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## Rent and Fee Notice

By now you should have received your coupon books for the County's fiscal year 2012/2013 budget year. You will notice a slight rate increase. This increase was based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.1%. This was unanimously approved by the Airport Authorities and the Board of Supervisors based on the previously approved rate increase compromise. We wish to thank the Hangar Owners Association and other tenants for their input during the review process. We appreciate the participation in policy development at the airports that we all enjoy. If for some reason you have not received your new coupon book, please call Natalie Carrier at

## Safety and Security on the Airports

The first objective in the Airports' mission statement is "To provide safe, efficient, maintained, and accessible facilities for the provision of general aviation and limited commuter airline service needs of the citizens of Ventura County". While we want every tenant to have full access to their leaseholds, it must be accomplished in a safe manner that provides security for the rest of the tenants. This is one of the reasons you are required to undergo driver's training before you are granted airport access. This is also why we require every vehicle that passes through the gates to swipe their cards and not "tailgate" behind the vehicle in front of them. If there is a problem then it makes it easier to identify suspected vehicles and isolate the time the airport was accessed by those vehicles. We realize this may be an inconvenience, but it is a small price to pay to protect the investment you have in your airplane and your leasehold. We ask that you close and lock your hangar doors and turn off the lights when you leave. This conserves energy and protects your belongings. Utilize the vehicle drive lane south of Taxiway F at both airports to avoid straying onto the taxiway and incurring a Vehicle Pedestrian Deviation (VPD). Remember, these are your airports. Please utilize them in a safe and responsible manner. Protect yourself, protect your property, and protect your fellow aviator.

## Aircraft Operations when Aircraft Control Tower is Closed

If you are operating your aircraft when the tower is closed, announce your intentions on frequency 128.20 and turn on your aircraft beacon. Doing this whether you are taking off, landing, or just moving around the airport to get fuel, performing a maintenance turn, etc., will let other airport users know that there is a spinning prop to be aware of. There could also be other operations that could conflict with your movements such as construction, the airport sweeper, or other aircraft performing similar operations. Turning your beacon light on whenever the propeller will be spinning is a good safety practice that helps to raise awareness of those around you. Please be considerate, be aware, and be safe.

## Airport Projects Update

### CAMARILLO AIRPORT

**Recent: Parallel Taxiway**—The project to construct a new parallel taxiway and high speed exit at Taxiway B for Camarillo Airport is complete. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during construction. The new parallel taxiway is located between Taxiways A and E. and will allow Category III aircraft, as well as all others, to safely navigate from one end of the airport to the other. Traffic flow should also improve for two way traffic around the airfield. In coordination with the air traffic control tower, additional hold short markings shall soon be added along Taxiway H to facilitate safer transitions on the taxiways.

**Next: Wash Rack Ramp and Infield Improvements by TWY G**—The ramp north of the wash rack is scheduled to be reconstructed under the next federal grant funding cycle. Work could commence as early as September. The reconstruction will include much needed drainage improvements to help with water runoff. The Airport is also looking to improve the taxiway safety area between TWYs F & G. The design will create a safer taxiway environment, erosion control, and drainage improvements.

### OXNARD AIRPORT

**Recent: Runway and Taxiway Rehabilitation & Displaced Threshold Relocation**—This long anticipated project was completed in November. If you haven't had an opportunity yet, fly over or visit Oxnard Airport to see the new displaced threshold location and freshly sealed runway and taxiways. This important project increased the landing distance for aircraft landing on RW 25 to 5500 feet. The project finished on schedule and in time for the FAA to publish the new approach in its December 2011 publication.



**Next: Runway and Taxiway Lighting Upgrade**—To further the Airports' goal to become more energy efficient, the Airport plans to upgrade the airfield lighting to LED under the next federal grant funding cycle. The change to LED lighting will reduce airfield lighting and maintenance costs, and emissions. This project has the added benefit of helping the Airport meet FAA standards for lighting offsets.

### CUE PROJECTS

*CUE: The Camarillo Utility Enterprise (CUE) is a committee made up of the property owners at Camarillo Airport to maintain common streets and lighting in the Camarillo Airport Business Park.*

**Recent:** Many of you may have noticed that the **Eubanks Street Rehabilitation** is complete. Please enjoy the new pavement from Pleasant Valley Road to Aviation Drive; new handicap access ramps at selected locations; improvements to sidewalks and driveway entrances; as well as some drainage improvements.

Eubanks Street was in poor condition and these improvements were much needed! Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this project.

**Next: Aviation Drive & Durley Avenue** — The next project approved by CUE members, includes rehabilitation of portions of Aviation Drive between Eubanks St. and Wood Rd. and from Durley Avenue in front of the Waypoint Café going east to the Fire Department Headquarters. To extend the life of the existing pavement, the pavement will be reconstructed in certain locations, crack sealed and slurred.

