



The Joshua Tree



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THE FIRST NAME IN AVIATION ASSET MANAGEMENT

When **Craig Garrick** took the podium this week, members quickly realized they were hearing from a true pioneer in aviation asset management. As President of ComAv, short for Commercial Aviation Service, Garrick oversees one of the most respected names in the aviation world, offering cutting-edge solutions in aircraft storage, maintenance, and asset management right here in the High Desert.



Garrick's journey into the skies began early. At just 17 years old, he earned his pilot's license and made headlines as the youngest licensed pilot in the United States. His professional career, however, began on the ground, in real estate, where he represented many clients in the aviation industry thanks to his deep knowledge of airplanes. That intersection between aviation and asset value sparked an idea that would change his life.

In 1998, Garrick identified a gap in how aircraft were handled when leases ended or defaults occurred. With

the staggering price of modern aircraft—a Boeing 777X costs \$435 million, and each engine alone runs about \$50,000, roughly the median cost of a High Desert home being \$435,000, banks and leasing companies face immense financial exposure. When an aircraft is returned or repossessed, its value hinges not just on the airframe itself, but also on a meticulous paper trail documenting every part and service. Without those records, Garrick noted, the plane becomes nearly worthless.

That's where ComAv stepped in. His business model was simple yet visionary: manage aviation assets comprehensively, not only in default, but also throughout their lifecycle, from storage and maintenance to end-of-life disassembly and value recovery. Garrick assumed leasing companies would be his biggest clients; surprisingly, one of his largest turned out to be Boeing's own leasing division.

Today, ComAv operates through two powerful divisions: ComAv Technical Services and ComAv Asset Management. The Technical Services branch provides aircraft and engine storage, preservation, transitional and heavy maintenance, and end-of-life airframe disassembly. Asset Management, on the other hand, focuses on maximizing the value of surplus assets,

This Week's Functionaries

Invocation:	Bill Edwards
Flag Salute:	Angel Espino
4-Way Test:	Brad Letner
Fine Master:	Ryan McEachron

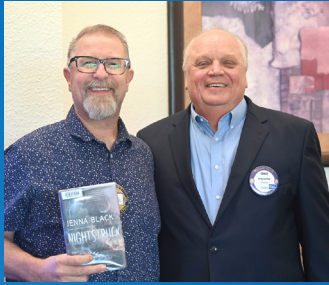
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BILL'S BANTER

Thank you to Craig Garrick from ComAV for taking time out of his busy schedule this

week to share the ins and outs of running his company over at the Southern California Logistics



Airport. It was great to hear so many tales of the airplane industry, both positive and negative.

Next week is one of our largest meetings of the year, the Teacher Mini-Grant program! I want to give a shout-out to Kirsten Acosta, Angel Espino and Margaret Cooker for their invaluable assistance preparing for a successful event! There are a few days left to donate, so please contact myself or Margaret if you can help! Finally, we will be in the big room and we want to fill it, so please mark your calendars to join us!

Our Board Meeting will be next week at ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency at 5:30pm. Thank you once again to Ryan McEachron for opening your business to us. If you are still trying to obtain your Blue Badge, attending a Board Meeting is once way to do that!

Bill Edwards

Craig Garrick...

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whether through selling components, leasing engines, or refurbishing parts for higher returns.

Garrick explained that in some cases, aircraft are more valuable for their parts than as flying machines. Engines are so prized that many leasing agreements now cover engines only, with the airframes later dismantled for resale—often when the planes are merely five or six years old.

With over 1,000 disassemblies completed and maintenance performed on thousands of aircraft, ComAv stands as a global leader in aircraft storage and disassembly. Its 250+ licensed mechanics average more than a decade of experience, and 85% of the workforce are permanent employees, not contractors, a rarity in the industry. The company's massive maintenance ramp space can handle 20 aircraft at once, alongside disassembly capacity for 12 more, all backed by \$500 million in insurance coverage and 24/7/365 AOG (Aircraft on Ground) support.

Among ComAv's top clients are Boeing and FedEx. Garrick shared that during peak shipping seasons, FedEx leases additional aircraft to keep up with demand, later storing or dismantling them through ComAv once the rush subsides. Beyond storage, ComAv also performs engine testing, parts refurbishment, and other specialized services, supported by 250 to 300 permanent employees at the Southern California Logistics Airport.

As Garrick concluded, he reminded Rotarians that while the High Desert may be best known for its open skies and wide horizons, it's also home to a company quietly shaping the future of aviation asset management worldwide.

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Big Blue Poker Chip



Jon Hove had the opportunity to draw the Blue Chip but picked green and saved it for another Rotarian. We will continue next week with 10 chips and \$300 for the lucky Rotarian who can draw the Blue Chip.

