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PHPA MISSION STATEMENT

- Promote safety and understanding among helicopter pilots
- Coordinate efforts toward improving communications methods of operation within the airspace system or any other area that will contribute to the safety and education of all pilots
- Provide a forum for identifying and seeking resolution to local problems of interest to the membership
- Promote community relations between the public and the helicopter industry

President's Message

By Morrie Zager



My fellow PHPA members:

There have been many developments with our organization since the last newsletter!

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you who are loyal PHPA members and encourage all of you to recruit your friends in the helicopter community to join our organization! We especially encourage the younger, up and coming helicopter pilots out there to get involved.

Since we spoke last, we have continued to partner with the FAA and host FFAST Team pilot briefings across the region. During these meetings, pilots get an opportunity to network with other helicopter pilots, get some free education as to what the PHPA is doing to support our industry, as well as discuss the latest updates relating to proposed helicopter noise legislation and get briefed on the monthly meetings I attend with the FAA and the homeowner's groups relating to helicopter noise.

Recently, the FAA announced a new Western Region Administrator would be taking over for Glen Martin, who has moved on. Mr. Dennis Roberts has assumed that position and, on February 28th, PHPA Vice President Bill Withycombe and I had the pleasure to meet with Mr. Roberts in his office at FAA headquarters in Lawndale. We briefed him on the mission of the PHPA and explained to him how hard we have been working to be good stewards of the aviation community and our efforts to mitigate helicopter noise.

I would like to remind everyone who operates near the Los Angeles County shoreline that the FAA implemented a voluntary off-shore helicopter route on June 22, 2016. The route encourages helicopter pilots to fly 750' off-shore at an altitude at pilot's discretion. Our organization supports this voluntary route as an endeavor to avoid a compulsory route similar to that imposed on our partners flying in New York. The route can be viewed on the latest Helicopter Route Chart (June, 2016) or by using the following link: http://aeronav.faa.gov/content/aeronav/heli_files/Los_Angeles_Heli_11.zip.

It has been brought to our attention that many helicopter pilots are still not aware of the 1205/1206 helicopter beacon codes within the Los Angeles region. In short, GA VFR rotorcraft are asked to squawk code 1205. First responders/law enforcement are asked to squawk 1206. All airmen, fixed and rotor-wing, are to use 1201 when operating in the lateral confines of the LA Special Flight Rules Corridor. The expiration date of the 1205/1206 helicopter beacon code request is 07/29/2018. The PHPA encourages you to comply with this Letter to Airmen issued by the FAA. You can reference this Letter to Airmen by checking FAA.gov. It's LTA-OSGW-8 (issued on July 29, 2016).

I am excited to announce the Annual Meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant at KVNY. The event will start at 5:30 pm. This will be a memorable evening, to be sure! HAI has offered to host the event. In other words, food and drink will be provided FREE. It will coincide with the HAI Board meeting. Only PHPA or HAI members and guests can attend! We have a special Lifetime Achievement award planned again this year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. You will be required to RSVP in advance, so check your email for details on how to ensure you get a seat. Seating is limited!

Finally, many of my colleagues have asked me why they should join the PHPA. Our organization regularly distributes emails that contain important

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Please join us
for the

2017



PHPA Annual Meeting & HAI Town Hall

with HAI President Matt Zuccaro
and HAI Board Chairman TC Corell

to discuss

“Issues that Affect You”

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

5:30 pm - PHPA Annual Meeting

6:00 pm - HAI Sponsored Dinner

7:00 pm - HAI Town Hall



We have a special evening planned, so don't miss this event!

**This year's Annual PHPA
Lifetime Achievement Award
will be presented posthumously to
Alan Purwin**

**94th Aero Squadron
16320 Raymer St., Van Nuys, CA 91406**

Phone 818-994-7437

<http://www.94thvannuys.com>

Space is limited, so reserve early...RSVP required by April 17 at
<https://www.rotor.org/Hiddenforms/tabid/339/e/1/Default.aspx>
HAI or PHPA members and their plus-ones only please

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Byrnes at arbyrnes42@gmail.com



President Zager Goes to Heli-Expo 2017

By Morrie Zager

I had the pleasure of attending the 2017 Heli-Expo in Dallas, Texas March 5-9. I wore three “hats” while there. My first hat was as your President! I represented the PHPA at the Affiliates Symposium which was well-attended by other organizations similar to ours which are also proud to call themselves HAI Affiliates. During the three-hour symposium, the people representing their affiliate organizations each went around the room and discussed what their organization’s main agenda was during the past year and talked to our HAI representative and told him what we, as affiliate organizations, needed from HAI.

I bragged on the PHPA and told the group how we have been the, “Tip of the spear” here in Los Angeles in the ongoing battle with the homeowners’ associations who are trying desperately to convince the FAA and elected officials that our industry is out of control, is a nuisance to the residents living in Los Angeles County, and is in need of regulatory control. I mentioned how we have been successful thus far in defeating their requests to have the FAA impose four SFAR’s against us. I spoke about our ongoing pilot briefings around the region, about our upcoming Annual Dinner on April 25th, and about the diversity of our membership.

Finally, I asked our HAI representative to resurrect the video HAI was so gracious to produce which outlined all the positive things helicopters do for our community. I should also mention that I also discussed this with Mr. Matt Zuccaro himself earlier that week at HAI. I am confident we will soon see the finished video. The timing of the release of this video could not be better! We can all use some feel-good helicopter news out there!

