

Calendar of Events

- CAC Meeting**
First Tuesday of every month excluding holidays
 - Friends of VNY Meeting**
Second Thursday of every other month
 - BOAC Meeting**
3 times per year
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- August 5th**
United Chambers State of the Country Luncheon
 - August 13th**
U.S. Customs Grand Opening at VNY
 - September 2015**
United Chambers Annual Mayor's Luncheon
 - September 2015**
GSFVC State of the Valley
 - October 2nd**
Encino Chamber of Commerce Justice Armand Lunch
 - October 11th**
28th Annual A Taste of Encino
 - October 16th**
VICA Business Forecast Conference
 - October 18th**
Sherman Oaks Street Fair
 - October 31st** Team LAWA Valley Village Run/Walk
 - October 2015**
Health & Wellness Fair CDB
 - October 2015**
YMCA Annual Dinner
 - October 2015**
Granada Hills High School Career Fair
 - November 14th** Team LAWA GSFVC Clean-Up Day
 - November 2015**
YMCA Beautification Day
 - November 2015**
Encino Chamber of Commerce Business Expo

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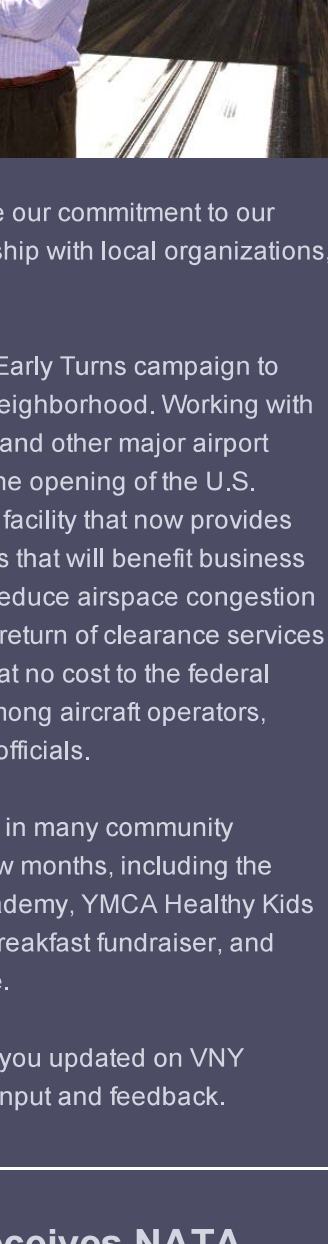
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A Message From Our Airport Manager

Greetings,

With summer well underway, it continues to be a very full year at VNY with numerous important activities that further improve and enhance the airport for tenants and visitors. Our latest newsletter highlights some of the major milestones, events and involvement activities that demonstrate our commitment to our neighbors and strengthen our partnership with local organizations, schools and businesses.

