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# <sup>ue:</sup> <u>County Implementing Hangar Inspection Program</u>

Over the past year or so, there have been issues at airports throughout the country that have resulted in the FAA drafting an updated policy clarifying what is considered aeronautical use of hangars. Based on our interaction with the FAA, we believe the formal policy will be published later this year or early next year, but we wish to be



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proactive and ensure we are in line with the FAA policies as best possible. Complying with FAA rules and regulations, as well as local ordinance and license agreements, is important for many reasons, including our ability to receive federal grants that fund our projects to maintain the aircraft operating areas. As such, we must adhere with policy and the only way to ensure that is to monitor and inspect for compliance. We appreciate that all of the tenants value the airports, and overall do a very good job of utilizing the facilities for aeronautical use only, but we feel it is now time to implement a formal hangar inspection program to correct any situations that may jeopardize compliance with the FAA.

Airport Staff has met with Board members of the Camarillo Airport Hangar Owners Association and discussed the Hangar Inspection Program. The goal is to conduct inspections in a manner that is cooperative and respectful, and that results in compliance. We will be sending out a formal notice in the coming weeks that will outline the inspection criteria and assist you with scheduling your inspection.

### CAF's New Hangar Moving Towards Completion



The CAF Southern California Wing, based at Camarillo Airport, announced a major expansion plan three years ago, and the first phase of development is taking shape on the west side of their facility. The overall structure is a 34,600 sq. ft. hangar with the south end slated for lease to the EAA. The CAF will utilize 25,100 sq. ft. for aircraft storage and static display. Each portion of the building will have independent restroom facilities.

In addition to the new construction project, the CAF is currently leasing the nearby Sheriff's Training Building for use as a library.

New CAF Hangar as of Oct ober 22, 2015

### **2015 WINGS OVER CAMARILLO AIRSHOW**

The County of Ventura Department of Airports hosted the 2015 Wings Over Camarillo Airshow at Camarillo Airport. This year's Airshow was highlighted by Vicky Benzing in her extra 300s and Chuck Aaron in his Redbull Aerobatic Helicopter. Also making a special appearance was the U.S. Marines MV-22 Osprey. Through -out the weekend of August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> spectators from Ventura County, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara traveled to grab a glimpse of the historical and aerobatic aircraft flying over Camarillo Airport. There was something for everyone, whether you're into the gravity defying aerobatics of the Red Bull Helicopter or the US military capabilities both past and present, the Camarillo Wings Association had a performance for you.

The Southern California Commemorative Air Force (CAF) was out in full force with aircraft from their local bases here in Camarillo and Chino. The skies were transformed into a historical theater allowing the spectators to catch a glimpse and feel the radial rumble of priceless museum aircraft racing down the runway center-line. The local Ventura County spectators expressed admiration and excitement to call them their own. Not to be over looked were the countless scores of Veterans both old and young that came to pay homage to the men and women who came before them and to remember the ones that paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Department of Airports and all that attended would also like

to thank Chuck Aaron and his Redbull helicopter for the many great years and wonderful performances he has dedicated to the residents and all that have seen him preform. This year marked Chuck's last performance here at Camarillo before his retirement. His one of a kind show and character has brought smiles and amazement to millions of spectators young and old. There will never be another Chuck Aaron. We would also like to recognize and thank the United Stated Marines from Marine Corps Station Miramar CA for the impressive flight demonstration of the MV-22 Osprey that concluded the Wings Over Camarillo Airshow. We thank all that attended and hope to

## <u>Airport Projects Update</u>

see everyone again in 2016!

oration and cooperation during these projects.

### Please Mark Your Hangar Number

The improvement of Pavement Surfaces Project The County of Ventura Department of Airports and at the West and Central Hangar Apron areas, the Ventura County Fire Department are jointly askas well as the Durley Gate 1 Access and Park- ing all private hangar owners to please mark their ing Area, at Camarillo Airport is complete. Co- Hangar Number above the main doors in four (4) ordination with tenants was crucial and clo- inch or larger letters/numbers in color black . In case sures of sections of Taxiway Foxtrot were re- of emergency, this would greatly assist in locating the quired. We appreciate your continuous collab- party in need. If you have any questions about this please contact the Airport Operations Office at the respective airport.