My second hat was as candidate for the Government



New prototype MD-600 with a tail rotor

Services Board seat at HAI. As many of you know, I was proud to be nominated to run for that seat. My opponent in the race was Mr. Dan Schwarzbach from Houston PD/ the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA). Dan is a great man whom I have the utmost respect for and he won the election. I could not be more proud of Dan and all the hard work he has done for the helicopter community. Great things are in Dan’s future at HAI!

Finally, my third hat was as a supervisor and pilot for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Aero Bureau. I attended some terrific training courses at HAI, something that I encourage all of you to do as well. I attended meetings every day with many of our vendors and met some prospective new ones as well.

All in all, HAI was a great success for me personally, despite being a very busy conference!



Airbus H130 on approach to the convention center

Photos courtesy of Skip Robinson



Inside view of the new Bell 505 in flight



Futuristic Bell mock-up demonstrator

What's Happening with Our Members?

Ricarda Bennett

Longtime member and legal advisor to the PPHA Board of Directors, Ricarda Bennett is also the Chairman of the HAI Heliport Committee. She is currently working with NASA and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on an interesting and cutting edge joint project titled: Intra-Urban Vertical Flight Air Taxi's. NASA and MIT scientists are studying the feasibility of creating a nationwide air taxi system modeled on Uber or Lyft. The customer would be able to hire an air taxi and be airborne, on their way in a few minutes, from one of many neighborhood Vertiports. It is a very comprehensive study and we will be reporting on it in our next issue.



Jim Paules

Our Board of Directors Treasurer, Jim Paules recently completed a two week California Highway Patrol Senior Volunteer Program Academy held at the Los Angeles County Communications Center in Eagle Rock. He took the Oath and was sworn into the CHP to provide assistance at the front desk, meet and assist the public, provide patrols in CHP cruisers around local schools and community events.

To find out more about Jim's experience as a CHP Senior Volunteer, watch for his article in the next issue of the Main Rotor, coming this Summer.



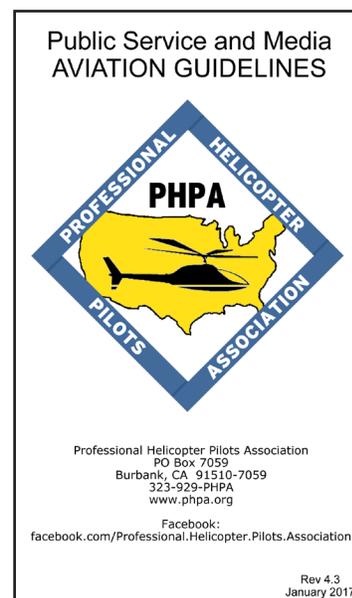
New PPHA Media Guide!

We have just published a revised edition of the PPHA Public Service and Media Aviation Guidelines.

It is a reference guide for pilots responding to events throughout SoCal such as police pursuits, fires, disasters or any other news worthy event. PPHA has been publishing the guide for many years and we recently conducted a revision process, resulting in Rev.4.3.

Designed as a tool to increase situational awareness for pilots on scene, all pilots and operators are encouraged to download the guide, especially media, public use, fire and EMS pilots.

Two print versions are available; one for your kneeboard, and one for the office. You can download either one or both at: **PPHA.org**.



Have something to share? Send your story along with a pic to: info@phpa.org

President's Message

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information such as TFR's to our members. We provide a website (phpa.org) that provides valuable information to helicopter operators and pilots. Our newsletter provides updates about our organization, our industry, and our individual members. Our safety seminars and pilot briefings allow pilots to gain valuable knowledge from top leaders in our industry. We support local helicopter events such as Wings, Wheels, and Rotors as well as the American Heroes Airshow.

We sponsor student pilots such as

the Aviation Explorers. The PHPA publishes safety materials like the Public Service and Media Aviation Guidelines booklet, as well as host an annual Fire Service Briefing. Finally, The PHPA provides a great networking opportunity with other aviation professionals in YOUR community as well as hosting social events such as our upcoming annual meeting.

I continue to be honored and humbled to serve as your President. Please feel free to reach out to me any time at: Morrie. zager@phpa.org

Why Join the PHPA?

PHPA regularly distributes emails that contain important information to our members.

PHPA provides this website (phpa.org) provides valuable information to helicopter operators.

PHPA "Main Rotor" quarterly newsletters provide updates about our organization, our industry and our members and local operators.

PHPA Safety Seminars allow members to gain valuable knowledge from some of the top leaders in our industry.

PHPA "Helicopter Awareness Day" events are now held in collaboration with other



local helicopter air shows and events including the American Heroes Air Show and Wings, Wheels & Rotors.

PHPA works in conjunction with public service operators to publish safety materials (including our Public Service & Media Aviation Guidelines booklet) and offer hosted events (including our annual Fire Service Briefing) where private operators can meet the firefighting and law enforcement aviation professionals and get updated information about the requirements of flying near their incidents.

PHPA provides a great opportunity to network with other aviation professionals in your community.

By paying your Annual Membership Dues, you give us the financial foundation that allows us to continue fighting unfair or restrictive government regulations, protecting our heliports, promoting aviation safety and educating pilots, working together with the public, and securing a healthy future for our industry.

To join, fill out the Membership Application on Page 12.

Mail your completed application and payment to:

PHPA, PO Box 7059, Burbank, CA 91510-7059



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

RECEIVED BY:
OFFICE USE ONLY

PART A — MEMBERSHIP TYPE

- REGULAR PILOT (\$45)
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$45)
- STUDENT PILOT (\$25)
- CORPORATE MEMBER (\$275)

COMPANY / AGENCY NAME

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STUDENT MEMBERS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE RECLASSIFIED AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE BILLING CYCLE

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