



# Fly Merced

OCTOBER 2008



GREAT LAKES AIRLINES  
FLIGHT SERVICE HAS BEGUN AT THE  
MERCED MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
GREAT CONNECTIONS TO GREAT DESTINATIONS!



Great Lakes Airlines flight service to Ontario International Airport in Southern CA began on September 8, 2008. The first month of operation has been an impressive one. Flights are arriving and departing as scheduled and ticket sales continue to increase each week.

Ontario International

Airport has non-stop flights to 30 cities each day providing easy connections from Merced to 30 locations in the United States and Mexico on a daily basis including the cities listed below.

Please visit [flygreatlakes.com](http://flygreatlakes.com), call 1-800-554-5111 or contact your local travel agent for information.

#### Merced to Ontario

<u>Departs</u>	<u>Arrives</u>
5:40 am	7:12 am
1:17 pm	2:49 pm

#### Ontario to Merced

<u>Departs</u>	<u>Arrives</u>
11:30 am	1:02 pm
5:45 pm	7:17 pm

(As of October 10, 2008)

## Merced Municipal Airport

20 Macready Drive  
Merced, CA 95341  
Phone: 209-385-6873  
Fax: 209-385-6880  
[www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org)  
[www.flymercedairport.com](http://www.flymercedairport.com)

### GREAT LAKES AIRLINES GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING

On Tuesday, September 30th Great Lakes Airlines hosted, along with the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Merced Municipal Airport with an attendance of well over 50 community members.

Great Lakes representatives accepted certificates of recognition and welcome packages from the following:

Congressman Dennis Cardoza,  
Jeff Denham CA State Senate,  
Cathleen Galgiani CA State  
Legislature,  
Merced Mayor Ellie Wooten.  
Merced County Chamber of  
Commerce,  
Merced Greater Chamber of  
Commerce,  
Merced Hispanic Chamber of  
Commerce,  
United Way of Merced County

Great Lakes Airlines donated and raffled off two round trip tickets to Ontario, and Dave Putonen of Fox Sports Radio was the lucky winner.

### NON-STOP FLIGHTS FROM ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL INCLUDE:

Albuquerque	Atlanta	Boise	Colorado Springs
Denver	Dallas/Ft. Worth	El Paso	Houston – IAH
Kansas City	Las Vegas	Mexico City	Monterey
Nashville	New York – JFK	Oakland	Oklahoma City
Omaha	Phoenix	Portland	Reno
Sacramento	Salt Lake City	San Antonio	San Francisco
San Jose	Seattle	Spokane	Tucson



The Hangar Café's new manager, Juan Diaz, is currently involved in a major renovation to the facility. All new cooking equipment, tables and chairs, and a new interior paint scheme are being completed. Expect a grand opening in November 2008.

## TENANT SPOTLIGHT

Isaac Sargiz is our Airport Tenant of the Quarter. Isaac is the owner and operator of the VW and Kia dealerships in Merced, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara. To stay on top of business and bring our citizens the best possible vehicles, Isaac fly's to locations in Southern California, Scottsdale Arizona, and Las Vegas Nevada. While only having had his pilot's license just less than two years, Isaac is already an accomplished pilot. In this short time, he's already accumulated over 700 hours and completed his instrument rating. In addition to his Columbia 400, Isaac has also flown Cessna 172s and 182s. Thanks for being a great tenant and bringing your business to Merced.



**ISAAC SARGIZ**

## 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 has begun and is going according to plan.

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 will be located off Fly-In Way, behind Hangar 16. Construction begins October 13.

Bret-Briggs Construction was selected by Airport Staff for the ADA renovations at the Airport main terminal. These renovations involve the bathrooms and main entrance ramp. Construction is now in its final stages and should be completed before the end of October.

Gateway Aviation's twenty new general aviation hangars are complete. Currently, thirteen of these hangars have been leased. The City is exercising its option to purchase these hangars – January 1, 2009 is the target date for acquisition.

### **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.)



Pipeline Irrigation and drainage canal project under construction.



Enclosed Box and Portable T-Hangars are currently available for rent.

Visit [www.flymercedairport.com](http://www.flymercedairport.com) for pricing and availability.