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Ventura County Receives FAA's Outstanding Airport Award Recognition

During the FAA's annual conference in Los Angeles this past June, Ventura County was one of three nominees for the Outstanding Airport Award in the Western Pacific Region of the FAA. While we did not receive the "Grand Prize", we were provided a certificate of recognition. The



award was given primarily due to the efforts of our Capital Project team and their management of the project using ARRA funds for the construction phase of the rehabilitation of the asphalt concrete pavement of the eastern and central ramps/hangar complex at CMA. We were the first airport to complete a project in the region, and possibly the nation!!

Congratulations to Erin Powers and her project team consisting of Don Occhiline, Tom Rooney, and Al Coulson for their outstanding work!

New Rent and Fee Schedule

On June 15, 2010, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2010-11 Rent and Fee Schedule for the Department of Airports. This has been an open public process that began in March with a high level of participation from tenants. The Department of Airports would like to thank those that participated in the various meetings. Your participation is appreciated and has resulted in a compromise to spread the increases, in most cases, over a three year period. Coupon books with the new rates are on their way to you.

Things Happening at Your Airport

Camarillo

Zeppelin Airship



Saturday May 15, 2010 marked a historic day at Camarillo Airport with the arrival of a Zeppelin Airship. The airship spent one night at the airport and

offered flights for paying passengers and guests. Over 84 passengers were scheduled for the scenic flights. In addition to scenic flights, Airship Ventures also provides charter, point to point, and special missions. Airship Ventures expects to schedule more visits to Camarillo Airport in the future. For more information, visit www.airshipventures.com.

Oxnard

Airline Service Update

As you probably know by now, United Airlines has discontinued operations at Oxnard Airport. The Department of Airports is working hard to bring air service back to the County. We have had meetings with several carriers that have shown interest. We will keep you updated as we continue our efforts.

We are always working to improve the quality of our airports. This summer we have scheduled a few projects that will benefit everyone that uses our County's airports.

Airports Projects Update

Hangar Electrification at OXR and CMA

This summer both airports will have work done. At CMA we will be electrifying two of the county rows in the key area. At OXR one of the rows will be upgraded to current code. You will be hearing from the Airport Managers for relocation of your aircraft during these projects.

Hangar Painting Projects at OXR and CMA

This project is complete at CMA. At OXR this project is to start in mid August. The lucky hangars will be TC-49 though TC-42. The airport manager will get in contact with you for relocation of your aircraft.

Relocation of Runway 25 Landing Threshold at OXR

The relocation of runway 25's threshold is in the planning stage. We are almost through the environmental process. We hope to see some progress on this project early next year.

PLEASE – No Tailgating through Vehicle Gates!

This includes the card wave. The driver of the vehicle in front of you can't tell what type of card is being waved and it defeats the tracking security built into the gate card system. Please do not lend your card to anyone. These are violations of the ordinance so be sure to read/sign the training handbook. Each driver on the airport must or be under escort.

Maintenance News

As with other Divisions within the Department, our Maintenance Division has been working with one less position. This is part of the Airports effort to address the effects of the slumping economy. Our Maintenance Supervisor, Ed Niedzweicki, has found some creative ways to make up the deficit. He is working with the local Boys & Girls Clubs, Oxnard City Corps and the Oxnard College Cal Works Program to fill the gap. This helps the Airports with low cost labor and it gives these individuals work experience to help them find a full time position.

If your hangar needs maintenance NOW, please don't hesitate to call Ed at 805-388-4206 to schedule the work!!

High Flyer of the Quarter

Byron Hamilton, Maintenance Worker, was selected as the high flyer of the quarter. Byron has been with the department for over five years performing all types of maintenance related work. His prior experience includes serving the United States Navy. He was deployed during the Gulf war, Hurricane Andrew, the eruption of volcano Pinatubo in the Philippines and during a monsoon in South Korea. He enjoys playing golf and building remote control cars.



Need to report an urgent matter? Camarillo Airport Operations

Cell 805-947-6803 Ofc. 805-388-4497

Oxnard Airport Operations

Cell 805-947-6804 Ofc. 805-382-3022

24-Hour Noise Hotline

805-388-4202

http://www.ventura.org/airports

National Hotline and

AOPA Airport Watch Program 1-866-GA-SECUR (427-3287)

Events Calendar

Aviation Advisory Commission meeting first **Monday** of the month @ 7p.m.

Airport Authority meeting second **Thursday** of the month @ 7p.m.

Airport Director's "open door" Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.

Ventura County 99's Pilot Proficiency Classes. For more info, go to www.vc99s.org/classes

Camarillo Air Show August 21-22

Camarillo Airport Authority

Kathy Long, Board of Supervisors

John Zaragoza, Board of Supervisors

Michael Morgan, Camarillo City Council

Don Waunch, Camarillo City Council

Bill Thomas, Public Representative

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How's your Pattern?

A friendly reminder to be conscious of your pattern when arriving and departing the airports. Fly quiet and help your airport to be a good neighbor.

At Oxnard please climb up to 700 feet before making any turns on departure and maintain a close traffic pattern. Piston powered aircraft turn left before the Edison Canal or continue to coast before turning. All aircraft are to remain as high as practical over the city until commencing final decent.

We THANK YOU in advance for your assistance in this area!

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The Camarillo Airshow

The 2010 Wings over Camarillo Airshow will celebrate the 30th anniversary of air shows at Camarillo Airport.

The airshow will feature aerobatics performances and will also include flights by experimental, classic planes and the ever popular war birds.

The ground portion of the event will feature activities and entertainment for the whole family and more planes to examine. As always, there will be a variety of vendors of food, drink and aviation themed items.

The 2010 Wings over Camarillo Airshow is produced by the Camarillo Wings Association, a California non-profit corporation.

