

# Fly Merced

**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER** 

**MARCH 2009** 

#### MERCED AIRPORT GOES REGIONAL

Merced Municipal Airport/Macready Field has changed its name to Merced Regional Airport/Macready Field. The airports name change was sparked by the recently received Small Community Air service Development Program Grant (SCASDP). The Airport Authority voted unanimously recommending the City Council

approve the name change, and on March 6, 2009 the Merced City Council voted unanimously approving the change.

In addition to receiving the grant and changing its name, Merced Regional Airport was also designated as an Air Service Development Zone by the Department of Transportation.

The Federal Aviation Administration is currently changing all references on aeronautical charts and publications to Merced Regional Airport/Macready Field.



Great Lakes Airlines flies daily to Ontario International Airport in Southern California where travelers can find 30 non-stop flights to various destinations across the US and to Mexico. Go to www.flymercedairport.com for daily flight schedules.

## GREAT LAKES AIRLINES ANNOUNCES A NEW AIRLINE SHEDULE

Great Lakes Airlines an- Flight nounced the addition of a round trip flight between Merced and Ontario International Airport in California bringing their number of weekday flights to 3 each day. The new flight schedule will be effective on April 7, 2009. (subject to change):

Merced to Ontario:

\*Non-stop flight. Flight \*5194

Flight 5045 Mon-Fri Departs 5:30 am Arrives 7:12 am

Flight \*5194 Mon-Fri Departs 10:06 am Arrives 11:17 am

5196 Sat & Sun Departs 8:23 am Arrives 10:05 am

Flight \*5065 Mon-Sat Departs 1:08 pm Arrives 2:19 pm

Ontario to Merced:

\*Non-stop flight

Mon-Fri Departs 8:45 am Arrives 9:56 am

Flight \*5065 Mon-Sat Departs 11:47 am Arrives 12:58 pm

5198 Sat Flight Departs 4:20 pm Arrives 6:07 pm

Flight 5061 Sun-Fri Departs 7:45 pm Arrives 9:32 pm

To purchase tickets on Great Lakes Airlines, visit www.flygreatlakes. com, call the Great Lakes' reservation center at 800-554-5111 or visit your travel agent.

Great Lakes is providing scheduled passenger service at 65 airports in seventeen states with a fleet of Embraer EMB-120 Brasilias and Raytheon/Beech 1900D regional airliners.

## Merced Regional **Airport**

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#### **MARKETING AND ADVERTISING**

TJA Advertising and Public Relations out of San Luis Obispo is working on the Marketing and Advertising Plan as required by the Small Community Air Service Development Program Grant.

The proposed plan presented February 25 to the committee members was a good start. Final approval of the plan and implementation will begin in April 2009.

#### **FAA INSPECTION**

The airport received its annual Part 139 Certification and Runway Safety Inspection on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The inspection went very well and the airport passed with flying colors.

In addition, numerous kudos were received from the inspectors regarding the quality of upkeep and overall general condition of the airfield, facilities, taxiways and runways.

## TENANT SPOTLIGHT

Gateway Air Center President, Tom Lopes has three decades of experience in aircraft maintenance and management. Since January 2003, Tom has operated Gateway Air Center at the Merced Regional Airport. The FBO consists of three hangars totaling 16,400 sf and 4,800 sf of office and lounge areas, which have been recently renovated. Medi-flight occupies some of this space as well. Medi-flight provides emergency flight operations for trauma victims of accidents. To help improve the airport Gateway has constructed and sold to the airport 2 new buildings that contain 10 box hangars in each and has future plans to expand the FBO facility even more.

Gateway is an authorized Cirrus Maintenance facility that specializes in major structural repairs, and provides line service maintenance for local, business and corporate aircraft. Gateway offers aircraft rental and training, avionics calibration and pitot/static calibrations, and has oxygen, nitrogen and lav services available. Gateway also offers satellite television, Wi-Fi Internet, on-site rental cars, hotel booking, catering and charter services.

For more information and to view live camera shots of the facility, please visit www.gatewayaircenter.com.



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**NORCAL DEPARTURE:** 

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LAT/LONG:

37-17-05.0230N / 120-30-49.9890W

37-17.083717N / 120-30.833150W

37.2847286 / -120.5138858 (est.)

# **Airport Projects**

Floyd Johnston Construction was awarded the contract by the City Council on July 7 for the final phase of *Pipelining Irrigation and Drainage Canals* on the Airport. Construction began October 1 and is now complete. Airport Staff is currently working on closing out the grant.

Viking General Contractors, Inc. was awarded the contract by the City Council on July 7 to construct the new Airport Storage-Maintenance Building and related paving. The 2,000 square foot metal building is located off Fly-In Way, behind Hangar 16. Construction is complete.

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