

International Fellowship of Flying Rotarian - SW Americas Section

FLABOB AIRPORT FUN FLY-IN (KRIR) or drive in. THE LITTLE AIRPORT THAT TIME FORGOT

Saturday, September 21st, 2019 11:00 am - on. Make it a weekend.

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT STILL RULE HERE:

For anyone who has not flown into this amazing small public-use airport you are in for a great surprise not only in the air and but on the ground.

There are some very good videos of various aircraft landing at Flabob Airport to give you a good idea. The airport has carved out a reputation as a place for vintage airplane enthusiasts.

Located 3 nautical miles Northwest of the central business district of Riverside, Flabob is nestled in the Jurupa Valley between the Santa Ana River and the Santa Ana Mountains. Slightly overshadowed by nearby Riverside Municipal Airport (KRAL) Flabob Airport was originally founded in 1925 and is one of California's continuously operated airports. Named after Flavio Madariaga and his aeronautical engineer partner Bob Bogen, this little airstrip, in 1943, was named Flabob Airport.

The airport is home to **EAA Chapter One** founded by pioneering aircraft designer Ray Stits. The **Tom Wathen Foundation** bought the airport in 2000 saving it from going under and restoring existing structures and upgrading the runway and taxiways. The Foundation is dedicated to preserving the history of Flabob and encouraging new involvement in aviation. Thousands of Young Eagles have taken flight from this airport and still do twice a month.

Starting at 11:00 am Hangar doors will be opened for our IFFR to tour.

The Flabob Express - a classic 1940's DC-3 which continues to fly at airshows and give scenic flights, I have been assured by the Airport Manager, Beth Larock that the aircraft will be back home from Normandy, France for our fly-in. **For any of you who would like to put some DC-3 time in your logbook the Flabob Express gives "DC-3 personal flight experiences"**

The Flabob Airport Cafe is a precious gem which was the original cookhouse of the NCO Club at Camp Haan - Flavio and Bob bought it for \$1.00 and dragged it from March Field now known as March Air Reserve Base. **Going to be a great place for lunch - 1:00pm** and hopefully we will be joined by Beth.

As a note Beth has informed me that the **Historic AIAA** will be moving in soon.

The Wright Project will be in full swing allowing us to tour.

More details to follow. Fly safe, Fly sane. **See you there** - Penelope - Section Leader.

