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PHPA Members Wrap up Busy Summer Season

During what has turned into one of the PHPA's most active Summers on record, members were engaged in community outreach, the selection of new leadership for the organization and, as always... , upgrading their aircraft to state-of-the-art

PHPA members team up to show Southern California the value of helicopters in public safety

PHPA members supported the recent American Heroes Air Show both behind the scenes and in front of the crowds.

The annual American Heroes Air Show at Hansen Dam celebrated it's Ten Year anniversary on July 19th with help from PHPA volunteers and air units. Under the volunteer - direction of PHPA Board member Jim Paules this admission free event profiles aviation's role in law enforcement, fire service, communications and homeland security.

Noted by many as the best Heroes show in some time, PHPA member volunteer efforts were instrumental in bringing unique agencies to Southern California - including both the CA. Air National guard 129th Rescue from Moffett Field and the USAF 66th Helicopter RSQ sqd from Nellis AFB - arguably two of the finest Combat SAR aviation units active in the world today.

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JAMES WOODAMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PHPA ... and welcomes new Directors to the Board

By James Paules - PHPA Board
Armen Demenjian passed the Gavel to incoming PHPA President Jim Woodaman who was warmly greeted by the general membership during our annual dinner at the Hollywood Bowl.



Photo courtesy of Joseph Carstensen

PHPA member Lee Benson, Chief Pilot with LA CO FD - Air Ops, demonstrates precision water drop at American Heroes Air Show

Additional PHPA Board members volunteering during the day included Board member Deborah Shane giving guests the passenger briefing before boarding the BRAVO AVIATION ride ship. Alex Calder was on-scene at the PHPA booth while Bill Graham and Board member Jeff Miller worked with the FAA and volunteer - managed the Air Operations part of the day.



Photo courtesy of Morris Cohen

Jeff Miller, PHPA Board member (standing left) and Tom Rhiel with the LA City FD (standing center), receive Los Angeles City Commendations for their volunteer work at the American Heroes Air Show

PHPA members were also part of the show as President Jim Woodaman brought in the Hawthorne PD ship for display along with KTTV 11's SKY FOX and Larry Welk in the KCAL 9 ship. Other PHPA support was there from Pasadena PD, LA City FD for their great red, white and blue water drop plus thanks for the demos from LA County Sheriffs Aero Bureau and LA County FD's Firehawk ... and thanks to everyone that supports the community with their aircraft.

PHPA Newsletter Editor ... J Paules.

PHPA Calendar of Events

26 October HAD at Los Alamitos
Part of the Wing, Wheels & Rotors Expo

Check the PHPA website for more event details
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In addition to serving as the Annual General Membership meeting mandated in the PHPA bylaws, the annual Hollywood Bowl fete' is an opportunity for old and new members to mingle and to meet the incoming Board of Directors for the new year.

The turnout was one of the best ever with over fifty PHPA members and guests in attendance. In what has become a bit of PHPA tradition, members arrive in the late afternoon and enjoy music during a rehearsal session of the LA Philharmonic. As the members listened we were also treated to the rich harmony of turbine engine from a low flying American EuroCopter B2 A-star courtesy of the LAPD - Air Support Division. After a low level pass and a couple of orbits that had been sanctioned by the Hollywood Bowl management, our members left with a new appreciation for the disruption caused by aircraft over local entertainment venues during performances - a not so subtle but important reminder to fly neighborly in Southern California.



PHPA members enjoy the rehearsal during the General Members Meeting at the Hollywood Bowl.
Photo courtesy of Morris Cohen

President's Message

By Incoming President Jim Woodaman

I can't remember a time that the dissemination of information has been more important to the flying community than right now. Fire season is in full swing and there have been many associated TFR's. This coupled with our local flight restrictions around Disneyland and Major League Baseball games create a real need for timely information.

The PHPA has recently up-dated our internet links page, adding links for notam information and game schedules. We are also in the planning stages of a significant overhaul of the website as a whole.

The American Heroes Air Show was held on July 19th at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area. As usual there was a great turnout from both Corporate and Individual PHPA members who provided aircraft for the one-day, admission-free event. Helinet Aviation, Classic Rotors, K-Cal Television, L.A. County and L.A. City Fire Departments, L.A.P.D., Hawthorne P.D., Bravo Helicopters, Pasadena P.D and the C.H.P. all provided aircraft and crews for display. Our thanks goes out to them for their continued support of local helicopter events.

Our own annual H.A.D. event is coming up on Sunday, October 26 2003 at Los Alamitos Army Airfield. Since the Hawthorne Air Fair has been canceled, this will be our only Helicopter Awareness Day in 2003 and we hope our membership will be involved at all levels with the event. We always need help putting these events on, so if you are interested in volunteering please contact the Event Coordinator, Jim Paules and let him know. Los Alamitos is a great venue, and historically we've a huge attendance. Admission will be free and we hope to see you there.

Fly Safe!

Jim Woodaman
President,
Professional Helicopter Pilots Association
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PHPA at Hollywood Bowl

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Pictured below - Armen (on the left) relinquishes the President's gavel to Jim Woodaman at Hollywood Bowl -
Photo courtesy of Morris Cohen



REMINDER ABOUT LOCAL TFR'S

PHPA Board Member Dwight Crosley
LAPD - Air Support Division

A reminder to our members: Due to homeland security concerns, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has placed Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) over certain events when they are occurring. Pursuant to 14 CFR Section 99.7, commencing one hour before the scheduled time of the event until one hour after the end of the event, aircraft operations are prohibited at and below 3,000 feet AGL within a three nautical mile radius of any stadium having the seating capacity of 30,000 or more people in which a Major League Baseball, National Football League, NCAA Division One Football or Major Motor Speedway event is occurring. When obtaining a briefing from Flight Services, the briefer will not tell you if there is an event that may affect your flight. It is up to each pilot to know if there is a scheduled event that maybe occurring in his or her intended flight path. PHPA has provided links to both Dodger and Angel schedules so you may easily obtain that information. Also, remember that the Disneyland TFR is 3,000 feet and below and three miles effective 24 hours a day. Don't jeopardize your certificate by not being informed.

D. Crosley / PHPA Board

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NEW A-STAR FOR LASD AERO BUREAU



LASD Aero Bureau took delivery last month of their first of four scheduled A-Star B-3's from American EuroCopter. Designed for routine patrol, surveillance and transport, the new A-Stars will replace several of the NOTAR aircraft currently in the fleet.

Photo courtesy of SGT. Bill Brown
LASD - Aero Bureau



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