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11-10-57 Bonny Doon Airport Is Dedicated

A trim little Cessna 182 floated deftly down the long black runway amid the thick pine forests of the Empire Grade yesterday afternoon and Bonny Doon Village airport became an official reality.

The plane carried Clyde P. Barnett, California aeronautics commission director from Sacramento. In turn Barnett carried, snug in a brown leather case, an impressive framed certificate, accepting the airport into the CAC family.

He flew here for the dedication of the new landing field and resort type project, about 10 miles northwest of Santa Cruz along Empire Grade road. It is being promoted by M. H. Nichols, Bonny Doon realtor.

About 100 including public officials and aviation enthusiasts came to the dedication. Ten planes flew up to the 2000-foot high airport to add proper perspective to the ceremony.

For navigators — the airport is 122 degrees, seven minutes west longitude and 37 degrees, five minutes north latitude.

Nichols was presented his certificate by State Senator Donald L. Grunsky from Watsonville. Dave Owen, manager of the Santa Cruz chamber of commerce served as master of ceremonies for the short presentation.

Nichols said the runway was 2400 feet long running northwest to southeast.

When the project is complete it will be sort of a cozy little mountain top resort. An immediate project is to construct a swimming pool and a coffee shop here.

Future plans call for a number of cottages, each constructed in the architectural style of a different foreign country. Following this will be a restaurant and general store.

Land has been provided along the skirt of the airport for private dwellings. Nichols said they would be particularly suited for persons commuting from the bay area by plane. The whole project takes in some 40 acres.