## Department of Airports High Flyer of the Quarter



This quarter's High Flyer is Veronica Navarro. Veronica was born and raised in Ventura County, and currently works in the administration office as a Fiscal Technician. She has been with the Department of Airports for three years. Veronica is very dependable and accomplishes all assignments in a timely manner. She is responsible for all accounts payables, procurement, fixed assets, state and federal grant billing and payroll clerk. Ventura County rolled out a new Financial Management Systems in July

2015 and she has been able to keep up with her daily task while learning the new system.

## Introducing the Camarillo Airport Operations Supervisor



Nicholas Martino began working for the Department of Airports in 2012 as an Operations Officer where he helped to look after both Camarillo and Oxnard Airports. Nick has previously held positions in aircraft charter operations and public safety. During his time with the Airports he has earned various certifications in Airport Security, Airport Rescue Fire Fighting and Wildlife Management. Throughout his years Nick has established quality relationships with tenants and businesses at both airfields. Nick also received his flight training locally at Camarillo Airport and has been a Ventura

County resident his entire life.

Personnel Update	Administration	Operations	Maintenance
Arrivals	Jamal Ghazaleh, Luis Ortiz	Eric Childs, Douglas Liska	Ed Toves Joey Davalos Nathan Roth
Departures	Maria Carrillo	Nick Brown	

## Events Calendar

<u>Aviation Advisory Commission Meeting</u> First Monday of the month @ 7 p.m.

<u>Airport Authorities Meeting</u> Second Thursday of the month @ 7 p.m.

<u>Airport Director's "Open Door"</u> Thursdays 2-4 p.m.

<u>Ventura County 99's Pilot Proficiency</u> <u>Classes</u>. www.vc99s.org/classes

## **Important Numbers**

Camarillo Airport Operations: Cell: 805-947-6803 Office: 805-388-4497 Oxnard Airport Operations: Cell: 805-947-6804 Office: 805-382-3022 Noise Hotline Camarillo 805-947-6803 Noise Hotline Oxnard: 805-947-6804 www.ventura.org/airports National Hotline and AOPA Airport Watch Program I-866-GA-SECURE



## Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II **Test Flights**

The Instrument Approach System at Oxnard Airport was completed and made operational in March of 1976. The ILS is a critical system for OXR. Safety is enhanced for operations into Oxnard and the system is a vital tool for pilot instrument training and recurrent practice approaches. Pilots from all over the area use the OXR ILS to keep up their instrument flying capability. Recently the U.S. Air Force benefited from the facility by using OXR

Oct. 1 2015, The F-35 on Final Approach to OXR. in conjunction with Point Mugu to perform a needed test on the new F-35 Fighter. The close proximity of the NAVAIDS at Point Mugu and Oxnard provided the unique geometry required to perform the tests. Our area is the only place on the West Coast that could accomplish these tests. The F-35, along with an F-16 chase plane, are based at Edwards Air Force Base and they put on quite an Air Show!

## The Maintenance Corner

As always there is abundant maintenance activity at both Airports! Hopefully you've noticed the herculean efforts our maintenance team has been putting forth to ensure the safety, functionality, and beauty of our facilities. We have experienced a bit of staff turnover in our department lately but we have had some high quality personnel join our ranks.

#### Camarillo Airport

Many hangar repairs have been made The Oxnard Airport Air Traffic recently. With the advent of hangar inspections this coming year, the needed roof replacement as well as maintenance department hopes to identify any issues with hangars before they become a nuisance to the user.

We have also had an abundance of incidents with vehicle/gate accidents. Everyone is reminded to please prevent tailgating through gates which accounts for 90% of these accidents.

We are also in the process of upgrading seven air conditioning units in business park buildings as these units are older models and are quickly approaching their 30-year lifespan.

Lastly, we will soon be re-painting the fire lane markings and many of the protective poles around gates and hangars.

#### **Oxnard** Airport

Control Tower is receiving a muchan upgrade to the existing railing designed to keep controllers and technicians safe. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and we are doing our best to minimize tower closures.

We have also been successful in painting another hangar row (C-37 through C-42) and plan on tackling the next row (C-25 through C-36) in the March-April timeframe depending on the weather.

#### Camarillo Airport Authority

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City Council: Bill Little Michael Morgan Charlotte Craven (Alternate)

Public Members: Bill Thomas Mike Hodson (Alternate)

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