



Fly Merced

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

TENANT & PILOT APPRECIATION DAY

On Saturday June 6th the second annual Pilot and Tenant Appreciation Day was held. Although attendance was down compared to last year, everyone able to attend enjoyed a fun-filled day.

The highlight of the day was our local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA Chapter 1401) giving first time flights to eleven kids from the local community known as our "Young Eagles." A sincere thank you to EAA Chapter President Mike Bodine for organizing the event, and to Rick Eason, Ray Beverly, Bill Sigh, and Linton Wollen for making their planes available and flying these Young Eagles around. In addition, Ray Beverly took two kids up for thrilling acrobatic rides.

Several guests participated in a "Spot Landing" and "Flour Drop" competition for a chance to win Chevron fuel cards sponsored by our local FBO - Gateway Air Center. Dave Brown blew the competition away on the "Spot Landing" competition by landing directly on the target. Claire Elliott won the "Flour Drop" with a winning score of 13 ft.

Thank you to the Gateway Air Center for sponsoring \$1000 in Chevron fuel cards for the EAA, Young Eagles, and flying competitions. Also, thank you to the Hangar Café and all those who participated in this event and helped to make it another success.

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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.)

AIRPORT RATES & CHARGES

Over the past several months Airport Staff and a local intern from the University of California, Merced conducted a study of Rates and Charges on comparable airports in the local region. The desired outcome was to establish a new five year plan for Rates and Charges for Merced Regional Airport.

On June 1, 2009 City Council approved a Resolution adopting these various fees, Rates and Charges. This five-year Rates and Charges schedule reflects current market conditions and uses a three percent escalator annually.

All tenants should receive a copy of the new charges that go into effect July 1 via the mail, or you can check our out website to view Resolution 2009-40.

GREAT LAKES AIRLINES FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Merced to Ontario

Freq	Departs	Arrives	Flight
M-F	5:30 am	7:12 am	5045
Sat-Sun	8:23 am	10:05 am	5196
M-F	10:06 am	11:17 am	5194
M-Sat	1:08 pm	2:19 pm	5065

Ontario to Merced

Freq	Departs	Arrives	Flight
M-F	8:45 am	9:56 am	5194
M-Sat	11:47 am	12:58 pm	5065
Sat	4:20 pm	6:07 pm	5198
Sun-Fri	7:45 pm	9:32 pm	5061

Schedule subject to change.



Hangars Available

Bldg 6 hangar 6

*Exec T hangar 3, 21 & 31

*Exec I T hangar 11, 12 & 13

*Exec II T hangar 8

**Bldg 22 H 8 & 9

**Bldg 23 H 2, 4, 8 & 9

Wingspan/depth

40' x 31' x 11'

39' x 30.6' x 11'

40' 9" x 33' 6"x11"

44' 5" x 39' 6"x13" 6'

42' 5" x 35' 5"x11" 5'

42' 5" x 35' 5"x11" 5'

Rent

\$155

\$165

\$208

\$279

\$450

\$450

Availability

Now

Now

Now

Now

Now

Now

* No electricity

**Bldg 22 and 23-enclosed box hangars, electrical doors, lightning, electrical outlets, man door & fire suppression.

TENANT SPOTLIGHT: TONY SILVA

Back in 1976 my Uncle Joe took me for my first airplane ride in his Luscombe. I fell in love with flying then and soon after that I signed up for flying lessons. Just about the time I was finished with the lessons I found a Luscombe for sale in Arlington, Washington. Went up there twice to look at it and finally was able to fly it back home when the weather cleared up. While I owned "Charlie" I had a lot of good experiences and really enjoyed flying. I was forced to sell her in 1984 due to a divorce and that wasn't a good day at all.

Around the first of this year I received an email on MySpace from someone asking if that was my plane for sale in Oklahoma. He found me by doing a search and my email address has always been "N9911C". I told him that I wasn't the owner but used to own it. I called my girlfriend Brenda and told her about "Charlie" being for sale and we ended up buying her back.

It's been fun so far fixing her up and getting the feel of flying back and it's great to be in a hanger at Merced Airport where there are a lot of good memories.

Brenda is not a pilot yet but will be learning soon and will have the opportunity to learn to fly in a great airplane. She is currently a Lieutenant at the Sheriff's Department in Southern California, and I retired the first of the year from UPS where I was a mechanic for 18 years. *Story written by Tony Silva*

Please visit them in Executive T-Hangar #34.

TONY SILVA & BRENDA SHINN



HISPANIC CHAMBER MIX 'N MINGLE

With almost 80 people in attendance, enjoying beverages and food made by the Hangar Café, Chamber President Deanne Ruelas introduced Chuck Howell, CEO and Monica Taylor, Director of Sales & Marketing both from Great Lakes Airlines.

Several items were given away including two pair of round trip tickets to Ontario, CA. New members were introduced and several upcoming events and announcements were made. A special thanks to the Hangar Café for providing all the food in addition to all who participated in this informative evening.

Airport Driving Program

In June 2008 the process, application procedures, and airport driving regulations were updated. All gate access codes issued prior to the new process were deleted in Sept 2008 and anyone interested in keeping driving access to the airport was and is required to complete an application, submit current Automobile Insurance, a copy of their driver's license, and pass the FAA Drivers Training Course. In addition, each applicant received a copy of the Airport Drivers Training Program and a copy of the Airport Rules and Regulations. By signing the application each applicant stated they understood and read the Rules and Policies regarding access and driving on airport property and agreed to abide by these policies.

Since this new program has been implemented, airport staff has sent out eight written warnings of violations. We feel this program is working and remind each of you that these regulations are in place and enforced to protect you and the rest of the tenants on this airport.

Please remember that the first offense is a written warning, the second offense is loss of driving privileges on the airport for 30 days, and a third offense is loss of driving privileges on the airport permanently and possible fine and prosecution according to the City of Merced Municipal Code. Fortunately, no one has yet to commit a third offense. Let's keep it that way.



Written Warnings that have been issued since September 2008:

- ⇒ Not waiting for the gate to close while entering or exiting - four offenses (please remember that each vehicle must stop when entering and exiting until the gate is fully closed).
- ⇒ Gate access code compromised - two offenses
- ⇒ Driving across the AOA - two offenses

Only one individual has committed two offenses and lost their driving privileges on the airport for 30 days.



Thanks to all of you, the airport has been a safe and secure area for everyone to operate.