



# Fly Merced

March 2008

## Great Lakes to Serve Merced

Code-share partners With Frontier and United



Great Lakes Airlines has notified the City of Merced that service will begin soon for the cities of Merced County and the surrounding communities.

Although Great Lakes expected to start much earlier in the year, unforeseen delays have occurred. Recently, Great Lakes has worked out arrival and depar-

ture gate access and baggage handling issues with McCarran Airport in Las Vegas.

As of today, Great Lakes Airlines expects to start service around May 1st. As with any new plan, there are numerous items to coordinate and secure in order to start.

In the meantime, Mesa Airlines will continue to serve Merced.

Great Lakes will provide service to McCarran Airport in Las Vegas – the busiest airport in the West. Since they “Code Share” with United and Frontier, travelers can book flights anywhere in the world directly from Merced.

### Merced Municipal Airport

20 Macready Drive  
Merced, CA 95340  
Phone: 209-385-6873  
Fax: 209-385-6880  
[www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org)  
[www.flymercedairport.com](http://www.flymercedairport.com)

### ANTIQUE FLY-IN

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Merced Fly-In is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The Merced Fly-In is the longest running fly-in in the state of California.

Jan Basart of the Fly-In committee is actively seeking both financial support and volunteer help in putting on this event. To help, please call Jan Basart at 209-725-1223. The Committee is a non-profit organization and relies solely on private donations and community support.

### For Lease

The Hangar Café at the Merced Municipal Airport is available for a new operator. The restaurant facility is approximately 1,000 sf along with 150 sf of storage space.

Interested parties need to contact the Airport Administrative office at 20 MacReady Drive or call 385-6873 for more information.

### NEW HANGAR CONSTRUCTION

Construction continues on the new aircraft hangars at Merced Airport. Erect-A-Tube delivered the new hangars this week and work immediately begun putting them together. Within 90 days the project should be done and buildings will be ready to accept aircraft.

If you have a flyable aircraft and you're interested in renting one of these hangars, please contact Gateway Air Center at 209-722-7300 or Merced Airport at 209-385-6873.



## TENANT SPOTLIGHT

Fred Salvatori is a long term tenant and a permanent fixture here at the airport. You can find Fred at his hangar in Bldg 21 almost every day.

Stop by sometime to admire his pristine 1973 Cessna 172 or to chat about aviation or just simply to say HI!



Fred Salvatori

## 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 completed.

The Airport [emergency generator](#) equipment has been added, which equips the Airport to handle all power outages.

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

A new [modular building](#) is being considered for the Airport Terminal. This new building will provide a new entrance to the terminal that is ADA compliant in addition to providing needed space until the new terminal is built.

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

### 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.)

## Industrial Park Update

### New Look for the Entry to the Airport:



Truck Parking Available: Merced's long-haul truck drivers have a new location to park free and legally. The Truck Parking Lot is located 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.