.
- **Within 12 months:** stakeholders will need to sign the lease amendment for the extension to take effect.
 - Assuming Board approval on April 10th, the deadline will be April 10, 2025.
- **Working Families Ordinance (WFO):**
- Compliance with WFO will be included in all 5-year lease extensions.
- What elements are impactful to our stakeholders?
 - Lessee having 20 or more employees (W2 or 1099)
 - Lessee completing a capital project of over \$1,000,000, or single trade of \$25,000
 - If these two factors apply to the stakeholder, WFO applies and requires prevailing wage for contractors
- Property Tax Assessments: Assured no re-assessment

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A little Blue Angels Girl Action... Watch the "slot" pilot - Lt Amanda Lee...



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'Blue Angels' Trailer: Glen Powell- Documentary Doing Flyby On Imax Screens Ahead Of Prime Video Debut

A brand-new documentary featuring never-before-seen footage of the Blue Angels will be on the big screen in May.

The Blue Angels will be shown exclusively in [IMAX theaters](#) on May 17th.



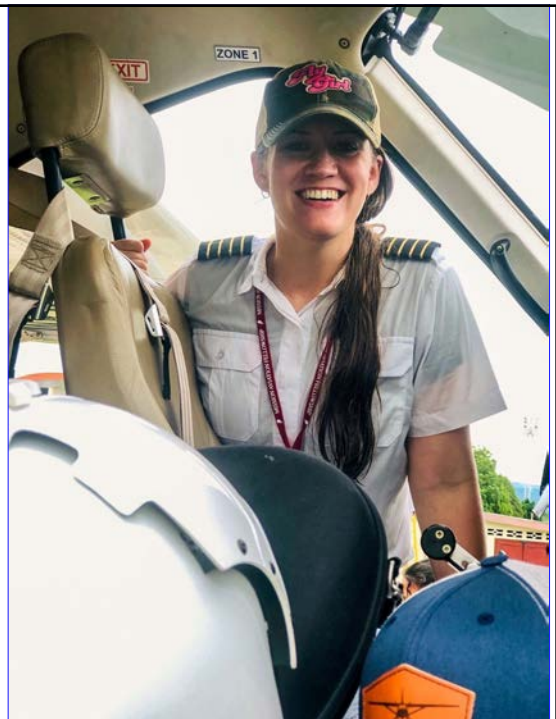
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SDCC Aviation – Missionary Track

- Laura-Beth (Gathman) Moses and Nathan Moses
- Graduated from San Diego Christian College
 - Gained experience as a flight instructor and Part 135 pilot in Alaska
 - Accepted by Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Nampa ID
 - Trained for mission overseas –
 - Deputation
 - Language
 - Aircraft
 - Stationed in Papua Indonesia



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Question of the day...

Flying with passengers on a trip with no planned fuel stops required, do you land for bathroom breaks?

Check out poll results in Wednesday's eBrief. The results from the poll questions in Aviation eBrief do not necessarily represent the views of pilots, aircraft owners or AOPA members, and therefore should not be used for research purposes.

- Reluctantly
- No
- Ugh, depends
- Of course

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And the survey said...

Poll results

We asked:

Flying with passengers on a trip with no planned fuel stops required, do you land for bathroom breaks?

49% Of course

49% - Of course

23% Ugh, depends

23% - Ugh – it depends....

16% Reluctantly

16% - Reluctantly

12% No

12% - No!