Spoon of Exemption



Chris Ackerman had his final time with the Spoon and shared quite a few items with Club members. First, Chris was proud to announce that his 6 year goal of providing advertising opportunities on VVTA buses became realty

this week, as ISU ARMAC and Ryan McEachron became their first advertiser. Secondly, he mentioned that the first Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus has arrived at Victor Valley Transit and will now go through a series of tests before being unveiled to the public. Look for a public event coming in December. Finally, Chris told everyone that he was purchasing a rental property in Cambria, CA, and will be used as a vacation rental for friends and family, Rotarians included!

It was then time to auction the Spoon for November. While the bidding opened at \$50, a bidding war then took place between Chandale Sutton from High Desert Pace and Angel Espino from Raymond James Financial. After a series of back and forth bids, Chandale took the Spoon for \$150!



Raffle

During this week's Raffle, Chris Ackerman donated a book, "Fiction Favorites" that will either be read by Dr. Derek King or placed into the Excelsior Student Library. Bryan Gillespie gave away a Rotary cutting board that will be used by Ackerman, and Chris also went home with one of the Club's 75th Anniversary gift bags.

Rotary Guests

This week we welcomed Don Kinnard to the meeting as a guest of Jon Hove, Chandale Sutton from High Desert Pace joined the meeting with Bill Edwards, while Stefanie Montoya was a stand-in for Bryan Gillespie.

Fine Session

Ryan McEachron was our Fine Master this week and began by asking Angel Espino if he thought airplanes were a good investment, which netted him a \$10 fine. Rob Kilpatrick was asked why he hasn't been at meetings lately. Rob let everyone know life has been a little crazy lately with the passing of a family member, so Bob Basen was asked to pay his \$10 penalty. Kirsten Acosta left the meeting with \$10 less in her wallet for having a successful Educational Summit at VVC, while Jon Hove paid the same, just "because".

Finally, Ryan gave himself a \$25 fine for "encouraging" Chris Ackerman on what to say with the "Spoon" (see opposite column).

Proposed Member

If you protest the admission of this member please respond in writing by 5 p.m. November 3 to President Bill Edwards.

Chandale Sutton

High Desert Pace

Position: Administration/Marketing

Sponsor: Bill Edwards

Corporate Membership: Prime Member

Classification: Health Care: Home



VICTORVILLE ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Board of Directors

President 2025-2027	Bill Edwards
President 2027 - 2028	Please be Interviewed
Immediate Past President/Club Service	Bryan Gillespie
Executive Secretary/Grants	Margaret Cooker
Treasurer	Please Volunteer
Youth Services/Ethics Essay	Please Volunteer
Foundation.....	Darron Poulsen
Club Service & Membership	Bryan Gillespie
International Service.....	Ben Tafoya
Youth Service	Ryan McEachron
Community Service	Arsalee Morales
Vocational Service	Angel Espino
Members-at-Large: Bob Basen, Ron Boyd, Steve Murray, Ron Boyd, Rob Kilpatrick	

Positions & Committee Chairs

BOD/PP Secretary.....	Pam Murray
Scholarships	Please Volunteer
Special Billing	Esther Mears (TBD)
Public Service Awards	Please Volunteer
Teacher Mini-Grants	Angel Espino
Special Projects.....	Rob Kilpatrick
Dan Stover Music Contest.....	Angel Espino
Joshua Tree Editor	Chris Ackerman
Read B4K	Brad Letner
Grants.....	Please Volunteer
Food Baskets.....	Bill Edwards
Interact (Junior Rotary).....	Please Volunteer
Programs	Mike Page
Fundraising	Stefanie Montoya
S.T.A.R. Students	Angel Espino
Club Learning Facilitator.....	Please Volunteer

The Victorville Rotary Club meets every Tuesday for fellowship
at 11:30 a.m. and meeting at 12:00 noon at the Bear Valley
Country Club, 13229 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville

Make-up Days and Locations

MONDAY:	San Bernardino East, Imperial Palace, noon
TUESDAY:	Rancho Cucamonga Sunrise, 7:15 a.m. Empire Lakes Golf Course Rancho Cucamonga, 12:00 p.m., Etiwanda Gardens
WEDNESDAY:	San Bernardino Crossroads, Hilton, noon, Barstow, DiNapoli's Firehouse, 1358 E Main St, Barstow, CA
THURSDAY:	Apple Valley, Rusty Bull, 13685 John Glenn Rd, Apple Valley, Noon. Ontario, 12:15 p.m., Doubletree Hotel San Bernardino, Denny's at I-15, 7 a.m. Redlands, Masonic Temple, noon
FRIDAY:	San Bernardino North, Elks Lodge, 12:05 p.m.

Calendar Dates

Nov 3 **Board of Directors Meeting**
5:30pm Board Meeting
ISU ARMAC Insurance Agency
17177 Yuma St., Victorville, CA 92395

Upcoming Programs

- Nov 4:** **TEACHER MINI-GRANTS**
- Nov 11:** **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM** (Letner)
- Nov 18** Chris and Jason Lamoreaux, Coldwell Banker Home Source **TOPIC "Real Estate Update"** (Page)

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