



AIRPORT BUZZ

Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville California -August 2023



Gate Cards – Annual Renewal in Progress

All tenants are issued one complimentary gate card. If additional cards are needed, an annual fee of \$30 per card is required. If you received an invoice, this is a friendly reminder to please pay before August 31st. Any unpaid gate cards will be deactivated after that date.

Several tenants have asked why an annual renewal of cards is needed and what the fee covers. The primary reason for renewal is safety and security of aviation assets [your aircraft] and the airfield. Other reasons include changed circumstances; maybe a tenant doesn't need two gate cards; and cards are also easy to lose and misplace. The fee helps defray the cost of purchasing chip cards, gate reader maintenance and administering the program.

Through the renewal process, Office Coordinator Molly Chatwin checks to ensure only those people who are tenants, or doing business on the airfield, have an active gate card.

NOTE: Gate card fees will not be paid through autopay. Tenants on autopay for hangars will need to pay the gate card invoice online or in the office.



Be Kind to our fuel island

The self-serve fuel island is almost 30 years old - the underground storage tanks (UST) were installed in 1996. Our Airport staff along with the designated UST Operator and Fuel Inspector Trent Douglass - do an excellent job of keeping the fuel island in good repair and ensuring it's meeting all the state and local environmental requirements.

Like all aviation related things on the airfield, replacement parts are expensive. A hose reel costs \$1,700 and a cable reel \$500. Please walk the hose back; and replace the ladder after use. If you see someone being rough with the equipment, please remind them to use it appropriately or bring the matter to the attention of Airport staff.

Don't be caught by Surprise – Office closed during lunch

Airport staff want to be sure we are here and open when you visit. The Admin Office is **open Monday – Friday from 8 - 5 pm and closed from noon to 1 pm** for staff to take a lunch break. For your convenience we have a drop box by the glass door entrance for dropping off rent payments by check.

Eyes and Ears on Airfield

Airport staff strive to keep the airport and facilities looking good and you can help us in that goal. If you notice any items on the airfield that need attention, such as water running on sidewalks, broken sprinkler heads, burnt out lights, faded windsocks, and so on, please reach out to Mark Muller or Charlie Salt on the field, or drop by the office. We especially appreciate prompt notification of any potential safety hazards you observe.

Great news – FAA approves Grant

Airport staff received word last week the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved \$302,844 for additional design costs of the remaining two phases of the Taxilane Reconstruction Project.

In other grant news:

Work is underway by Mead & Hunt as part of an electrical assessment of the airfield using FAA funding. The study includes performing condition and electrical assessment of runway/taxiway lights, NAVAIDs, apron lights and the rotating beacon. The County received an FAA grant of \$79,969 to pay for 90% of the costs of the assessment; total project cost is \$88,854. The goal of the assessment is to improve the reliability of the lighting systems and increase airfield safety and energy efficiencies.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles – September 16

Museum focus: The Rowland Freedom Center will be hosting the 2nd Annual Planes, Trains, and Automobiles event on Saturday, September 16, from 9 am to 2 pm. This exciting event will feature a large display of vintage cars and motorcycles; extraordinary model train layouts and warbird planes. There will even be train rides available on the California Dream Express train for an additional charge. If interested, please bring your family and support this fun event at our local museum. Admission is only \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and under 5 free. For more details, check out their website at [https://](https://www.rowlandfreedomcenter.org)

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Limited Parking in Terminal Lot

Airport staff have noticed vehicles and trailers parked overnight in the terminal parking lot for long periods of time. With Enterprise Rent-A-Car opening their business on the airfield in September, the lot will have fewer spaces available. If you or someone you know is inappropriately using the parking lot for their long-term parking needs, please encourage them to relocate off the airfield. We want to keep our parking lot available for those doing business on the airfield.

Wi-Fi restored in hangar buildings

It took a lot of detective work done by Mike Walker, County IT Analyst, and Mark Muller to figure out the causes, but Wi-Fi is now restored in the two “new” hangar buildings.

Airport staff have checked into providing Wi-Fi airport wide, but at this time it is cost prohibitive. Staff will continue to explore options. Wi-Fi is offered at no cost to users in the pilot’s lounge and conference room.

Wings & Wheels Event

Saturday Sept 9th from 10 AM to 4 PM, Rio Vista Airport will be holding their Wings & Wheels Event with Food trucks, and live music. Admission is free

This recurring publication is for the benefit of our Nut Tree Airport tenants and stakeholders. If you have matters relevant to our Airport Community, and would like it included, please contact Molly Chatwin at the Office.