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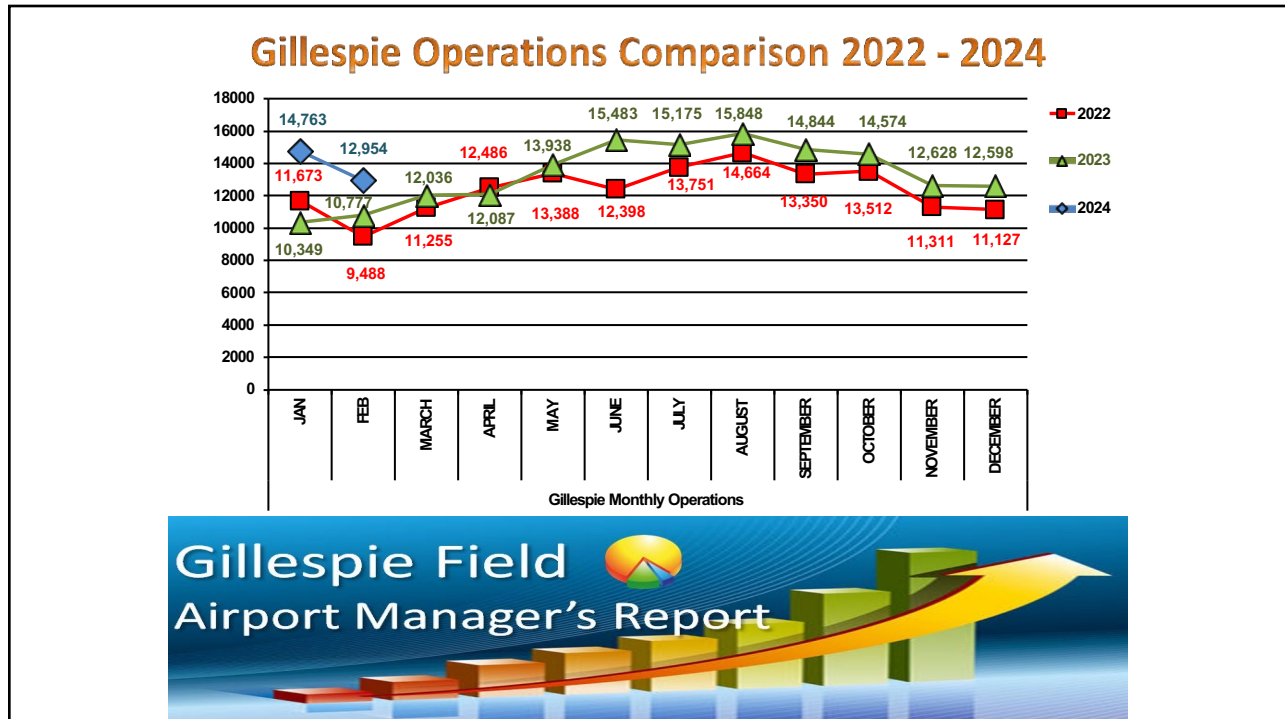
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Gillespie Field
Airport Manager's Report

