CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES

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STOCKTON AIRPORT, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

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12 May 1947

Mr. William C. Tanner
Oxnard-Ventura County Airport
Oxnard, California

Dear Mr. Tanner:

A California Association of Airport Executives was formed at Stockton Field May the 5th, 1947.

The charter members are as follows:

1. Woodruff De Silva, Los Angeles Municipal
2. Donald B. Smith, Sacramento Municipal
3. Edward Moore, Tulare Municipal
4. Joe A. Morris, Ventura County Airport, Oxnard
5. James W. Riney, Cheim Field, Marysville
6. J. B. Douglass, Modesto Municipal
7. Ed Nichols, Merced Municipal
8. Raymond Rudisill, Hayward Municipal
9. William C. Tanner, Oxnard-Ventura County Airport. (Asst. Manager)
10. Fred J. Kane, Monterey Peninsula Airport Dist.
11. Cecil C. Meadows, Kern County Airports, Bakersfield, California
12. Gordon McKinney, San Diego Municipal
13. Richard A. Harding, Santa Barbara Municipal
14. Glen L. Arbogast, Long Beach Municipal
15. W. H. Nichols, Orange County Airport
16. L. B. Apperson, Stockton Field, Stockton, Calif.
17. C. M. Shy, Stockton Field, Asst. Manager
18. Mr. Johnson, Chandler Field, Fresno, Calif.
19. Mary B. Nelson, Palm Springs Airport, Palm Springs

Don Smith, Sacramento Municipal Airport Manager was elected temporary chairman and L. B. Apperson as temporary Secretary. Cecil Meadows, Don Smith and Lee Apperson were appointed to

draw up a charter for presentation at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Kern County Airport, Bakersfield, California, June 27th, Friday, at 10 o'clock.

The agenda will consist of discussions on the following:

Rates & Charges
Field Regulations
Maintenance
Wage Structure
Insurance
Revenue Sources
Standardization of Traffic Patterns and Altitudes

Tell everyone about the new association and lets make it a 100% membership. Remember the next meeting June 27th, 10 o'clock at Bakersfield.

Very truly yours,

L. B. APPERSON, JR.
Temp. Secretary

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Marvin — Do you think this style is OK or just plain lousy. C.

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Office of Secretary-Treasurer
Kern County Airport
Route 1, Box 304
Bakersfield, California

GREETINGS FELLOW C.A. of A.E.:

President Don Smith announces the next statewide meeting of the C.A. of A.E., to be held at the Wilton Hotel, Long Beach 2, California, on Friday and Saturday, November 14, and 15, 1947. Vice-President Glenn Arbogast, representing the host city of Long Beach, extends an invitation to C.A. of A.E., to join in the "Wings over the Nation" program, which begins Thursday, November 13th, at noon at Long Beach Municipal Airport and includes cocktail party and dinner, Thursday evening. Vanqueros Roundup Breakfast and Lions Club luncheon, Friday. Sailing and Fishing Saturday, with dinner dance in the evening. Breakfast, Long Beach Municipal Airport Sunday.

But here gentlemen is the meat for C.A. of A.E., not an airport executive among you who does not have a multitude of unsolved problems. It is conceded by the officers of your organization that no panacea exists for the solution, although outsiders might help. No one is better qualified to solve your problems than you yourself and your fellow airport manager, who is in daily contact with the hard raw facts of endeavoring to please the flying public, the operators, the general public, the taxpayers, his employers, and in the evening is called out to get the water out of a contact light, to get an acquaintance on the airline, and too frequently, to get punched in the nose because some private plane owner got his wing tip damaged in the big hangar. Next morning an operator demands a long term lease and five minutes after the janitor quits, Hangar #2 calls and says their toilet is stopped up. A voice on the phone hysterically announces an airplane diving at her house, and can't we do something to stop it. The morning mail brings a request for a copy of your rates and regulations, also a letter from C.A.A. telling you, you must take over the expense and operation of their tetrahedron under their supervision. A letter from C.A.B. that they are contemplating requiring you to install an approved lighted windsock at each end of every runway before airlines will be permitted to take-off. 10 tickets to the African Baptist Church dinner. W.A.A. says the R.F.C. bought that nice surplus hangar you had in the bag cheap. The power goes off. A water main breaks, and a drunk falls through the cafe window. The airlines want more light on their loading ramp, an extension of the concrete ramp itself, etc., etc.

The President has proclaimed this a corporation meeting, closed to all except bonafide airport managers.

Notice is given that at the close of business on Saturday, November 15, 1947, the Charter Membership of the California Association of Airport Executives will officially come to an end.

Meeting opens 9:00 A.M., in the Empire Room of the Wilton Hotel on Friday, November 14, 1947.

Bring copies of your printed rates and regulations.

