

# AIRPORT FLYER



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## Director's Message

We're now through the first quarter of our fiscal year and after discussions with several tenants, we thought it would be a good time to offer a "State of the Airports" meeting to bring you up to speed with how things are going at our two County airports. The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm at the Airport's Administration building located at 555 Airport Way. Look forward to seeing you there!

## Driving on the Airports

We've recently experienced several Vehicle - Pedestrian Deviations (VPD's) at Camarillo Airport. A VPD occurs when a person or vehicle enters an active taxiway (movement area) without permission from the Control Tower. As you know the FAA's priority is safety, on the runway and taxiways in particular. Safety is also our Department's priority and we'd like to remind you of what it means to operate a motor vehicle on the airport. Operating a motor vehicle on the airports is a privilege that is granted to those who have a demonstrated need to be on the airport and possess a valid drivers license in their name. It requires that you comply with County ordinance and airport regulations. When you were issued a gate card to access the airport you acknowledged that you had read and understood the driver's handbook and that you agreed to abide by these regulations. Not everyone is authorized to enter the airport, or knows how and where to drive on one. For that reason, you should pull forward and then wait for the gate to close after you. Do not allow another vehicle to "tailgate" through the gate. If you allow another to follow through the gate, you assume responsibility of the operation of his/her vehicle. DO NOT drive or walk on active taxiways without PRIOR PERMISSION from the Control Tower or it will result in a VPD. You will be issued a citation for a VPD. ESCORT those that you bring to the airport as they will not be familiar with the rules and regulations. Speed limits are in effect and enforced. 15 MPH in open areas, 10 MPH in hangar/tie-down areas, and 5 MPH within 50 feet of any aircraft. All vehicles operated on the airports must be registered and insured. Exceptions are vehi-

cles such as golf carts and tugs used in support of aircraft operations. Additionally, there are numerous "blind spots" in and around hangars that you must be aware of. These "blind spots" become even more dangerous when operating your vehicle with the windows up and the radio on because you may not hear what is operating around you. Always take extra caution when driving past or through hangar developments or tie-down rows as you might not be immediately aware that there is an aircraft with the engine running or even taxiing. Remember that Aircraft always have the right of way on the airport. Bottom line, please be aware and be safe.

# Airport Projects Update

## Camarillo

### Parallel Taxiway Construction

The new parallel taxiway project for Camarillo Airport is scheduled to start in early November. This taxiway will be parallel to the runway and located between Taxiways A and E. The purpose of this new taxiway is to allow Category IV aircraft to safely navigate from one end of the airport to the other. It will also improve traffic flow for two way traffic around the airfield. Another element of the project is the modification of the Taxiway B exit to allow for high speed exits. This will allow smaller aircraft to exit the runway faster, improving the Aircraft Tower's ability to manage aircraft on the runway. The project requires demolition of the helicopter parking area west of Taxiway B and relocation of the Federal Aviation Administration's wind instrument and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Automated Surface Observation System, as they are presently in the area of the new taxiway.

### Eubanks Street Rehabilitation

Starting mid-October, the Eubanks Street Improvements project, funded by the Camarillo Utility Enterprise, will get underway. The project involves various improvements to Eubanks Street including pavement pulverization and replacement from Pleasant Valley Road to Aviation Drive; new handicap access ramps at selected locations; sidewalk, curb & gutter repairs, improvements to driveway entrances; curb & gutter and drainage improvements.

The City of Camarillo, Water Division, will replace a portion of water main in Eubanks Street at the Skyway Avenue intersection while we have the street under repair, as part of their water main improvement projects.

Eubanks Street is in poor condition and these improvements are much needed. The Airports understands that this will be an inconvenience to some of the airport users, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation during this project.

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### Arrivals

**Operations:**  
Samiul Robin  
Stephen Haim

**Maintenance:**  
William Cornell

### Departures

**Aviation Advisory Commission**  
Richard Ferdon

**Maintenance:**  
Daniel Ramirez  
William Cornell

### High Flyer of the Quarter

Tim Jungenberg, Maintenance Worker IV, was selected as the high flyer of the quarter. Tim is the Maintenance Shop Supervisor for both Camarillo and Oxnard airports. He has been with the department since September of 1995.