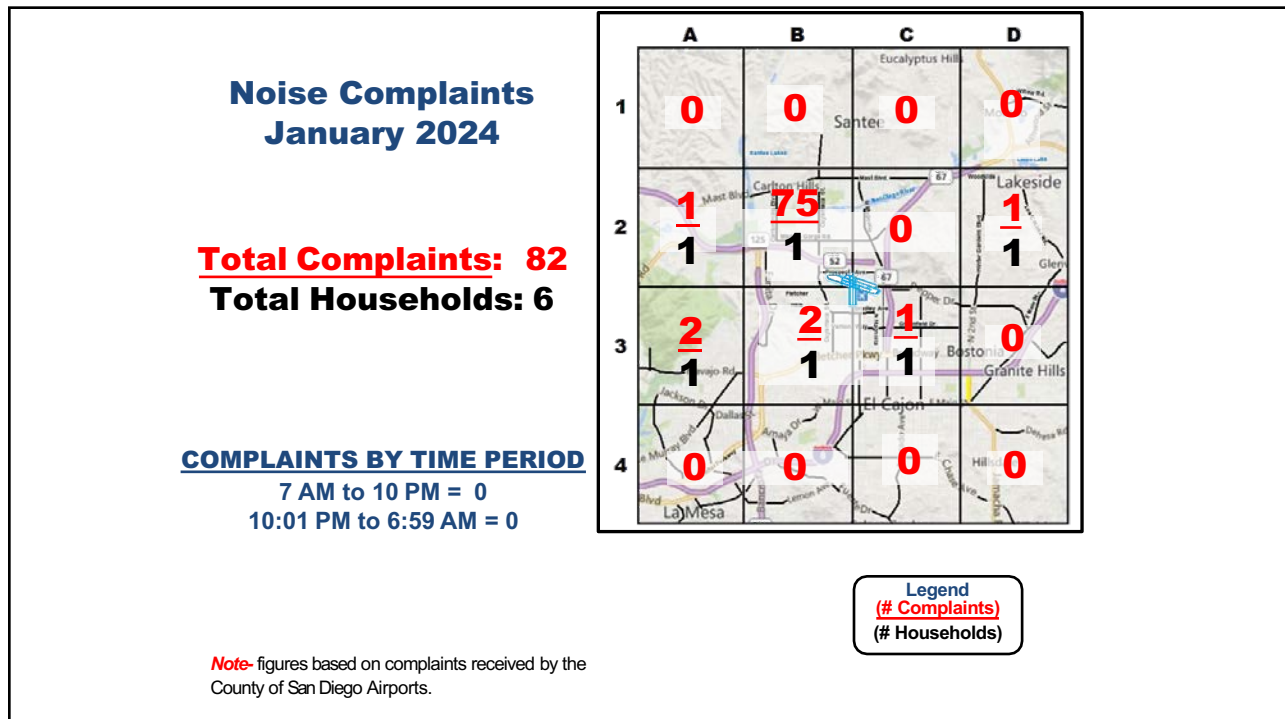
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Department of Public Works

