



Los Médicos Voladores  
Gold Country Chapter  
February 2009  
Newsletter

**Gold Country Chapter Meeting  
Date: February 5**

**Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m.  
General Meeting: 7:00 p.m.  
Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital  
11815 Education Street  
Auburn, CA  
Conference Room A**

**In Memoriam**

Dan Steward, Paddy Cooper's partner, passed away in December. Paddy has provided us with the following information regarding a Celebration of Life Ceremony.

On Saturday, January 31st at 3:00 PM, we will celebrate the life of Dan Steward, Paddy Cooper's partner. Please park in the parking lot behind the Veteran's Hall on 255 S. Auburn, Grass Valley. There will be a military honor guard to acknowledge his service to our country as a Navy Pilot. We will walk from there to the church. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Thank you.  
*Paddy*

**February 2009 Meeting  
Speaker Ed Weiss**

Come to the February meeting and hear about the LMV Dominican Republic. Not only do you get to hear about the LMV work there, you will also get a chance to see the country, the clinics, and the people, because Ed will be showing his video of the trip.

**Dues are Due**

Inside this edition of the newsletter are a renewal form and general waiver to use when sending in your \$45 annual dues. Please remit as soon as possible, along with your waiver for the upcoming year. Thanks!

*Barbara Gerletti-Weiss*  
Membership Chair

## Upcoming Trips

On behalf of the new Trip Coordinating Committee, Judi Foy reported that the following trips are planned for 2009:

1. Oasis – March 20-22 at Desert Mirage High School
2. April 16-19 – to Sonora, Mexico
3. May 21-24 – to Baja

Judi also reported that this year the goal will be to send two planes in tandem six times a year to Mexico and to continue with the semi-annual trips to Oasis.

Our Trip Coordinating Committee is:

Judi Foy, General Coordinator, [judifoy@saber.net](mailto:judifoy@saber.net)  
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## Pilot's Corner

Bob Hecoeks reports that the Homeland Security Department is requiring that pilots file an electronic manifest for all flights across the border. To do this, much more information is required than before. Here is the information that each passenger must provide to the pilot:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	GENDER
City of Birth	State or Province of Birth	Country of Birth	Date of Birth*
Country of Residence	Country of Citizenship		
Permanent Address			
City	State	ZIP	Country
	Passport Number	Country of issuance	Expiration Date*

\* dates mm/dd/yyyy

## Corporate News

The next LMV Corporate Board meeting will be April 25, 2009, in Auburn.

## LMV Items for Sale

**T-shirts, scrubs, license plate holders, hats, mugs and cookbooks are for sale**

Contact Jane Hamilton. She will even arrange her schedule to meet you with your purchases. Give her a call or contact her via e-mail. Her phone number is 530-885-7839; e-mail is [janiehamilton@mindsync.com](mailto:janiehamilton@mindsync.com)

## Corporate Trip Coordinator's Report 2008

<i>MEXICO</i>	<i>OASIS</i>	<i>CENTRAL AMERICA</i>
Total number of planes sent to Mexico: 18	Total number of trips: 2	Total number of trips: 2
Total number of planes by chapter: South Bay 8 Gold Country 3 High Sierra 5 Reno 2		
Total number of specialists: Dentists (General) 6 Dentists (Ped's) 1 Dental Hygienists 1 Optometrists 3 -Readers Only 1 OB/GYN 1 Women's Clinic 3 Ear Nose Throat 1 Acupuncture 1	Services provided: medical, dental, optometry, chiropractic & physical therapy	Services provided: medical, dental and optometry
Total Number of patients served: over 1,200	Number of patients served: over 2,250	Number of patients served: over 2,600

**GRAND TOTAL NUMBER OF PATIENTS SERVED: over 6,000**

**Submitted by Judi Foy, Corporate Trip Coordinator**

### **Articles for *The Voluntary Traveler***

South Bay Member Adrian Fenderson has responsibility for Public Relations at LMV Corporate. He ran across Ms. Nola Kelsey who is the creator and content editor of *The Voluntary Traveler*. Adrian is soliciting articles for Ms. Kelsey's publication. Adrian thinks that the heartwarming stories we encounter when we visit Mexico or Central America are just the type of stories she's looking for.

