

Meet your Airport Staff

Jan Kyle—Airport Tennant

When you go into the Airport Administration Building, at the Minden-Tahoe Airport, probably the first thing you'll see is Cathie's, the Office Manager, smiling face.

Although she has only been at the airport for a few months, she is learning the aviation aspect and language, which she finds fascinating.

Depending upon what brought you to the airport, Cathie can direct you. Should you be looking for in-office help, that would either be Airport Manager Bobbi Thompson or Airport Operation Specialist Chris Johnson. If you're seeking help with outside issues, she would send you to Gary Carsten, Dave Thompson or "Mountain" Mike Harbison.

Ms. Thompson has been in aviation for over 40 years and owns several FBOs in Florida and Georgia. Her mission for the airport is to continue supporting the businesses and tenants at the airport, improve safety and just make it fun to fly again.

Mr. Johnson in part, is in charge of that fun, currently working on the upcoming airshow scheduled for August 27th & 28th. Mr. Johnson was raised in aviation and has set his goal for the airport to encourage its sense of community and to also get the communities of Minden and Gardnerville involved.

As 'jacks-of-all' trades, just look for the waving checkered flags and any of the three fellows rolling about in the Op's trucks can help you or send you in the right direction. All of them have been around a while and can probably answer any question you have from flying to gliding and back.



AVIATION EDUCATION DAY

We would like to extend a very special thank you to the following people for their support on the 2011 Aviation Education Day:

- Linda Mae Draper-Hivert for her coordination and support.
- Al Gangwish and Hutt Aviation for donating their hangar and ramp space, and providing a Hughes 500 helicopter and an L-39 jet.
- John "Bumper" Morgan and Thumper for donating their glider and Husky for display.
- Our friends at Pantechnicon for donating their Beavers, Dakota, and Mallard for display.
- Laurie Harden and Soaring NV for donating a display glider. The East Fork Fire & Paramedics district for sending over their fire engine and EMS truck.
- The Army National Guard for providing not just a Blackhawk helicopter, but a "jungle gym" for the kids to climb through and on.
- The 99s for giving the kids interesting and educational experiments that taught the kids about airplanes and how they work.
- Brad Spires, Squadron Commander of the local Civil Air Patrol, for providing a Cessna 182 display.
- The Challenger Learning Center of Nevada for setting up their inflatable dome and providing shows for the kids.
- Mike Moore for his rocket experiment, the kids were thrilled with launching rockets throughout the entire day.

As you can see in the following pictures, we had between 275 to 300 kids attend, and the event was a great success. The children of Jacks Valley ES, Gardnerville ES, and Scarselli ES all had a very good time, and that is because of the efforts of all of our volunteers. We, in airport administration are very happy that we were able to provide such a great outreach to the kids of Douglas County.

2nd ANNUAL AVIATION EDUCATION DAY



Minden Soaring Club Resurrected

Tip Russell-President

An initiative spurred by meetings held in January and March of this year has culminated in the "reorganization" of the Minden Soaring Club, Inc. (MSC). MSC has existed as a SOI(c)(3) non-profit corporation since 1999, but has been quiet for the past several years. During the March meeting held in Soaring NV's hanger, a new Board of Trustees was elected, and this Board selected new officers. The new officers and board members include Tip Russell-President, Don Marshall-Vice President, Linda Mae Draper-Secretary, Reba Coombs-Treasurer, Fred LaSor-Trustee, John "Bumper" Morgan-Trustee, and Miriano Ravazzolo-Trustee.

The impetus for MSC's revitalization stems from encouragement provided by Laurie Harden and Fred LaSor of Soaring NV, and the support of the Minden-Tahoe Airport manager, Bobbi Thompson. We also owe Mr. Bob Semans a special debt of gratitude for sharing his time, experience, and insights in helping reconstitute MSC.



Our organization's mission is to promote recognition of Minden, NV and its soaring infrastructure as a world-class soaring center, provide education enhancing pilot safety and proficiency, promote the sport of soaring through events and seminars, serve as a beacon to encourage others to become active members in the soaring community both as pilots and non-flying advocates, and also serve to promote our community and the splendor of our area.

The club has set several priorities meant to help it reestablish itself as a presence in the Minden soaring/ aviation community. These include reinvigorating the membership base, sponsoring and/or hosting soaring events, hosting/co-hosting social events that promote safety, education, and community, as well as reaching out to all soaring pilots within our region, nationally, and internationally. To that end, we would like to invite everyone to the Soaring NV/ Minden Soaring Club Memorial Day Weekend BBQ scheduled for Sunday, May 29, 2011. It will kick *off* at about 5 pm, or whenever soaring ends for the day. Additionally, we are planning a "Fun Run" soaring event to be held this summer. We will be announcing the details of this competition in the next couple of weeks. It should also be noted we are in the early stages of putting together a bid for a sanctioned event to be hosted here in Minden in 2012.



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Understanding our organization is not an island unto itself, MSC recognizes its success depends on many factors, one of which is its collaboration with other organizations, businesses, airport management, and the Douglas County Commission. We believe our effort to rebuild the Minden Soaring Club fits nicely with efforts by airport management, the Douglas County Commissioners, and private individuals to make Minden a center for sport aviation education and activities. As such, MSC is enthusiastically supportive of plans to develop the east side of the airport with the soaring community in mind.

We would like to encourage everyone who supported us in the past to renew your membership. If you have never been a member, we would like to invite you to become a part of the reinvigorated Minden Soaring Club. A membership remains a bargain at just \$20.00 per year for a regular membership, and \$10.00 per year for a youth membership. Additional membership options will be announced in the near future, so keep an eye out for the news. You can get a membership form by calling Reba Coombs at (775) 883-6187, by sending a request for a form to P.O. Box 361, Minden, NV 89423, by stopping by the Minden-Tahoe Airport Office and picking one up there, or by sending an email requesting one to cddncr59@wavecable.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Upcoming Airport Events

*Minden Soaring Club BBQ
May 29th*

*CAP Cadet Glider Flight Academy
June 24th—July 3rd*

*Boys & Girls Club BBQ
August 20th, 2pm-10pm
Hutt Aviation Hangar*

*Aviation Roundup Airshow
August 27th & 28th
www.aviationroundup.com*

Airport Advisory Committee

Next Meeting Dates
May 12
July 13
September 14
Public Welcome



**1146 Airport Road
Minden, NV 89423
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FAA Finalizes Recurrent Aircraft Registration Rule

In an effort to create a more accurate aircraft registration database, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is requiring re-registration of all civil aircraft over the next three years and renewal every three years after that. The final rule can be found at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-17572.htm>

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