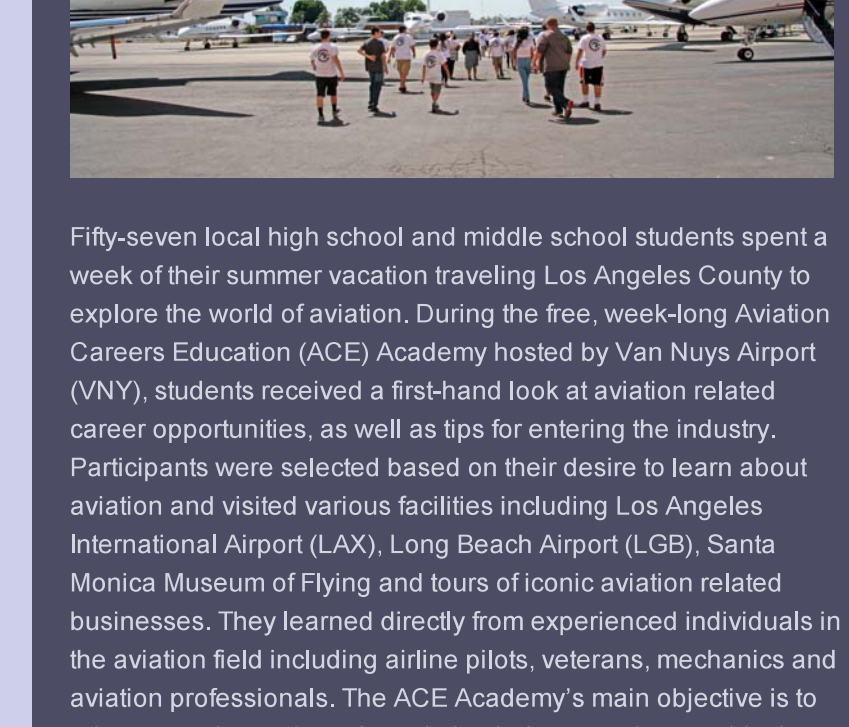


Van Nuys Airport re-launched our No Early Turns campaign to remind pilots to Fly Friendly over the neighborhood. Working with our partners, Signature Flight Support and other major airport tenants we are pleased to announce the opening of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facility that now provides services for arriving international flights that will benefit business travelers, fuel the local economy and reduce airspace congestion in the Southern California region. The return of clearance services for arriving international flights comes at no cost to the federal government thanks to collaboration among aircraft operators, airport management and government officials.

In other news, VNY has been involved in many community outreach efforts throughout the past few months, including the Aviation Careers Education (ACE) Academy, YMCA Healthy Kids Day and Mid Valley YMCA Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, and others that are highlighted in this issue.

We look forward to continuing to keep you updated on VNY developments and always invite your input and feedback.

VNY Airport Manager Receives NATA Airport Executive Partnership Award



Van Nuys Airport Manager Jess Romo (center) receives National Air Transportation Association (NATA) Airport Executive Partnership Award from NATA President Thomas Hendricks (left) and FAA Associate Administrator for Airports Eduardo Angeles (right). Photo provided by Van Nuys Airport Association.

Congratulations to Jess Romo, VNY Airport Manager, on being this year's recipient of the NATA Airport Executive Partnership Award. This award recognizes an airport manager for their outstanding efforts to foster relationships between aviation businesses and airport operators. Jess Romo was honored for his role as airport manager with his collaborative nature and strong command of the aviation business. He and his staff work closely with business and community groups in Los Angeles to promote the airport, its strategic vision and its value.

Among his impressive achievements is overseeing a \$20.5 million, seven month plan to modernize the 8,000-foot primary runway at Van Nuys Airport to current FAA standards — marking the largest maintenance project conducted at the airport in over 50 years. He has also helped facilitate the construction of new hangars through private investment, improved airport maintenance and security, and reestablished U.S. Customs and Border Protection services at the airport.

ACE Aviation Academy Experience



Fifty-seven local high school and middle school students spent a week of their summer vacation traveling Los Angeles County to explore the world of aviation. During the free, week-long Aviation Careers Education (ACE) Academy hosted by Van Nuys Airport (VNY), students received a first-hand look at aviation related career opportunities, as well as tips for entering the industry. Participants were selected based on their desire to learn about aviation and visited various facilities including Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Long Beach Airport (LGB), Santa Monica Museum of Flying and tours of iconic aviation related businesses. They learned directly from experienced individuals in the aviation field including airline pilots, veterans, mechanics and aviation professionals. The ACE Academy's main objective is to educate students about the aviation industry and to provide them the opportunity to explore different career options that are not commonly recognized in the aviation field.

To receive further information or an application for the 2016 ACE Academy please visit <http://www.lawa.org/uploadedfiles/vny/pdf/ACE%20Application.pdf> or send us an email at vnytr@lawa.org with the prospective applicant's grade level and name.

New U.S. Customs Facility at Van Nuys Airport: a Public-Private Partnership Success Story



VNY is happy to announce the successful launch of its U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) services for arriving international flights that now benefit business travelers, fuel the local economy and reduce airspace congestion in the Southern California region. A dedicated 1,528 square-foot clearance facility officially opened on May 21, 2015 under the federal User Fee Airport Program, which reimburses CBP for all operating costs with fees collected from arriving aircraft.