Gillespie Field
Development Council Meeting
March 2024

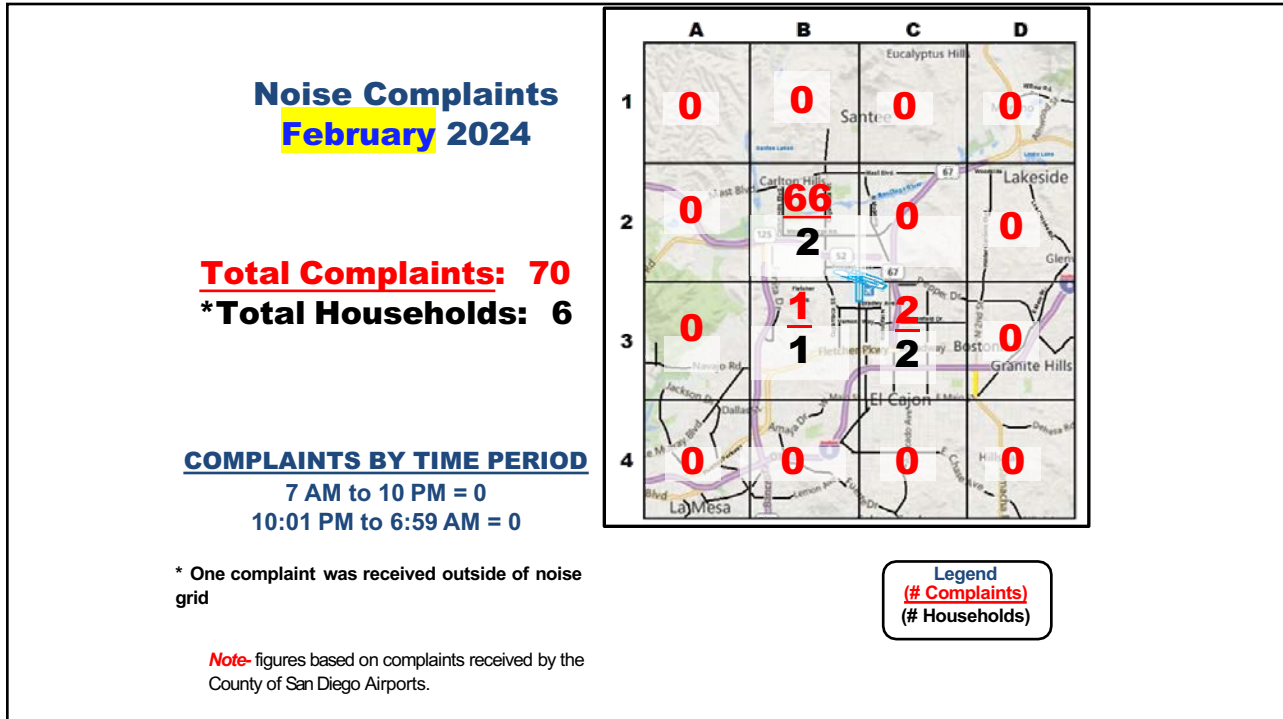
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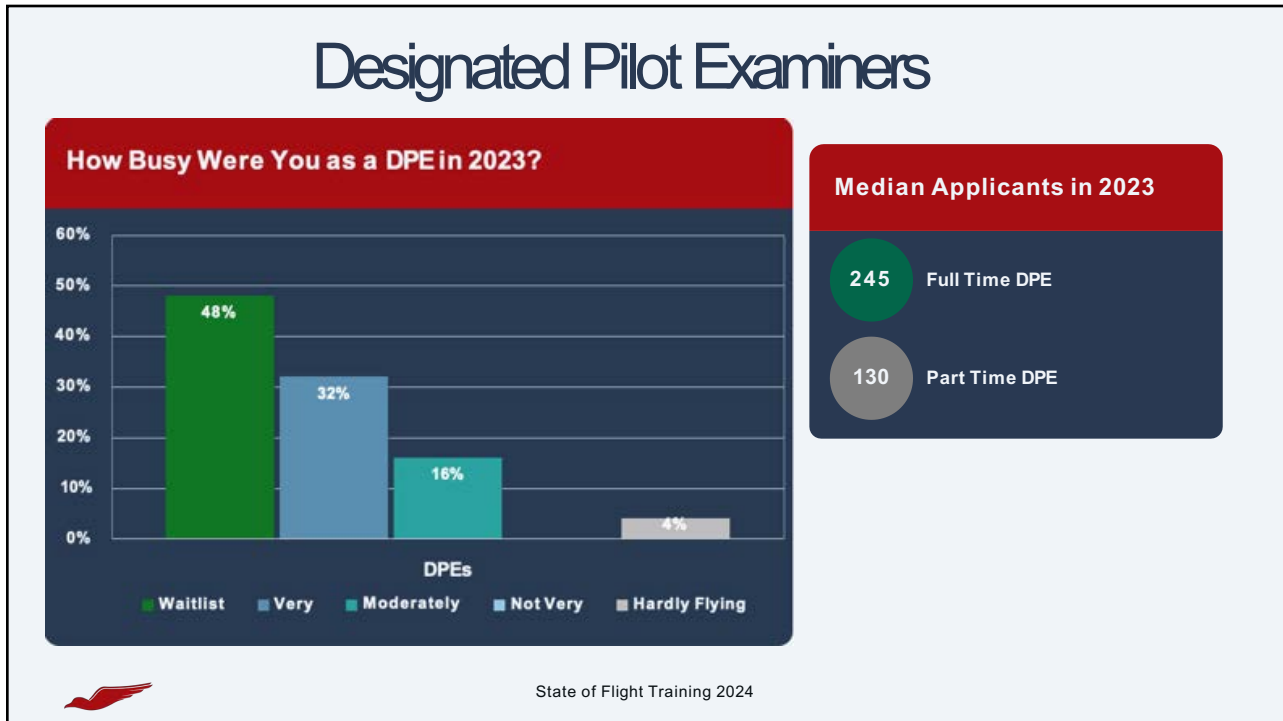
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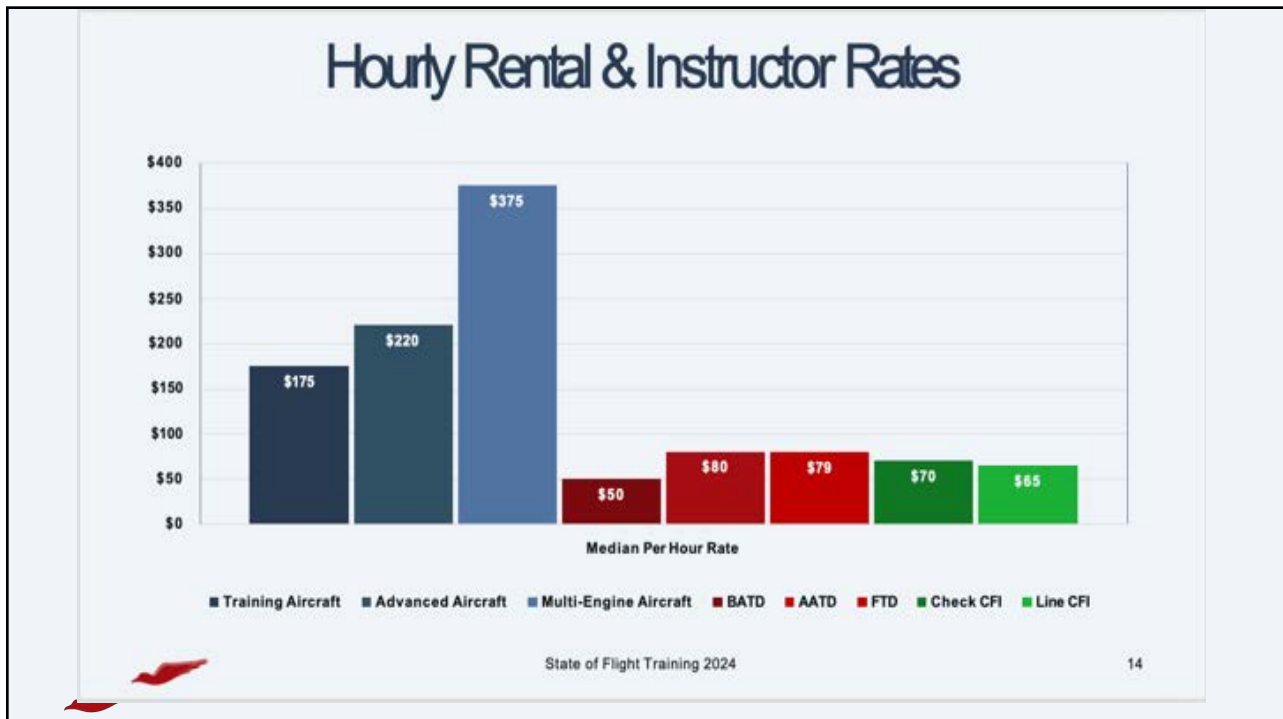
