

An Official Newsletter of the Ventura County Department of Airports

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A Word from the New Director

As many of you know, Scott Smith resigned in August to pursue new opportunities and family interests out of state. During his 5 year tenure as Director, Scott completed significant projects at the two county airports and established good working relationships with airport users and the local communities. I've had the pleasure of working closely with Scott as his Deputy Director for almost 5 years. Scott continues to be a great friend, but he was also a great leader and mentor for our department staff.

I was permanently appointed to the position of Director in late August. I've received a great deal of support from many of you and I'd like to thank each and everyone of you. I look forward to working with all of you in my new role. It is my goal to make this transition as seamless as possible for all of you by maintaining and building upon all that Scott has done. In other words, "business as usual." The department's focus will remain on quality customer service, maintenance of existing facilities and appropriate future development, and staff training and development. Lastly, I promise that we will continue to seek input from those impacted by our decisions before the decisions are made, to ensure a fair and open process with regard to the operation of our facilities.

Todd McNamee, AAE aka "The New Guy"

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)

New Gate Cards and Security

A reminder that the old system was deactivated September 15. If you have not already done so, please come see us at the Airport Administrative offices to obtain your new gate card.

Also, please remember that you make all the difference when it comes to security at the airports. Aside from keeping a watchful eye and reporting suspicious activity, please wait for the gates to close behind you when coming onto or leaving the airport, and do not permit someone to tailgate behind you.

Departures

- Scott E. Smith, Director of Airports
- Samantha Bassett, Operations
- Don Cordier, Operations
- Steve Buratti, Aviation Advisory Commission

Camarillo Airport Authority

Kathy Long,
Board of Supervisors
John Flynn,
Board of Supervisors
Michael Morgan,
Camarillo City Council
Charlotte Craven,
Camarillo City Council
Bill Thomas,
Public Representative

Oxnard Airport Authority

John Flynn,
Board of Supervisors
Kathy Long,
Board of Supervisors
Andres Herrera,
Oxnard City Council
Timothy Flynn,
Oxnard City Council
Walter Calhoun,
Public Representative

Todd McNamee, *Director of Airports*805-388-4200

Events Calendar

- Pt Mugu Air Show October 22-23
- Ventura County 99's Pilot Proficiency Classes. For more info, go to www.vc99s.org/classes
- 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.

Air Show Debrief

The Experimental Aircraft Association put on a great air show! Their members can take pride that they put on a safe event that helps to promote aviation within the community. Attendance was good, especially among youths due to this years theme "Youth & Aviation".

Battery Recycling Day

Get rid of those old batteries in your hangar. Oct. 15 to 19, take them to the pallet in the work bldg (at wash rack) at either airport. We will have them picked up, Thursday, Oct 20. (Just typical aircraft/auto batteries please)

What's Happening at Camarillo Airport

- The pavement rehabilitation project is currently underway on the main ramp. Be alert for non-standard taxi routes when inbound to the east end of the airport. Taxiway "G" will be used for all traffic, so be aware that opposite direction traffic can be expected.
- In October expect to see asphalt repair in and around tie down rows 1, 2, and 29. Gate 12 (closest to tower) will be closed during this project. Expected completion date is the first week of December.

What's Happening at Oxnard Airport

• Heads Up! In mid-October expect to see prep work for asphalt repair and slurry at main ramp and north of hangars, and for blast pad at the east end of runway. Also, taxiway "F" will be slurry sealed. Be alert for non-standard taxi and intersection takeoffs.

REMINDERS

- The new gate systems are in. If holding gate cards for the old system, you need to turn in the old cards with a short refund form to get your deposit refund. It's not automatic.
- At OXR (noise abatement): Please fly the downwind leg directly over, or to north side of Wooley Road. Cross wind turns: before the Edison canal, or after crossing the shoreline. Thanks.
- Safety: Outside of tower hours, activate runway lights and self announce your intentions for takeoff or landing on CTAF. Airport vehicles may be on the runway!
- Legal tenant: Aircraft owner, Insurance, Listed tenant (all same names)