

Fly-In made profit of \$40,000

This year's West Coast Antique Fly-In was a huge success, netting the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture \$20,000, according to Fly-In chairman Bob Buzzone.

Buzzone told the Chamber Monday that profits from this year's air show were up 30 percent over last year. In all, profits were \$40,000, as compared with slightly less than \$30,000 last year. The profits are split evenly between the co-sponsoring West Coast Antique Airplane Association and the Chamber.

Buzzone, who will continue as chairman next year, attributed the success to good weather and an effective advertising campaign.

He said, however, that the popularity of the event created a slight

problem with crowd control, and he said next year the show will have to hire uniformed security guards to help contain the crowds.

In another matter, Andy Gulerovich of the Yugoslav-American Cultural Organization said he is willing to head up this year's Apple Annual event, but added that he will need a co-chairman. Although not suggesting this year's October 10 and 11 event be scrapped, several people said the chamber should contemplate dropping the event in future years because local businesses — especially growers — have failed to show any interest in the festival.

In other business at Monday's Chamber meeting:

— Pat Pirtle was named "Citizen of the Month" for her work in

coordinating this year's Fourth of July parade. Upon accepting the honor, Mrs. Pirtle said she is willing to head up next year's Independence Day event.

— Manager John Harry said the Chamber would soon be starting a massive recruitment drive to boost membership. He said the goal is 100 new members.

— Bev Hart announced she will not coordinate this year's Singing Christmas Tree event. She said she has been unable to find anyone to replace her and warned the Chamber that if no one takes the responsibility, the yearly Christmas spectacle will die.

To that, Harry replied, "The next thing you know there won't be any Santa Claus."

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