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Farewell to Friends

On Saturday June 29, 2013 the Airports lost two friends. We send our sincerest condolences to their families. Farewell to Jim and Craig, their presence will be truly missed by Airport staff and all who knew them.

Save Camarillo Tower

Camarillo Tower is on the list for closure. One of the criteria for being placed on the list was for an airport to have less than 150,000 operations per year, the year is the Federal fiscal year October 1 through September 30. In an attempt to have Camarillo removed from the list, the Airports is asking that you fly more. A couple more approaches when leaving or returning to the airport can add up quickly. When we started this effort back in May of this year we had 56,000 operations, as of June 30th we have over 110,000 operations with approximately **40,000** more to go. Your efforts are paying off, but we still have more work to do so **GET OUT AND FLY.**

The times between 0700—1000, and 1500—2100 provide the best opportunity to fly “stress free” at the same time bump up the operations count.

Please Maintain Traffic Pattern Altitude on Extended Downwind Pattern

The traffic pattern often gets busy at Camarillo airport and the traffic pattern gets extended quite a bit to the east causing overflight of neighborhoods near the intersection of the 101 freeway and Santa Rosa Road (bottom of Conejo Grade). Staff has received many complaints about low flying aircraft from this area and it is likely due to pilots continuing their descent to land even though they are far away from the airport. **Traffic pattern altitude for single engine aircraft is 875 feet MSL, and it is 1,075 MSL for twin engine aircraft.** **PLEASE** maintain these altitudes when you are being asked to extend your downwind leg for runway 26. It will assist us in promoting our “fly friendly” program. **THANKS!**

Airports Wash Rack Use

Both of the County’s airports have a wash rack that is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You can also reserve a time to use the wash rack by contacting our Operations Officers to schedule. These wash racks are there for your use to wash your airplane or to perform minor maintenance on them. The runoff water from the wash racks are directed to the sewer systems at both airports after it is routed through a oil/water separator. It is important that you are careful when utilizing washing agents at the wash rack. Please do not use any hazardous or combustible materials as these will have an adverse effect on the sewer systems.

CAMARILLO AIRPORT

Aviation Dr. & Durley Ave. Improvements—Improvements to East Aviation Drive and Durley Avenue are scheduled to begin on July 29, 2013. The project will impact traffic along these routes during construction as the Airport/CUE endeavors to maintain the roadways. The Airport will be working closely with the Contractor to minimize disruption to tenants, businesses and the Air Show. Expect to hear more details soon! Construction is expected to be complete by the end of August.

East Aviation Dr.



Durley Ave.



OXNARD AIRPORT

Hangar Electrical Improvements— The Airport plans to begin electrical improvements for a row of County hangars located in the Torbit Area on July 30, 2013. This project continues the Airports' effort to invest in and maintain County-owned hangars and represents the fifth consecutive year of electrical improvements at Oxnard Airport. Affected tenants should see notices soon with more details about the project's timeline.

Terminal Area Pavement Improvements— Improvements to the terminal loop road, the rental car lot and the employee parking area at Oxnard Airport are slated to begin July 30, 2013. The project is estimated to finish by the end of August and will impact traffic in these areas. The Airport is working with the Contractor to develop a traffic control plan and hopes to share the information with affected businesses soon. The Airport endeavors to minimize any inconveniences caused by this project and appreciates your patience and understanding.



High Flyer—John Feldhans

John is a key member of our maintenance crew. He accomplishes all assignments with “gusto” plus his tasks are completed in a safe manner with high quality. John’s metal and electrical skills are a noted bonus to the department. He works an independent shift one day a week and is completely reliable to perform assigned duties plus address unforeseen conditions. John always has a positive attitude and is a hard worker. He is always willing to help and often goes above and beyond his assigned duties. On May 12th, while working at Camarillo Airport, John was notified that there was an aircraft on the runway that had a blowout of one of the main tires on landing. The Operations Officer was not readily available so John was asked to respond as the runway was closed and there were several aircraft waiting to both take off and land. John was able to coordinate the removal of the aircraft, and then performed an inspection of the runway to get it reopened. Later in the day, Camarillo tower requested help for a disabled aircraft on the taxiway Alpha run-up area. John responded and assisted the pilot in clearing the movement area. The pilots of both aircraft were very grateful and praised John for his professionalism. In both cases, John’s quick response mitigated what could have been major disruptions in operations on a busy Sunday.

Hangar Painting

Several years ago, the Airports started a project to paint all of the County hangars. The primary purpose of the project was to get all of the County’s hangars into shape. The other purpose was to assess the hangars and identify problems that we could address during the period that the tenants were out. We feel this project has been very successful not only through the efforts of our Projects and Maintenance teams but in large part due to our tenants. Their willingness to be displaced for a period of time and their input on the maintenance problems streamlined our efforts for getting the hangars repaired, painted and back into service. We apologize for any inconvenience that this project may have caused, and we hope that along with us, you feel that the end product was worth the sacrifice.

Now it is time for our Private Hangar partners to do their part in keeping the airports looking good and their hangars in good condition. We ask that you get with your fellow hangar owners and paint your hangars. The Department can help by providing the names and numbers for the companies that completed our project and we can work with you to get your aircraft a home during your project.

Recycle

In an effort to reduce trash in the area’s landfills and to increase recycling of reusable materials, the Department of Airports with the help of the County’s General Service Agency will be placing several white recycle dumpsters around both airports. These dumpsters along with the ones already on the airports are for recyclable materials only, please sort your trash and ensure that you place it in the appropriate container. Thank you for your help. Our planet and future generations will benefit from your efforts.

Airport Personnel

Arrivals Administration: Jeff Christensen Operations Presently hiring Maintenance None

Departures Administration: None Operations: Jeff Christensen Sean Moran Maintenance None

The Maintenance Corner:

Airport Clean Up

During the first week of August, the Department is placing some large roll-off trash bins at both airports. Please take this opportunity to rid yourself of any large and bulky airport generated waste.

Both airports have active sweeping, mowing, weed and pest control programs. Airfield mowing was decreased due to limited rain fall this season. A study to use solar panels to sublimate airfield lighting shows promise. Sensitive areas are funding source and cost, plus installation cost to determine payback period.

Camarillo: Fifteen county hangars, east end near old Alert Barn, received sheet metal, structural repairs and exterior painting. In the business park, all traffic and street signs were replaced.

Oxnard: Three county hangars are on schedule for painting this fall. Major maintenance and repairs are required prior to painting. All traffic signs in terminal area were replaced. New LED exterior area lighting will replace existing ones in the county hangar complex.

Events Calendar

Aviation Advisory Commission Meeting

First Monday of the month @ 7 p.m.

Airport Authorities Meeting

Second Thursday of the month @ 7 p.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

Need to report an urgent matter?

Camarillo Airport Operations:

Cell: 805-947-6803

Office: 805-388-4497

Oxnard Airport Operations:

Cell: 805-947-6804

Office: 805-382-3022

24-Hour Noise Hotline

805-388-4202

www.ventura.org/airports

National Hotline and

AOPA Airport Watch Program

1-866-GA-SECURE