



Flyers Energy
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Four Dwelle brothers are the partners of Flyers Energy: Tom, Steve, Walt and David. The brothers' maternal grandfather, Walter B. Allen, founded Beacon Oil Company exposing the brothers to the gasoline industry from childhood where they were raised in Visalia. Their pursuit of excellence in Flyers is only exceeded by their passion for aviation.

Prior to joining Flyers, Tom was an U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and with his sons has raced many times in the National Championship Air Races in Reno, Nevada. Steve was also a career U.S. Air Force pilot with such highlights as 198 combat missions in Vietnam, two years as a solo pilot for the Thunderbirds jet aerobatic team, and as commanding officer of a fighter squadron in the TOP GUN "Red Flag" program. Walt went into the U.S. Navy as a flight officer in Spain. David is a private fixed wing and helicopter pilot. Here is a picture of two of Tom and his sons WWII-era trainers-turned-race planes known as Tinkertoy and Kitchen Pass.



The company was founded in 1979 as Nella Oil (Allen spelled backwards) and the name was changed to Flyers Energy in 2011 to align with the Flyers brand and expansion into alternative energy sectors. From inception with the purchase of seven gas stations in the Sacramento area, the brothers decided to headquarter their business in Auburn. Brother David was a resident and served as the first company manager. Locating the corporate office at the Auburn Airport was a strategic decision, taking advantage of the strong aviation community and good flying weather.

Over time Flyers Energy has expanded into numerous business interests that include the Flyers retail stations across California; wholesale locations to fuel and provide lubricants to stations, tanks and vehicles in California and Nevada; cardlock (electronically controlled fuel cards) access to 230,000 unattended and retail fueling locations across North America; own and run GFP, LLC an ethanol plant that produces 55 million gallons per year as a strategic decision by Flyers Energy to meet California's increased requirement for 10% ethanol in all gasoline sold; and solar power through partner Pacific



Power. Solar panels are installed at 28 retail stations and the headquarter office in addition to third-party big project kilowatt installations,

Flyers Energy's successful management style and strategic business interests have led to substantial sales growth as recently noted in the Sacramento Business Journal: ranked as the 5th largest private company in the Sacramento Region with sales in excess of \$2 Billion.

As a corporation whose management has a heart for helping others, Flyers Energy supports the Special Olympics of Northern California through direct sponsorship, annual golf tournament and storewide fundraising campaigns.

The Dwelle brothers continue to regularly fly in and out of the Auburn Airport and enjoy the convenience of airport hangars. Continuing the tradition of family involvement in Flyers Energy, six of the Dwelle partners' children now work in the business. Besides being avid pilots, "Auburnites" Tom and Dave Dwelle are active in the AABPA, Auburn Airport aviation associations and other local community interests.