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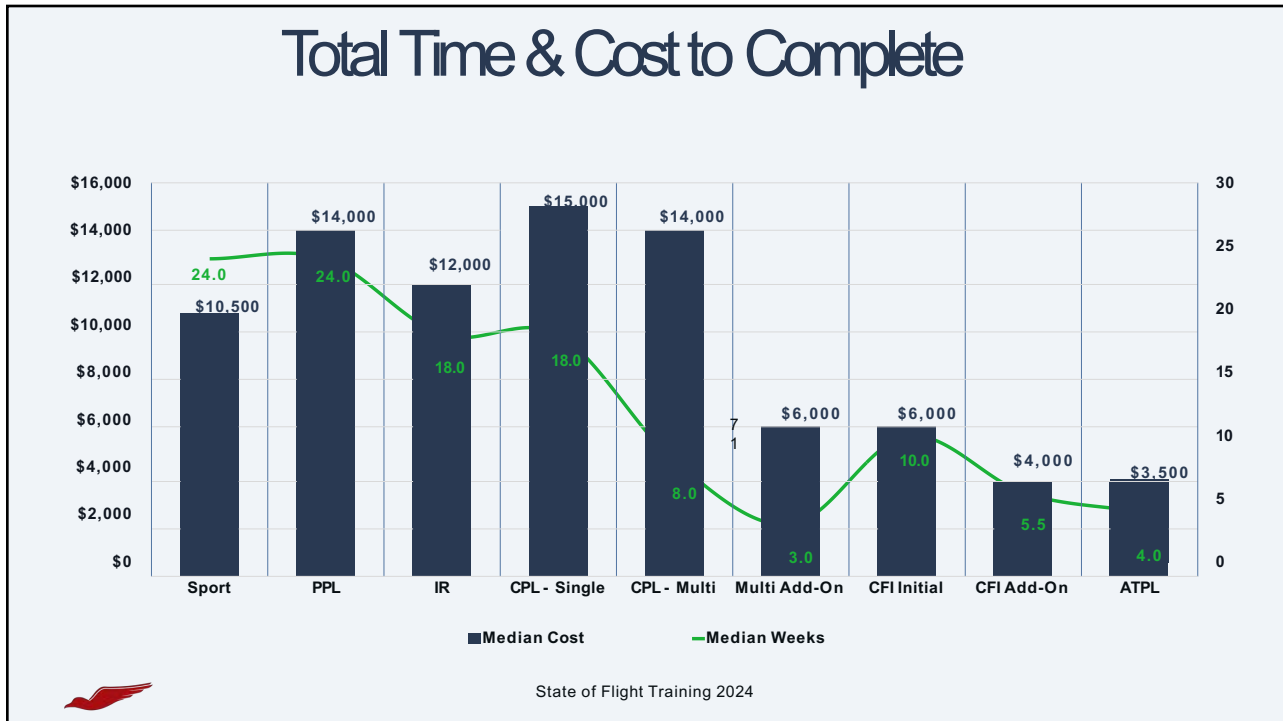
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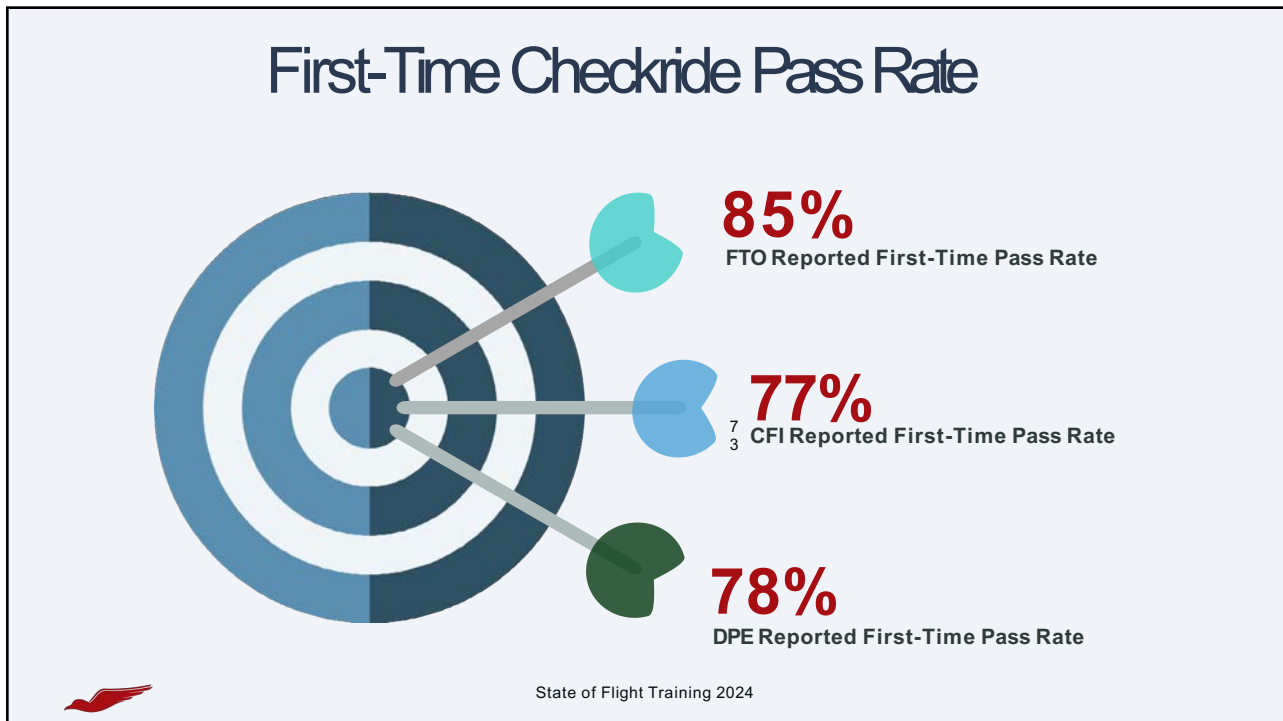
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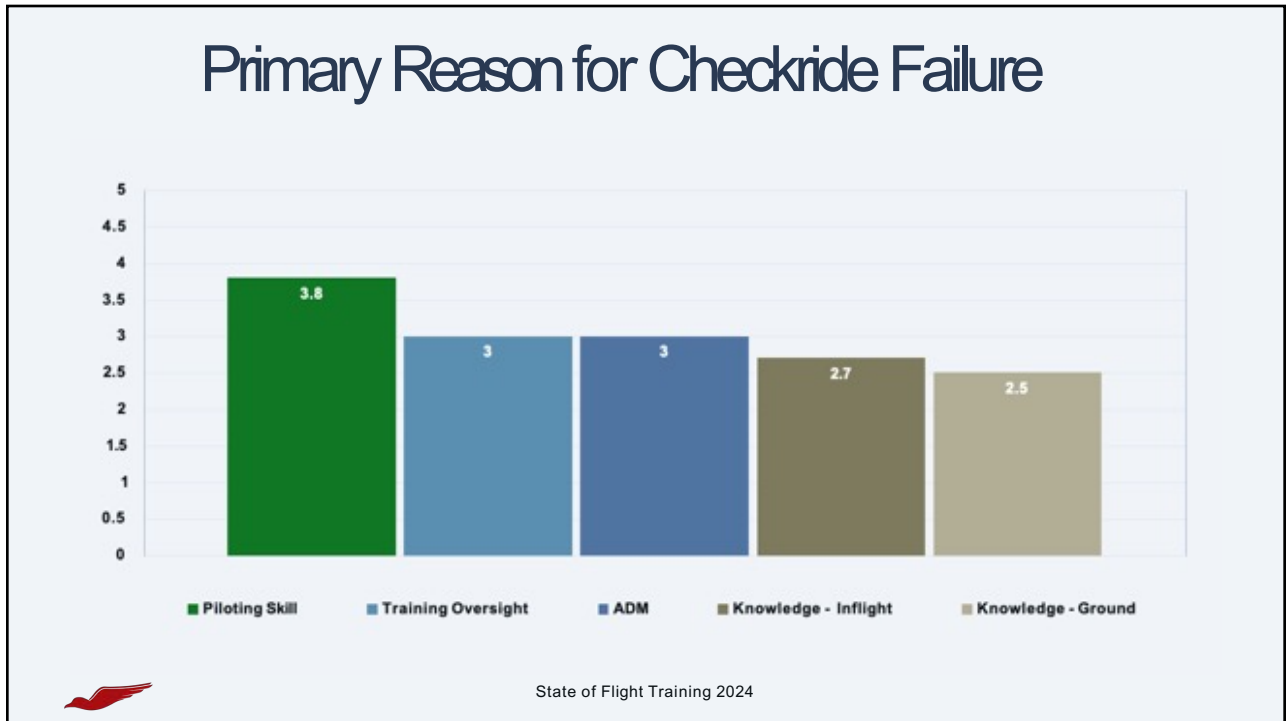