One of the world's busiest general aviation airports, VNY had been without CBP officers since 2007 when on-call customs clearance services were suspended at all airports within the Los Angeles basin except Los Angeles International Airport. Over the past six years, VNY management has worked in close collaboration with airport tenants and key stakeholder groups to reestablish CBP services at the general aviation airfield.

"Van Nuys Airport is one of the most important civil aviation hubs in the country," said U.S. Congressman Tony Cárdenas. "After years of advocating the return of customs services, I am proud to say that it is now the only general aviation airport in Los Angeles with an on-site Customs and Border Protection facility. I am very pleased about the jobs that the new Customs station will create, both at Van Nuys Airport and for airport customers throughout the San Fernando Valley."

The return of CBP services adds significant convenience for arriving international travelers, who can fly directly to VNY without stopping first at another airport to clear customs. In addition to saving private jet travelers time and money, the service benefits the environment by reducing emissions from repositioning flights and decreasing overall operations within Southern California's congested airspace.

"This new asset at Van Nuys Airport allows the airport to provide more efficient aircraft operations benefiting business, the environment and the public alike," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez. "Van Nuys Airport is a major economic engine that benefits working families in our community."

Signature Flight Support, which advanced approximately \$225,000 to construct a dedicated clearance facility, is responsible for collecting user fees and making payments to LAWA that are then submitted to CBP for staffing and operational costs. The dedicated CBP facility features an interview room, inspection room, office space and a high level of security, similar to that found at our nation's large commercial airports.

"Signature is proud to host the new U.S. CBP office on our leasehold," said Maria Sastre, president and chief operating officer for Signature Flight Support. "We truly appreciate our partnership with Los Angeles World Airports and the Van Nuys Airport Association to implement services that benefit both users of business aviation and airport stakeholders."

"Having U.S. Customs and Border Protection services at Van Nuys Airport is a great example of how local support can produce improved services at airports across the country," said Van Nuys Airport Manager Jess Romo. "Working with our partners, Signature Flight Support and other major airport tenants, Los Angeles' business airport will now be even more appealing and convenient for international travelers."

Sherman Way Tunnel Lighting Project Update

The Sherman Way Tunnel is in the process of receiving new LED lighting, with installation beginning in August. This is an important step towards increasing safety and minimizing vandalism inside the tunnel. The construction is expected to be completed by the summer of 2016. Traffic management will be used to minimize impacts on vehicle and pedestrian traffic. We appreciate your patience during this time and still need the assistance of the community to report any vandalism so it can be remedied as soon as possible. As a reminder, consumers can dial 311 to report issues related to vandalism or graffiti and request assistance. The newest and easiest way to make a report is using the LA 311 app on your smart phone. The "Submit Service Request" feature can be used to report graffiti and potholes and will enable the city to respond promptly so we can all contribute to keeping our community clean, safe and beautiful.