Be prepared to voice your opinion and vote on the principle of the following:

A. Shall C.A. of A.E. establish a standard basis for Charges, Regulations, Leases? computing & preparation of YES

B. Shall C.A. of A.E. adopt and carry out C.A.A's. standard for air marking their respective airports, including segmented circles? YES ✓

C. Shall C.A. of A.E. adopt common field courtesy and operating policy? YES

D. Shall C.A. of A.E. approve C.A.B's. proposal to install approved lighted windsocks at each end of runways used by airlines? NO ✓ ~~Yes~~ ~~subject to discussion~~

E. Many of us are staunch members of the American Association of Airport Executives. Shall C.A. of A.E. affiliate in any way? ? OPEN TO YES

F. Plus your own ideas and problems.

If we get this done in two days, we will be doing well. In four months the C.A. of A.E. has become the greatest state organization of its kind in the country, facts and detail at the meeting.

See you at Daugherty Field at noon, Thursday. Make your own reservations.

Cordially yours,

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES

DON SMITH, President
By Cecil C. Meadows, Sec.-Treas.

September 1947

Dear Fellow Airport Manager:

The California Association of Airport Executives, recently organized, are holding their next meeting at Hancock Field, U.S.C. College of Aeronautics, Santa Maria, California. President Don Smith of Sacramento, announces that the meeting will convene at 2:00 P.M., in Classroom #4, on Monday, August 18, 1947.

Classroom #4 is the same room in which U.S.C. will hold the Short Course for Airport Managers and Owners starting with the opening banquet at 7:00 P.M. that evening. This program is well planned and the speakers should be able to offer something of value. You are invited, and in fact, the whole thing is for you. There are a group of mighty fine people at Hancock Field and by all means make every effort to attend the four days, from August 18th to 21st, inclusive.

The Governor has signed AB 2684, which becomes law within the next 90 days. This Bill creates a five-man Commission and a California State Director of Aeronautics. Everyone of you Airport Managers, both large and small will be vitally effected by the Bill. The Commission can be a great force in the development of aviation in the State, it can also conceivably develop into a less helpful group. The Governor will select able men, but you and I and all the rest of the people in the industry for our own protection and for the particular benefit of the Airports must show our interest by voicing our united opinion.

The C.A. of A.E. is your organization. If you are in charge of a publicly owned airport you qualify for membership. Managers of some of the largest and some of the smallest airports in the State have already joined. Paid up members extend from Chico on the north to San Diego, and from the coast to the desert on the east. Because our mailing list has not been complete, the Directors of C.A. of A.E. are purposely holding the Charter open. This means you can still become a Charter Member. The Initiation Fee is $5.00 and the Annual Dues are $10.00.

The C.A. of A.E. needs your help, if you can't name twenty-five (25) publicly owned airport managers in this state in two minutes, some of those boys whom you don't know might be able to help you solve some of your problems. They would, we know, like to meet you.

This letter is going to every publicly owned airport in this State of which we have knowledge. We hope you that you will give it consideration and that your reaction will be favorable. You are invited to become a Charter Member of an organization that will be representative of the Airport Managers of this State for all time to come.

Hope to see you at Santa Maria on August 18th.

Cordially,

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES

Cecil C. Meadows, Sec.-Treas.

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Office of Secretary-Treasurer
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Bakersfield, California

GREETINGS C.A. OF A.E. MEMBERS:

The Short Course for Airport Managers and Owners at Hancock Field, U.S.C., Santa Maria, has come and gone. There were in attendance approximately 26 Municipal and 22 Private Airport Managers from California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. 22 C.A.A. representatives from all over the U.S.A. Host of airport equipment and petrol salesmen and a sprinkling of chamber of commerce and curious observers.

The writer's experience with such affairs gives U.S.C. top rating. This was unquestionably the most educational of all such courses, and the eagerness observed on the attentive faces of some of the younger airport managers was sensational. Imported talent added mystery of the foreign, but our local boys who were permitted on the program, kept the west out in front. CONGRATULATIONS U.S.C.

Business conducted by C.A. of A.E. President Don Smith was seriously ill. Frank Bishop presided. Mike Doolin, David Fleet and Cecil Meadows were recommended to the Governor for appointment as members of the new Aeronautics Commission. The Board of Directors were authorized to incorporate the C.A. of A.E.

Marvin Sturgeon was appointed to study the problem of where to locate and how to mark wind indicators, so itinerant pilots can find them. Sectional Meetings were discussed and will be forthcoming.

Woody DeSilva enlightened us as to what a few fool fliers were bringing to all the thousands of Los Angeles County pilots. Stringent local laws are being discussed, which will curtail private flying. Woody's theme could well have been, "Kill the damn-fool pilot before he kills someone else."

A cheerful telegram was sent to President Smith, wishing him earl recovery to health.

The Charter will be held open for another short period to enable those who desire to do so, to send in their $15.00 and become a charter member of the organization, which will represent the Airports of California, for all time to come. The paid up membership now numbers 23, with purchase orders received from several others. Financial report $299.90 in the bank as of August 18, 1947, with all bills paid.

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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AIRPORT EXECUTIVES

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Cecil C. Meadows, Sec.-Treas.

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Marvin:
Sure wish you would tell me how you run your airport with all your personnel attending school at Santa Maria? C