## FAA's National Based Aircraft Inventory Program

The FAA is requiring that the Department of Airports provide them a list of all of the aircraft that are based at our County Airports. This list needs to be kept up to date and reviewed periodically.

We are asking for your cooperation, by requesting that you provide us with the N number of all the aircraft stored in your hangar including those that are "additional stored". The Airport Operations Department will be contacting you should there be a need to confirm the status of an aircraft.



## High Flyer of the Quarter



Dan Ayd, Operations Officer, was selected high flyer of the quarter for the Department of Airports. Dan has been with the department since January 9, 2011. In this short time he has become a valuable asset to the organization. He was instrumental in the annual emergency response table top at Oxnard Airport, coordinating the event with several local and federal response agencies. Dan recently took his Airport Certified Employee (ACE) test and passed with an extremely high score. Dan is a hard working dedicated employee who continues to excel.

## County Hangars Available at Oxnard Airport

850 Square Foot County T-Hangars are available immediately at Oxnard Airport. Please contact Jorge Rubio at 805 388-4246 for more information and details.



## Thank You for Your Support

We are sure you have noticed our signage upgrades at the vehicle and pedestrian gates at both airports. This is a project that our Maintenance Staff has taken on to ensure that the signs are current and visible. *The Airports would like to thank Mr. Tom Ridderbush and Imagestuff for donating the "Airport Watch" signs and his continued support of the airports.*

## Camarillo Airport Industrial Park

As you may or may not know, the Camarillo Airport Industrial Park is responsible for about 30% of the Airports' revenue. It is a major reason the County Airport System is financially self sufficient and supports shortfalls for aviation activities. Recently we have had some tenants vacate which will affect the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget. We continue to strive to fill several vacancies at the Industrial park. If you or somebody you know is looking for office space or vacant land to develop, please contact Don Occhiline at 805-388-4201 to learn more about the leasing opportunities at the Camarillo Airport

## A Call for Your E-mail Address

If you are a tenant of the Airports and have not provided an e-mail address, we ask that you do so. This way we will be able to get airport related information to you faster and save a few trees at the same time.

### Airport Personnel

#### Arrivals

##### Operations:

Jeff Christensen  
Joshua McKinnon  
Bill Ristevski

##### Maintenance:

John Feldhans

#### Departures

##### Operations:

Jerry Noble

## The Maintenance Corner

Please welcome our newest Maintenance Worker John Felhans to the Airport when you see him. Both airports have active sweeping, mowing, weed and pest control programs. Airfield mowing is not as intense this growing season due to the lack of rain. Manpower saved from this task is expended on pavement and hangar maintenance. A solar electric study has been completed to better understand potential projects. Project feasibility is questionable as average payback periods exceed 15 years. Lighting improvement projects scheduled at both airfields, using LED lights, will extend payback periods. As they say in the industry, “the cheapest kilowatt is the one you don’t buy”. Perimeter fence repairs were accomplished at both airports. V-gate signs replaced, card readers and guard posts repaired and painted. P-gates repairs and paint are complete at Camarillo and scheduled for Oxnard.

### Camarillo:

The aircraft wash rack and the nearby restroom will be repainted. A group of county hangars, east end, will be power washed, have sheet metal and structural repairs, then paint. Concrete pavement cracks and joints, north of Hangar 3, are repaired. The intersection of Eubanks and Pleasant Valley Road will be landscaped. Airfield restrooms were upgraded and interiors repainted. Major tree trimming on Willis and Skyway is underway.

### Oxnard:

Hangars near Gate V-4 will be painted early fall, major maintenance and repairs will also take place. Landscape planting around the terminal is underway. The concrete apron, airside terminal, had all cracks sealed. A restroom in the Air Traffic Control tower was rebuilt. Water tanks demolition and roof maintenance is complete at Airport Maintenance Yard, Teal Club Road; a rebuild of airfield restroom near Hangar 2 is scheduled this summer.

### 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

#### **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**

**John Zaragoza,  
Board of Supervisors**

**Kathy Long,  
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**

## Vehicle Pedestrian Deviations

Please remember that while driving or walking on the airports there are areas that are strictly controlled by the Aircraft Control Tower. These areas are Airport Operational Areas (AOA) and anyone requiring access to them must be under the strict control of the Aircraft Traffic Control Tower (ATCT). Entering the AOA without ATCT’s approval is considered a Vehicle Pedestrian Deviation (VPD) which must be reported to the Federal Aviation Administration’s regional office which triggers an investigation. These incidents and their subsequent investigations are very important, they are utilized to identify potential operational discrepancies that would contribute to safety related problems that would create the potential conflict between aircraft and other vehicles/ pedestrians who are operating uncontrolled in the AOA, If you are not sure of the locations of the AOA and how to operate in the AOA, then you have not attended the mandatory drivers training. Take time to ensure you are operating in a safe manner. Please contact the Airports Manager, Jorge Rubio at (805) 388-4246 with any questions you may have. Your safety is our number one priority.