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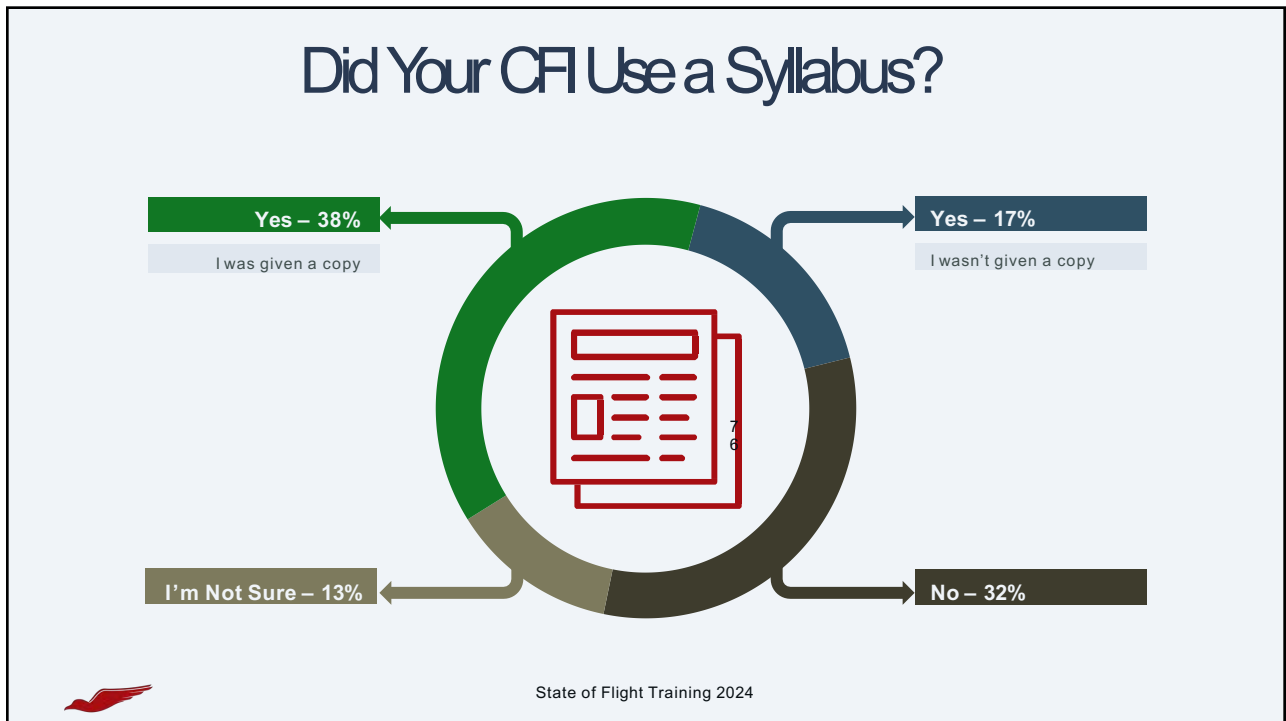
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Next GPA Meeting: May 4

• NEXT GPA MEETING






May 2024


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Raffle Drawing today!



Winners receives either:

- Free hour in the **Redbird** simulator **Breslin Aviation**
- 10 gallons of gas from **Golden State Aviation**
- **IFR or VFR Certification** from **Neal Aviation**

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So if you're like
me, and
sometimes find
yourself a little
high on final...

...maybe consider
some training!



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New Business?

- **Comments?**
- **Suggestions?**
- *Thank you for your patience...*
- **ADIOS!**

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So long, farewell – see you in **May...**



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