If you are interested in submitting an article, please take a look at Ms. Kelsey's criteria and guidelines at [http://www.dogseyviewmedia.com/index\\_files/page0010.htm](http://www.dogseyviewmedia.com/index_files/page0010.htm) . Please note that not everything submitted can be published. If your article meets the guidelines, then forward your article to Adrian Fenderson at: [napadentist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:napadentist@sbcglobal.net)

### **Newsletter Editor Needed**

**LMV is looking for a new newsletter editor. If you are interested, please let one of the Board members know.**



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## **LMV Membership Renewal Application 2009**

Mail renewal application with a check for \$45 (tax deductible) and a general waiver to:  
LMV, P.O. Box 6467, Auburn, CA 95604

### **Member Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Home: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to:  
P.O. Box 6467, Auburn, CA 95604**



**LOS MÉDICOS VOLADORES**

**General Release of Liability**

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

1. Activities of Organization. Los Medicos Voladores, Inc, ("LMV") is a non-profit charitable corporation that provides medical, dental and optometric care for under-served areas in Mexico, California and Central America. Teams of medical volunteers travel to these areas, sometimes by private aircraft or automobile operated by members of the team, and sometimes by commercial transport. Each such trip is herein referred to as a "mission". All of LMV's services are provided by volunteers.

2. Description of Risk. I understand that participating in a Mission may involve flying in a private or commercial aircraft into international or uncontrolled airspace and unimproved airports. Such operations could entail, among other things, risk of grave bodily harm or death from pilot or other operational error, mechanical failure, negligent maintenance, range and altitude limitations of aircraft, defects in runways and unimproved landing strips and interference by wildlife, limited or non-existent air traffic control, limited or non-existent search and rescue, unfavorable weather, possibility of contaminated fuel, hostile environment or government activities, lack of security, or a combination of causes. I also understand that there are other risks associated with participating in a Mission, including, but not limited to, risk of contracting an illness, harm to property or person from any source or due to any reason at the Mission site or on the way to or from the Mission site.

3. No Representations or Warranties Being Made. LMV makes no representations or warranties regarding the qualifications, practices or condition of the volunteer pilots, aircraft, commercial scheduled aircraft or vehicles used in a Mission, nor of the drivers or vehicles operated by volunteers.

4. Release, Assumption of Risk, Agreement Not to Sue. I understand that in order for me to be able to participate in a mission, I must release LMV Inc, the Officers and individual members of LMV from all possibility of liability associated with that participation. I have read Section 2 above that outlines the risks associated with my participation and I, my spouse, my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, **HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS and AGREE NOT TO MAKE A CLAIM AGAINST OR SUE LMV and/or any of its employees, officers, directors, agents, members or volunteers FOR ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTY OR PARTIES OR OTHERWISE. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THOSE PERSONS**

**OR ENTITIES RELEASED FROM LIABILITY.** The only exception to the foregoing release is that, in the event of an accident or incident involving a private aircraft or vehicle, it is understood that the undersigned or his or her heirs may name the pilot of the aircraft or the driver of the vehicle and /or the aircraft/vehicle owner in a legal action, not for the purpose of seeking the individual's personal financial assets, but for the sole and only purpose of gaining access to possible liability insurance proceeds.

5. Complete Release Acknowledgement. I have carefully read this agreement. I understand that this is a complete release of liability and a promise not to sue or make a claim, except as noted above.

6. Date of Effectiveness. This release of Liability shall be effective from the date listed below and shall be effective for any Mission ever taken by the Member.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Spouse, or if unmarried, Dependent, or if no dependent, Witness)

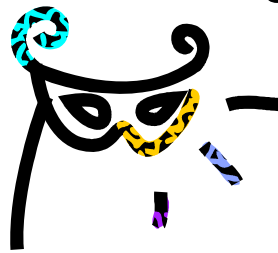
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(Print name of Member)

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(Print name of Spouse, Dependent or Witness)

*The Flying Doctors*  *Los Médicos*  
*Voladores*



*7th Annual Mardi Gras Party*



**King Cotton Dixieland Band**  
*Cajun Food Buffet*



**Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**6:00 - 11:00pm**

Elks Lodge, 195 Pine Street, Auburn

Donation: \$45 Each

Or

**Table for eight: \$330 (\$30 savings)**



For tickets or more information, call  
**Tom Palmer (530) 885 6635**  
Tickets also available at **Cherry Records,**  
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