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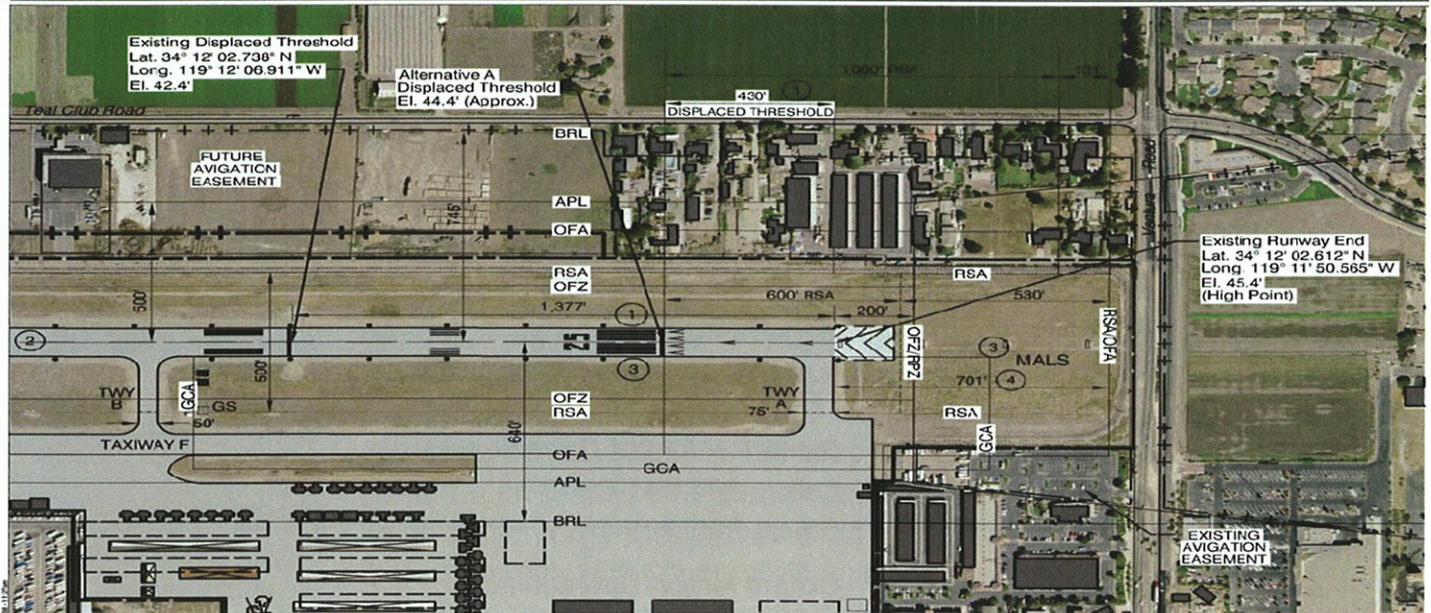
### Large Box Hangars Available at Oxnard Airport

We have large 2,200 s.f. County Box Hangars available immediately at Oxnard Airport. Their dimensions are 55' W X 40' W X 16' H. Please contact Jorge Rubio at 805 388-4246 for more information and details.



## Oxnard Airport Runway Threshold Relocation

The project to relocate the runway threshold at Oxnard Airport is underway and scheduled for completion at the end of the month. This project has been in the works for several years and will provide an increased level of safety for aircraft flying into and out of Oxnard Airport. The project is being accomplished in conjunction with a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) project to replace and relocate runway 25's approach lighting system.



The Airport's project is to relocate runway 25's threshold 924 feet to the east of the existing runway threshold resulting in 5,500 feet of landing distance. This work will also include some asphalt repairs, a rejuvenation seal for the runway, slurry seal of some taxiways and the associated runway and taxiway markings. **The airport is scheduled to be closed beginning October 23rd for approximately one week (hopefully less) to accomplish the rejuvenation seal and striping of the runway.** The project is being paid for through an FAA Airport Improvement Program grant (95%) and matching funds (5%) from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

The instrument landing system (ILS) will remain the same, the only change will be the threshold crossing height for runway 25. It will change from a non standard height of 12 feet to a standard height of 58.5 feet. The FAA's standard is between 50-60 feet. So the traffic over the City of Oxnard is virtually unchanged because the ILS touchdown point on the runway is the same.

There are many benefits to this project, one of which is that pilots will be able to use the increased distance for landing calculations, thereby enhancing safety for those aircraft that fly in to Oxnard Airport today. It will also provide opportunity for other aircraft identified in the already established fleet mix to utilize the airport. We are very excited about this very important project and wish to thank all those involved in making it happen.

## The Maintenance Corner

We currently have a Maintenance Worker position open which we are recruiting for; a maintenance supervisor position remains vacant at Oxnard Airport as part of the DOA reduction in personnel to match reduced revenue. Both airports have active airfield sweeping, mowing, weed and pest control programs. Current focus is the maintenance of airports storm water drainage systems before the rainy season. A feasibility study on solar electric panels is underway at both airports. Objective is to reduce costs and dependency on the electric grid. Perimeter fence and sign replacements are planned for both airports.

### Camarillo:

This past summer we painted a row of hangars, the airfield electric vault and restrooms on the west ramp. We performed major repairs and maintenance on all buildings that were painted. Sealed concrete cracks, re-painted tie-down numbers and all county row numbers. Also repainted fire lane on the aircraft transit ramp. We landscaped the corner of Durley and Houck Street as well as Willis and Eubanks Street. We demo'd the Deluge Building on Willis and Houck. Drainage improvements on the lot are underway. Lastly, we identified and painted infield ground hazards.

### 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](http://www.vc99s.org/classes)

### Oxnard:

We re-numbered parking stalls in terminal paid parking and employee parking lots. Landscape clean-up and planting in front of terminal is underway. Airfield ground hazards will be identified and painted. Painting of a row of hangars is scheduled for November 2011, which includes major repairs that were identified.

### 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](http://www.ventura.org/airports)

**National Hotline and  
AOPA Airport Watch Program**  
1-866-GA-SECURE

#### **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*

#### **Oxnard Airport Authority**

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*Board of Supervisors*

**Tim Flynn,**  
*Oxnard City Council*

**Irene Pinkard,**  
*Oxnard City Council*

**Walter Calhoun,**  
*Public Representative*

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

## Protecting the Environment

Please help us in our effort to protect the environment. We have identified our storm water inlets and drains, and have labeled them with the logo to the right. Nothing other than storm water is allowed in the storm water system. If you need to wash your aircraft it has to be done at the wash rack. Also, all hazardous materials must be disposed of appropriately, please do not dump in dumpsters.

