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It has been a year since our Sports Aviation Foundation's official "kick off" and first fundraiser. A lot has happened this last year, thanks to our dedicated Board of Trustees, members, and faithful volunteers.

We are very excited that, as a result of the Community Visioning Workshops, the Soaring Center is now number 2 on Douglas County's list of Tourism Destinations.

In addition to very well attended membership dinner with a noted speaker this past January, here are a few of the accomplishments over the past year:

East side development: Planning is well underway with \$975,000 in Airport reserves set aside and more funds coming in July; bids are currently being accepted for utilities.

Non-profit status: Applied for 501(c)3 IRS nonprofit status; set up bank account; produced Bylaws and structure for Board of Trustees.

Presentations to community: Douglas County's Economic Vitality Workshop; Showcases; MTA Airport Advisory Committee; Sertoma; Kiwanis; the Good Governance Group; Wave Camps; Open Class National Soaring Championships.

Sponsored Events: Youth Aviation Adventure program - brought 30 young people from around the area to the Minden-Tahoe airport to learn about aviation; Aviation Adventure Days program - brought 475 6th Graders from Douglas County schools to the airport to learn about airplanes, gliders, helicopters and airport operations. With the help of a grant from the Wolf Aviation Fund we were able to pay for the bus transportation for this program.



Our near future plans include:

Glider display and raffle: Carson Airport Open House, Carson City Airport - June 15

Presentation: Touring Motor Glider Fly In, Minden-Tahoe Airport - July 25-28, 2013.

Sponsored Event: Second Youth Aviation Adventure program, Minden-Tahoe Airport-August 23, 2013; SAF plans on hosting 100 young people this year.

SAF Fundraiser: Minden-Tahoe Airport's Annual Round Up and Fly-in, Minden-Tahoe Airport - October 5, 2013.

SAF Exhibit Booth: 2014 Soaring Society of America Convention, Reno Convention Center- February 27 – March 1, 2014.

18 Meter National Soaring Championships: Minden-Tahoe Airport – June 10-19, 2014. The Sports Aviation Foundation will be involved with planning and operations.

Now, that a full year of a very active organization has passed, it is time to renew memberships and solicit donations in order to grow the organization and carry on with our great plans for the International Soaring Complex; Heritage Museum and Memorial Garden; and Annual Aviation Roundup in October.

Your membership is very important and we know you want to continue to be a part of these exciting projects.

Please fill out the Membership Application on the back of the enclosed new brochure and return it, with your renewal check, in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Additional donations are gratefully accepted in lieu of another fundraiser at this time.

There are still a couple of openings for Board of Trustee positions and we are also looking for volunteers who can help with board minutes, fund raising and membership tracking. Contact Linda through the SAF website if you are interested in any of these positions.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support!

Best regards,

Sports Aviation Foundation Board of Trustees

P.S. Don't forget to plan on coming to the Annual Aviation Roundup at the Minden-Tahoe Airport on October 5th.