



# AIRPORT FLYER

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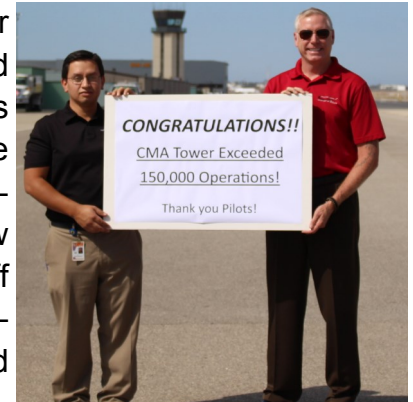
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## Great News for the Camarillo and Oxnard Airports!

On Thursday, September 26, the Camarillo Air Traffic Control Tower (CMA Tower) recorded 150,000 operations for the federal fiscal year. This is an important milestone, as earlier this year the FAA published a list of control towers to be defunded and potentially closed because they were below the 150,000 mark. CMA Tower is on that list. Staff has sent a letter to the FAA Administrator requesting the CMA Tower be removed from the list, based on exceeding the threshold set by the FAA. Congresswoman Julia Brownley, who has been a great supporter of all things aviation in Ventura County, also sent a letter to the FAA requesting the CMA tower be removed from the list. We’ll report back what we hear from the FAA. We THANK all of you that supported these efforts, especially the pilots that flew more and increased the operations count. You all rallied around a worthwhile cause!!



Airports Manager Jorge Rubio and Director of Airports Todd McNamee congratulating pilots on a job well done.



Director of Airports Todd McNamee and Congresswoman Julia Brownley in front of the Camarillo Air Traffic Control Tower.

Then, on Friday, September 27, staff was notified by the Department of Transportation that Oxnard Airport/Ventura County has been selected to receive a Small Community Air Service Development (SCASD) grant award in the amount of \$500,000. This, too, has been a community effort and is a great step forward in restoring air service to Ventura County. Our application is supported by Allegiant Airlines, with possible destinations that include Las Vegas, Oakland, and Phoenix. Again, we THANK all of you that supported this effort, and a special THANKS goes out to the Ventura County Lodging Association, who pledged \$50,000 of the \$100,000 matching funds for the grant. Actual implementation of the new service will take some time, but we are again off and running! We’ll report back on our progress in the next edition.



## AIRPORT PROJECTS UPDATE

### Camarillo Airport

**Runway & Taxiway Rehabilitation & Airfield Electrical Systems Improvements** — The Airport will soon undertake a project to slurry the runway and select taxiways, and make certain airfield electrical improvements. Federal regulations governing construction on airports will require closure of the runway, taxiways, and airport for portions of the work.



In an effort to minimize the impact to tenants and users, the Airport has scheduled the majority of work, which would require full airport closures to take place at night (9pm-7am). However, one nearly six-day airport closure is necessary to accomplish the runway improvements. This airport closure will likely be scheduled sometime after the new year. The Airport will be working closely with the Contractor to develop a schedule, and then to provide timely notice to tenants and airfield businesses. Expect to hear more details soon! Construction is expected to begin in November and should be completed by the end of April.

### Oxnard Airport

**Hangar Electrical Improvements** — The Airport plans to begin another phase of electrical improvements for a row of County hangars in December 2013. Affected tenants should see notices soon, with more details forthcoming about the project's timeline. Thank you for working with us as we continue to improve airport facilities.



## GENERAL NOTES ON SAFETY DURING CONSTRUCTION

The following list provides a few tips on how to best minimize user inconvenience and to avoid hazards during construction at our Airports:

- ◇ Familiarize yourself with current Airport construction notices and affected work areas by checking gate notices, the Airport website (<http://www.ventura.org/airports>), reading NOTAMs from the NOTAM website (<https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/PilotWeb/>), and listening to ATIS before taxiing out to the run-up area;
- ◇ Pay attention to construction barricades and/or directional signs that may be located along taxiways and/or the runway;
- ◇ Contact Airport Operations with any questions or possible safety hazards (available 24/7, phone number on the back of this newsletter);

Thank you for your patience!

