



# Fly Merced

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

## PALMS TO PINES, NINETY-NINES AIRPLANE RACE

Friday, August 14th the Palms to Pines, Ninety-Nines pilots touched down here at the Merced Regional Airport to refuel and enjoy the services provided by Gateway Air Center and the Hangar Café. This was the 40th Annual Palms to Pines airplane race, taking pilots from Santa Monica CA to Bend OR.



This race is unique because the planes are all single engine, have a minimum of one hundred horse power and all the pilots are women. Most importantly, they are all women that have a passion for aviation.

Originated in 1970 by the Los Angeles Palms Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, organizers say it is the longest running all women's air race.

### Merced Regional Airport

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Merced, CA 95341  
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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.)

## REGIONAL AIRPORT SIGN

Have you noticed the new sign at the main entrance to Merced Regional Airport? After months of waiting the new sign has arrived.



## 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.*



Great Lakes Airlines

1-800-554-5111

or

Merced Ticket

Counter

209-383-4000

## AIRPORT TENANTS



Gateway Air Center, LLC  
209-722-7300  
gatewayaircenter.com



Colimair Aviation  
209-564-6190



The Hangar Café  
209-726-0264



AVIS Car Rental  
209-724-9114

## TENANT SPOTLIGHT: REDDING AERO

Redding Aero Enterprises, Inc out of Redding CA took over the contract with UPS for delivery of their freight on May 18, 2009. Their “call sign” is “Boxer”, and you’ll see them operating daily on the ramp as they carry UPS cargo to and from multiple locations. Typically, they load up in the late afternoon, fly all night and return early in the morning to down-load on to waiting UPS vans. Pictured below is one of their Cessna Caravans, but expect to see them fly Cessna 402’s as well.



## NEW WEBSITE IN PROGRESS

TJA Advertising has been actively working with staff on developing a new website for flymercedairport.com. It will have a new look, new feel and easier navigation for all users. Also included on the new webpage is the DVD developed and videographed by TJA Advertising.

## PART 139 COMPLIANCE

Per Advisory Circular 150/5340-1J the Merced Regional Airport marked a big yellow “X” on the asphalt west of the runway, across from taxiway “E”. This asphalt area was part of an old cross runway that no longer exists and does not meet any of the criteria to be used as a taxiway. Future plans may include bringing the area up to specifications, but for now the area does not meet FAA standards for design and markings necessary to be designated a usable taxiway.



## CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

Demolition of Building 12, otherwise known as B-Side hangars located just off West Avenue has begun. Carter Construction began demolition August 24 and should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

The site will now be used exclusively for commercial truck parking for all commercial trucks traveling through or residing in the Merced County area.

Demolishing the eye sore of these existing hangars is an upgrade to the industrial park surrounding the airport, and provides a much needed area for commercial trucks to keep them off residential streets and private properties.

## NEW AIRPORT SECURITY SYSTEM

The FAA has approved grant money for a new security system for the Airport. The entire system will come in two phases over the next two years.

The first phase will include fiber optic lines, numerous security cameras, software, and monitoring devices. Estimated completion date of this phase is December 1. The second phase slotted for next year will include new access control devices at all the various access points, both walk through and drive through.

## MERCED REGIONAL AIRPORT EXHIBIT AT THE MERCED COUNTY FAIR

Airport staff and Authority members manned a booth at this years Merced County Fair on Friday and Saturday night. It was a great opportunity to help make our community aware of the Merced Regional Airport.

A drawing was offered to win two round trip tickets donated by Great Lakes Airlines, which helped to learn what the community knows or is looking for out of our local airport. Charity Curtis was the lucky winner!



### Hangars Rentals Available

- \*Executive T hangar
- \*Executive I T hangar
- \*Executive II T hangar

### Wingspan/depth

- 39' x 30.6' x 11'
- 40' 9" x 33' 6"x11"
- 44' 5" x 39' 6"x13" 6'
- \*\*Building 22 42' 5" x 35' 5"x11" 5'
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### Rent

- \$165
- \$208
- \$279
- \$450
- \$450

### Availability

- Now
- Now
- Now
- Now
- Now

\* No electricity    \*\* New box hangars, electric doors and outlets, lightning and fire suppression.