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An article on the front page of the August 17 Trinity Journal reported how budget restrictions has allowed for only five deputies for Trinity County. Sheriff Lorrac Craig reported, "Downriver area never sees a deputy, the south rarely does and the north sees me". We should be grateful that Sheriff Craig is able to keep crime in our area "as status quo", but perhaps there is something more on a community level that could be done to help "fatten up" the county budget. Perhaps the empty buildings at the end of Airport Drive in Trinity Center deserve a second life. I hear it used to be a thriving business called the "Airporter" which featured a bar and restaurant as well as motel rooms. The business not only brought planes into our community where many of the occupants chose to spend the night in those rooms, but also spend money at the rest of local businesses as well as the Airporter's bar and restaurant. This created more jobs for the area, and the "Bed Tax" helped the county budget. Some of the residents of the North Forty area attended the "Fly-In's" held at the airport, and, after spending a few nights, fell in love with Trinity County and decided to buy or build here. It is a shame Trinity Center lost this business that added so much to the community.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Town Hall meeting with Congressman Wally Herger, (R-California) at the Weaverville Library at 3:00 pm Wednesday, August 24. While you are at it, mark your calendar for the annual Labor Day Fly-In BBQ and Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by the Lions club to be held on Sunday, September 4 from 12 pm to 4 pm.

After almost two weeks of calm with no calls to the TCVFD or CCVFD, it appears the dam burst. On 8/14/05 the CCVFD and TCVFD responded to a medical call at Mt. Meadows Resort for a bee sting patient with possible anaphylactic shock. TCSO dispatched REACH 5 air ambulance. A second helicopter was dispatched after TCSO reported there were possibly two or three other patients. It was subsequently determined there was only one patient who had already been successfully transported via REACH 5. 8/16/05, a medical call for an elderly female who had fallen a week ago, but had not sought medical aid at that time and was in considerable pain and abnormally high blood pressure. The patient was transferred by TCVFD to Trinity Center Swett Field for transfer to Mercy CHW by Mercy Helicopter. 8/18/05 TCVFD was dispatched to follow up with CCVFD to Coffee Creek Guest Ranch for a 12 year old boy who fell from a horse and injured his right leg. After the leg was splinted and stabilized, the patient was transported to MCMS. 8/18/05, a medical call on Derrick Flat Rd for a 67 year old female who had fallen and fractured her right hand and right ankle from a fall while crossing a dry creek bed. Patient was splinted and stabilized for transport to USFS Coffee Creek LZ to meet Mercy H-1 for transfer to Mercy CHW Redding. ALS on-scene administered morphine drip to reduce high patient pain level. 8/18/05, joint medical training with CCVFD at the CCVFD where they practiced O2 administration, helicopter use, various emergency protocols and procedures. Training session was interrupted by medical call to State Highway 3, Covington Mill for a 66 year old female who had fallen and fractured her left ankle and was experiencing pain in her right knee. Both legs where immobilized at fracture sites as well as above and below using vacuum splints. ALS administered pain RX via IV. The patient had already requested helicopter and was transferred to TC/Swett Field and transferred to REACH 5 for flight to SRMC Redding. 8/19/05, medical dispatched to Maude/Trinity Vista Dr, Trinity Center for a 76 year old female who was having chest pains and was in respiratory distress. ALS and BLS treatment were initiated, and Patient was transferred to TC/Swett Field and transferred to REACH 5 for flight to Mercy CHW Redding.