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Drone owners advised to learn about safety rules

The City of Redding is joining local representatives of the California Pilots Association and Experimental Aircraft Association in educating drone operators on the safe and legal operation of their craft.

Industry sources estimate that 1 million drones will be sold this holiday season. Their increasing numbers have pilots concerned about their proper use, especially where they may interfere with manned aircraft operations. Even a very small drone could cause a catastrophic accident, if it collides with an airplane.

Redding Airports Manager Bryant Garrett and Chapter 157 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) are joining Paul Osterman, Region One Director of the California Pilots Association, in helping educate drone owners about their proper use and restrictions in the Redding area.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which has sole jurisdiction over airspace in the United States, has issued guidelines for hobby and recreational use of unmanned aerial vehicles. These include flying no more than 400 feet high and not flying within five miles of an airport without contacting the airport operator and control tower before flying. As there are two airports in Redding, Redding Municipal Airport and Benton Airpark, this five-mile radius includes most of the cities of Redding and Anderson. **(Please see attached map.)**

A website, www.knowbeforeyoufly.org, is available with resources for drone owners. Also, there are several local radio control model aircraft clubs, with designated flying areas, that encourage drone operators to join them. They include the NorCal Flyers on Ash Creek Road east of Anderson, the Anderson River Park Flyers, and the Shasta Lake RCers in the City of Shasta Lake. These clubs are sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

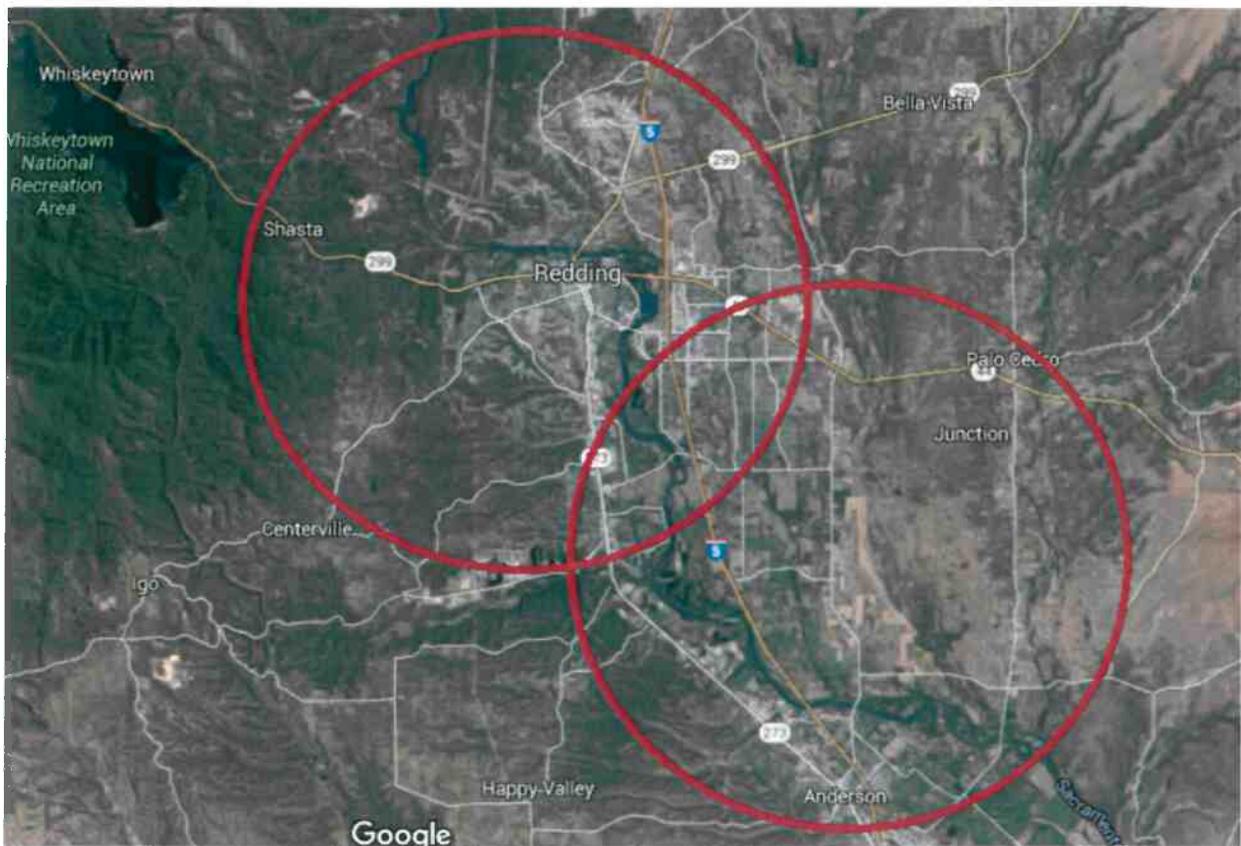


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- Bryant Garrett, City of Redding Airports Manager: (530) 224-4321
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Drone operators wishing to fly anywhere inside the circles below are required by FAA regulation to contact Redding Airport Management (530-224-4321) prior to any flight, as well as the Air Traffic Control Tower for flights within 5 miles of the Redding Airport.



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