



# Fly Merced

December 2007

## New Carrier to Serve Merced



On October 10, 2007, the US Department of Transportation named Great Lakes Airlines as the successful bidder to replace Air Midwest Airlines in Merced and Visalia.

New service is expected

Great Lakes Airlines (GLA) is based in Cheyenne, Wyoming. GLA proposes to start service in Merced with three daily non-stop flights to Las Vegas McCarran Airport, also providing local passengers easy connections to other

vice subsidy to continue providing airline service, but Great Lakes and their personal approach to customer service and marketing, has brought some previously subsidized communities off of the Essential Air Service program.

### Airline Service Continues from Merced

**Merced's air service continues uninterrupted. There will be no break or interruption in passenger service. While transitioning to the new carrier, US Airways express flights continue to operate from Merced, with up to five daily departures.**

to begin in early January.

Of the three carriers that submitted bids to serve the Merced market, USDOT determined that Great Lakes was the most qualified.

destinations.

Great Lakes is a proven carrier with a track record of success in many of the markets they serve. Many of Great Lakes' cities were also dependent upon the federal Essential Air Ser-

vice subsidy to continue providing airline service, but Great Lakes and their personal approach to customer service and marketing, has brought some previously subsidized communities off of the Essential Air Service program.

Great Lakes also has 30 seat Brasilia Aircraft, complete with a lavatory and flight attendant onboard.

With locally growing passenger enplanements, it is

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## Merced Municipal Airport

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### New hangars to be available

Construction will begin soon on twenty new general aviation (GA) 1500 square foot box hangars.

Contact Airport Administration if you are interested in being added to the waiting list:

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### Merced Airport Service Spotlight:

Rosie's Airport Hangar Café is open daily from 5:00 am until 3:00 pm, serving breakfast and lunch.

The Hangar Café is located at 44 Macready Drive, directly across from the terminal.



## EAS Carrier Selection (continued)

possible that Merced's service may be upgraded to the 30 seat Brasilia aircraft in calendar year 2008.

Vision Airlines, which was also a bidder for the Merced EAS service, continues to negotiate with the City of Merced regarding possible new service to several other regional destinations.

Vision Airlines currently operates as a non-scheduled charter airline, but plans in the near future to obtain a full air carrier operating certificate.

**CELEBRITY VISITOR OF THE MONTH:** *Stephen Spielberg's Bombardier Global Express visits Merced Municipal Airport.*

## Airport Projects

Several projects are under way at the Merced Municipal Airport:

A major [irrigation and storm water drainage](#) project that is funded through a combined FAA grant and City matching funds is nearing completion. The project caused a temporary displaced threshold of 1400' on the approach end of Runway 30.

Full use of the runway will resume on Tuesday the 13th of November.

The Airport [emergency generator](#) will have additional equipment

added soon, equipping the generator to handle all power outages.

A new [Airport Maintenance Building](#) is in design, allowing the airport to store equipment out of the elements.

Also, the [Airport taxiways and GA tarmac](#) will be crack sealed and all taxiway and hold lines will be refreshed in the very near future.

The [newest corporate hangar](#) at the Airport is now complete and ready for move in.

### **For the pilots:**

#### **CTAF/UNICOM:**

122.7 MHz

#### **WX ASOS:**

132.175 MHz  
(209-381-0926)

#### **NORCAL APPROACH:**

120.95 MHz

#### **NORCAL DEPARTURE:**

120.95 MHz

#### **LAT/LONG:**

37-17-05.0230N / 120-30-49.9890W  
37-17.083717N / 120-30.833150W  
37.2847286 / -120.5138858 (est.)

## Next Door to the Airport: Industrial Park Update

[New Look for the Airport Entry:](#) The entrance to Merced Municipal Airport is being brightened by the construction of a new multi-tenant industrial and office building. The impressive concrete-tiltup structure is under construction now, due to be completed in spring 2008.

The building sets a new standard for architectural design in the Airport Industrial Park.

[Truck Parking Available:](#) Merced's long-haul truck drivers have a new location to park free and legally, at the just-opened Truck Parking Lot on Riggs Avenue in the Airport Industrial Park.

Drivers are subject to ticketing for parking semi-trucks and trailers in Merced residential neighborhoods and on certain City streets. This lot makes available a legal parking spot for over 20 trucks.