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## San Francisco Bay area pilots demonstrate superb flight planning

**BEND, OR, June 22, 2013** – Early summer weather in Northern California presented almost perfect flying conditions for 27 airplanes competing in the 49th annual Hayward Air Rally. The longest continually-held flying event of this type in North America, this proficiency challenge offers aviators the opportunity to demonstrate their airmanship skills of fuel planning and cross-country flight without the use of advanced navigation equipment.

The actual rally course was announced the day prior to the event. This year's course was two legs, each approximately 250 nautical miles. The first leg was from Hayward (HWD) to Redding, CA (RDD). The second leg extended from Redding to Bend, OR (BDN). Each rally leg contained multiple checkpoints, which were required to be visually identified by the flight crews. Prior to departure from Hayward, each pilot turned in estimates of their enroute flight times and fuel consumption for each of the two legs. This was the Air Rally's fifth visit to Oregon.

Traditionally flown without the use of GPS, DME, RNAV or digital fuel flow displays, flight teams are scored on their ability to precisely predict flight times and fuel consumption enroute to the two required landing points. Flight crews are scored on a combination of identifying check points, matching predicted time (to the second) and matching predicted fuel usage (to the tenth of a gallon). The lowest score wins. Penalty points are accumulated for incorrectly identifying checkpoints, as well as deviating from time enroute and fuel estimates. Rally rules allow pilots with advanced-technology cockpits to also compete and be ranked fairly against those with traditional equipment.

The winners of the event this year are David Hindi of Morgan Hill, CA and Jeff Zalewski of San Francisco, CA flying a Cessna 172. With just over 5.5 hours total flight time, their results included a mere six seconds of composite time error, and a fuel error of only 0.33 gallons over the route. This crew continues their excellence in the event, with seven top-five finishes in the last eight years, and their second overall win.

Rally proceeds this year funded four scholarships for California young adults to the EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI, to include tuition and roundtrip airfare. Recipients of the scholarships are Luis Fernando Mendez of James Logan High School in Union City; Lacey Peddicord of Foothill High School in Palo Cedro; Adam Sciupac of Lynnbrook High School in San Jose; and Kathryn Smith of Mission San Jose High School in Fremont.

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1148 in Corning CA; EAA Chapter 157 in Redding CA; and EAA Chapter 495 in Roseburg OR made significant donations to support the scholarship project. These scholarships were also supported by the Alameda County and Mount Shasta chapters of the 99s, the International Association of Women Pilots.

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Corporate sponsors of the rally include 123west Software, Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Ascend Development HWD LLC, Brightline Bags, David Clark Company, Flight Guide, the City of Hayward, Jeppesen, Lagunitas Brewing Company, Professional Air, QUALCOMM, Redding Municipal Airport, Redding Jet Center, and Suburban Air Corporation.

About the Hayward Air Rally: The annual event is staged by the Hayward Air Rally, Inc., a not-for profit California public benefit corporation and charitable organization with IRS 501(c3) status. Originally conceived by the City of Hayward's Mayor in 1964, the Air Rally's primary charter is to enhance general aviation safety by encouraging aircraft pilots to stay proficient in basic flight and fuel management techniques. **A special 50th annual Hayward Air Rally is planned for July, 2014 originating in Hayward, CA with a final destination of EAA Airventure at Oshkosh, WI.** For more information about the Air Rally, visit the event web site [www.hwdairrally.org](http://www.hwdairrally.org) A complete scoring and awards recap, and details about the 2014 event, can be found on the web site.

About the Experimental Aircraft Association: The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) was founded in 1953 in Milwaukee, WI as a local club for those who built and restored their own aircraft. It quickly grew to include anyone who enjoys flying for recreation and welcomes all aviation enthusiasts to participate. Today, EAA is a non-profit 501(c3) that includes 160,000 members in more than 100 countries. EAA has chartered approximately 1,000 local chapters worldwide, which promote local aviation activities in their communities and regions. EAA's mission is dedicated to providing aviation access to all who wish to participate. EAA is committed to preserving aviation history and heritage, and helping to prepare future generations of aviators. For more information about the EAA Air Academy call (888) 322-3229 or visit [www.eaa.org/airacademy](http://www.eaa.org/airacademy)

About The Ninety-Nines, Inc.: The International Association of Women Pilots (99s) is a non-profit organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support, and preserves the unique history of women in aviation through the 99s Museum of Women Pilots and the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. For more information visit [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org)

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