## “RECENT IMPROVEMENTS” UPDATE

Construction has been completed on the road improvements for Skyway Drive, Aviation Drive, Eubanks Street at Camarillo and the Terminal Loop Road at Oxnard Airport. Thanks to all of you who helped get these projects completed quickly.



For this quarter, the High Flyer is Joshua McKinnon. Josh works as an Airport Operations Officer and has been with the Department of Airports for a little less than a year. Josh’s prior job was with the San Bernardino International Airport, where he also worked as an Operations Officer. During his tenure with Ventura County, he has excelled at his job, where he follows through with his duties and pays attention to detail. His attention to detail is admirable, and over time this can make a big difference. Josh’s attitude and willingness to help are just a couple of the reasons why he was chosen as this quarter’s High Flyer. Congratulations and thanks, Josh!

## Where Does Our Water Go?

Ever wondered where our water goes after it goes down the drain? Well, the answer depends on the kind of drain that your water goes down. You see, there are two separate systems. We have a sanitary sewer system and a storm water system.

The sanitary sewer system is connected to the drains and pipes in your home or office. Whether it comes from your sink, bathtub, or toilet, once it goes down the drain, it goes to the wastewater treatment plant where it is treated.

The storm water system is entirely separate and is connected to a series of pipes and drainage channels. Once the water goes into a storm water drain, it flows directly to our beaches. The big difference here is that the water does not go to a treatment plant to get cleaned. So anything that goes down a storm water inlet — whether it is illegally dumped chemicals, aircraft oil, or aircraft wash water — goes directly to our beaches. For this reason, the Department of Airports is dedicated to educating our tenants on the importance of keeping our storm water clean. Most citizens believe that storm water actually gets treated and that there is only one combined system.

Please be mindful of the information above and the impact to the environment. Do not dump anything in a storm water drain; only wash your aircraft at the wash rack, and dispose of your oil at the designated oil collection site.

Thank you!



You’ll see these around the Airport. Make sure you don’t dump any water down these drains.

## AIRPORT PERSONNEL

<b>Arrivals</b>	<b>Administration:</b> None	<b>Operations:</b> Justin Castagna and Gregory Goodsell	<b>Maintenance:</b> None
<b>Departures</b>	<b>Administration:</b> None	<b>Operations:</b> None	<b>Maintenance:</b> None

## 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)

## **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

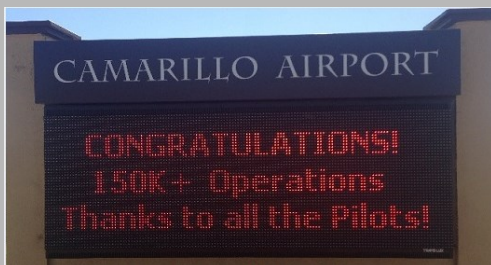
## THE MAINTENANCE CORNER

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The Department of Airports has an active pavements and grounds maintenance program, and we have a weekly schedule for sweeping both the airside and landside. This past year, a lack of rain reduced our airfield mowing requirements, but we have noticed an increase in weeds around the airfield. Fortunately, during recent wind storms, there have been fewer reports of tumble weeds in aircraft movement areas, but keep an eye out. Maintaining low ground cover also helps reduce the number of birds and small animals on the airfield, thereby keeping the skies clear and safe. We are also preparing our drainage systems for the winter rain season to help mitigate any flooding.

### Camarillo Airport

Our new LED sign along Las Posas Road is installed and landscape site improvements will soon be completed surrounding the sign. A cluster of County hangars were painted in the east end near the “Alert Hangars.” Major sheet metal and structural steel work was accomplished prior to painting.



### Oxnard Airport

Three county hangars will be painted this fall. There were major structural and sheet metal repairs that were required prior to painting. Replacement and addition of plant material in front of the terminal is complete. New plants are becoming established and improving the visual appearance to the landside of the terminal.

