



Fly Merced

JUNE 2008

TENANT AND PILOT APPRECIATION DAY



On Saturday June 7, 2008 Gateway Air Center, Inc. hosted an Appreciation day for tenants and pilots.

Gateway Air Center's maintenance hangar was opened and provided a cool place to enjoy a delicious BBQ, refreshments, lots of conversation, and a chance to meet new people. The event was enjoyed by

all.

Although this event was not open to the public, family was welcome and also enjoyed the day.

Pilots participated in a "flour drop" and "spot landing" competitions along with a raffle for gas cards donated by Chevron.

The Merced Antique Fly-In Committee was un-

able to secure the required funds to host the annual Fly-In this year. but we hope to see them back next year. However, the tenant pilot appreciation day will continue to be an annual event.

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PART 139 INSPECTION SUCCESS

The FAA recently visited the Merced Municipal Airport to conduct the annual inspection June 2-3, 2008. Merced Airport has passed every "Part 139" inspection since they've been a federal requirement. Merced is now in its 60th year of providing commercial airline service to the community.

SAWRS

In other inspection news, Merced passed its annual Secondary Airways Weather Reporting System inspection on June 5, 2008.

WINDSOCK

Merced is also proud to announce the addition of two brand new solar powered supplemental windsocks. Don't forget to look for them the next time you taxi out or land. Night or day, they will be there.

FAREWELL TO ROSIE AT THE HANGAR CAFÉ

"My experience here at the café has been a memorable one, filled with the joy of meeting new people who no longer feel like customers but more like family." Rosie Bornhouser

After several years of serving the airport community Rosie is sad to vacate the Hangar Café. According to the 30 day notice received by airport administration on June 2, 2008, "the economy is causing a downfall in business here at the café, I am no longer able to keep the café open."



Airport Administration is currently working with a new tenant to manage the Hangar Café.

TENANT SPOTLIGHT

After ten long years of airplane construction, an FAA inspector examining and declaring the airplane's airworthiness, Scott Chastain was finally ready to fly his RV-8.

At nearly 1:30 pm on Sunday June 1, 2008 Scott climbed into the cockpit to turn the prop, taxied out to the runway and after all the necessary procedures and checklists were completed he went full throttle and with a healthy roar of the engine, and a short take off roll, he was airborne on his maiden flight. Scott accomplished a number of low and high speed fly-bys, and remained airborne for almost an hour.

Scott and his RV-8 can be found most days at Building 3 in Hangar 3, stop by to see his beautiful airplane and hear first hand of his experience.



Scott Chastain

Airport Projects

Several projects are under way at the Merced Municipal Airport:

Phase III of a major [irrigation and storm water drainage](#) project that is funded through a combined FAA grant and City matching funds is completed. Phase IV, the final phase has been funded by the FAA and should be completed this year.

A new [Airport Maintenance Building](#) has been designed, and currently bids are out for the construction phase. Look for this new building to be

completed by November 2008.

Other projects funded by the FAA this year for the Airports Capital Improvement Program are [taxiway crack sealing, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting equipment, and a new sweeper.](#)

All these projects are part of the FAA \$872,122 grant plus matching funds offered this year.

The new box hangars being constructed by Gateway Air Center, Inc. are in their final stage and should be completed within the next few weeks.

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

Located at the entrance to Merced Municipal Airport



- Class A Industrial/Flex Space
- 20,000 sq. ft. Concrete Tilt-Up Construction
- 21' Clear Height
- Open Span
- Fully Sprinkled
- 3,333-20,000 sq/ ft. Space Size-Office and Restroom Included

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