

CROSSWINDS

The Official Newsletter of the Fallbrook Community Airpark

WELCOME TO OUR HOUSE As we did last year, we will devote this issue of crosswinds to our recent Open House, held in conjunction with the annual Fallbrook Avocado Festival. This year, on April 22nd, we hosted over 2,100 visitors. And we need to thank our County staff ... Sunny Barrett, Mike Carson, Peggy Fernandez, George Kalin, Bill Polick and Dave Turosak ... who did such an outstanding job all day long. **COPTER 12** As usual, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department put on a great show with their water drops and tours of an additional helicopter (an ASTREA unit) and their crew quarters. They were a big hit with everyone, especially the kids. **LOOKED REAL TO US** The radio controlled pilots from Palomar RC Flyers always show up and put on a great demonstration of their talents. You can't tell them from the real thing once they're up in the air and under the control of these talented operators. **JUST LIKE THE REAL DEAL** Ron Montoya's flight Simulator was non-stop all day long. Dozens and dozens of people, young and old, took the controls of an aircraft while never leaving the ground. It was a very lifelike experience for everyone who tried it. **HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT** Mercy Air put on a fantastic static display of their helicopter ambulance. They were then pressed into action twice at the Open House. First airlifting a heart attack victim from downtown to a nearby trauma center, and then later a child was injured at the Festival, brought to the airport by ambulance and lifted off to another hospital. So we got to tour their ship and see them in action as they went to work right in front of us. **BACK IN THE DAY** When the Model A Club of America's Temecula chapter showed up with



The Sheriff's Copter 12 put on a great show for everyone with their dramatic water drops.



Mercy Air breaks from their display and goes to work, transporting an injured child from the Avocado Festival.

their beautifully restored cars and the members dressed in the period, it gave us a little something for everyone. Next year we hope to have them joined by some of the other San Diego area chapters. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** Bill Polick, who serves as the Public Information Officer for the



The Temecula Valley Model A Club was a big hit with their beautifully restored antiques.

San Diego County Department of Public Works, brought his information booth full of great pictures and informational pieces showing how this unit of County government serves our communities. **THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR** Finally, we couldn't have done it without the Friends of Fallbrook Community Airpark, who were the first ones there and served some great food all day long.

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