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Taxiway Incursions

As many of you know, the FAA has been working hard to enhance safety for aircraft and pilots both in the air and on the ground. One major area of focus is on taxiway incursions. At Oxnard and Camarillo Airports a taxiway incursion occurs when a vehicle or pedestrian crosses the double yellow taxiway edge line without first contacting and obtaining permission from the tower. It is unfortunate, but we have experienced several taxiway incursions in the last few months. All violations are taken very seriously, and citations are issued. We ask that you please make efforts to eliminate all taxiway incursions on our airports.

Some helpful tips to help you avoid an incursion:

- Remember it is **NEVER** acceptable to walk or drive on the taxiway without permission from the tower, or the Department of Airports (outside of tower operating hours).
- Maintain awareness of your location in relation to the taxiway at all times.
- Ensure that guests are briefed on where the "restricted area" is in case they wander to look at aircraft or to find a restroom.
- If the driving lane is blocked, wait or go around on the street side, this is not an excuse to drive onto the taxiway (even by a few inches)
- BE OBSERVANT. If you see somebody about to accidentally stray onto the taxiway, educate them. Several incursions have occurred when an individual was walking backwards to get a "better shot" while photographing aircraft.

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)

Homecoming

We extend Glen Becerra a warm welcome back to the Camarillo maintenance team.

Glen returns to us after proudly serving his country for one year in Iraq. We are glad he has returned safely, and we thank you, Glen, for your dedication.



Welcome

- Chris Hastert, Deputy Director of Airports (Promotion)
- Aaron Walsh, Camarillo Airport Manager (Promotion)
- Patrick Lammerding, Operations Officer
- Patti Clark, Operations Officer
- Chad Williams. Operations Officer
- Signature Flight Support (Formerly Million Air Oxnard)

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

- Camarillo Air Show / Camarillo Airport 30th Anniversary celebration August 19-20
- 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.

Calendar Year 2005 statistics

Camarillo Airport: 153,258 Operations (5.9% decrease)

Oxnard Airport: 101,862 Operations (12.5% increase)

22,865 Enplaned Passengers (4.1% decrease)

Battery Recycling

The last battery recycling day was a huge success. We will definitely schedule similar events in the future, however please **do not** drop off any batteries at the wash rack / work area unless another pick-up day has been announced.

Position and Hold

You may have noticed that you no longer hear the tower at either Oxnard or Camarillo Airport issuing "taxi into position and hold" instructions. This is the result of a nationwide policy change from the FAA to enhance safety for all airports.

Selling your hangar?

Please let us know. We receive many inquiries about hangars for sale. We might be able to help identify a prospective buyer.

What's Happening at Camarillo Airport

- The security system at Gate 3 (near Western Cardinal) is not able to accommodate all users. We are making arrangements to resolve this and ask for your patience if your card is affected.
- Sun Air has completed construction of its additional hangars.

What's Happening at Oxnard Airport

- The new ARFF (Aircraft Rescue Firefighting) truck has been delivered and put into service.
- The lease for Hangar 1 (formerly Million Air) has been assigned to Signature Flight Support. You will still see many familiar faces.

Reminders

- If you are a county hangar tenant, feel free to call about maintenance issues. Our maintenance staff is ready and willing to help. Maintenance supervisor 805-388-4206.
- Airport dumpsters and trash cans are for airport generated waste only.
- Legal tenant: Aircraft owner, Insurance, Listed tenant (all same names)