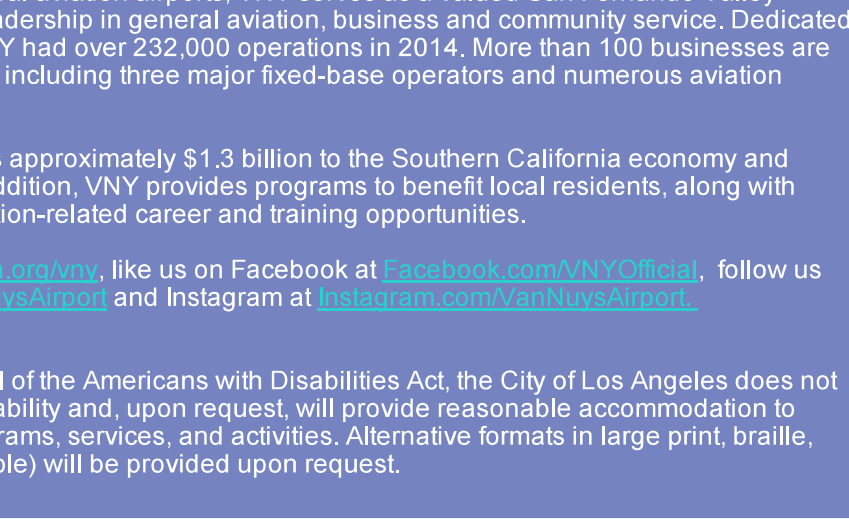
VNY Air Traffic Control Tower Upgrades



Temporary control tower

There are several exciting upgrades coming online at VNY as part of our proactive initiatives to ensure that airport operational infrastructure offers the safest and most efficient experience for travelers. First, a beacon located at the site of the old ATC tower was replaced with a newer model. In the coming months, the FAA's Air Traffic Control operators are transitioning to a temporary tower while the existing structure receives upgrades. The existing tower will receive a complete makeover with upgraded technology, including new communications equipment. The temporary tower will contain all of the equipment and full staffing of the existing tower, and be operational until these upgrades are completed.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Mid Valley Family YMCA



VNY continues its involvement with the community during the 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser hosted by VNY Team LAWA and L.A. Fire Station 114. All proceeds benefit the Mid Valley Family YMCA's scholarship and program efforts.

Volunteers served stacks of pancakes to more than 150 people in attendance to support the YMCA. The pancake breakfast was held at the fire station hangar, where attendees were treated to music, an airport video, fire station tours, and enjoyed lots of photo opportunities with firemen and fire trucks.

No Early Turns Program

To enhance pilot awareness and outreach efforts, LAWA adapted a resolution to formalize the VNY "No Early Turn" procedure, which was approved by the Board of Airport Commissioners on June 18, 2015. This latest initiative is yet another example of how VNY continues to partner with its tenants and operators to promote the programs VNY has in place to be friendly neighbors. Surrounding neighbors and businesses are now more aware of the programs VNY has in place to mitigate some of the environmental effects of an airport.

Since the 1980s, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has distributed pilot information brochures and informally encouraged pilots to adhere to the VNY No Early Turn procedures on a voluntary basis for fixed-wing aircraft.

The current procedure requests that pilots departing VNY to the south from Runways 16R and 16L fly to the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin before initiating any turns, and thereby avoid flying over homes in adjacent areas southwest and southeast of VNY. For departures to the north from Runways 34R and 34L, the policy requests that pilots reach an altitude of 1800' MSL before initiating any turns in an effort to reduce the noise level for residences under the flight path.

Joseph Aredas Wins Fellowship and Service Award

Courtesy of the Motion Picture Editors Guild, photo taken by photographer Devenill Weekes

Former airport commissioner Joseph Aredas received the Fellowship and Service Award from the Motion Picture Editors Guild on May 2, 2015. The award recognizes an individual who embodies the Guild's values of professionalism, collaboration, mentorship, generosity of spirit and a commitment to the labor movement.

"Joe Aredas has been a significant force in the labor movement of the film industry for the whole of his career," said Academy Award winner Alan Heim, president of the Guild. "He's one of the few individuals who has sat on both sides of the negotiating table and therefore has developed — and maintained — an overriding sense of fairness. It is an absolute honor for the Guild to be able to present him with this award."

Joseph's wide-ranging accomplishments include serving as VP of Labor Relations at Consolidated Film Labs, CEO at the Industry's Contract Services Administration Trust Fund and International Representative-in-Charge of the IATSE West Coast Office. He is currently a VP for Regional Airport Improvement Corporation.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day

In April, VNY sponsored the Mid Valley YMCA's Healthy Kids Day where kids played games, danced and participated in a variety of fun activities. Healthy Kids Day is an initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids, especially as the school year finishes and structured activities come to an end. Over 1,300 Ys across the country take part in Healthy Kids Day, holding free community events that are open to all kids and families and filled with fun, active play and educational opportunities. The Mid Valley YMCA's event had a great turnout with lots of smiles from the attendees!

FlyAway® Bus Service Celebrates 40 Years of Service

On July 10th, Van Nuys Airport employees entertained the traveling public by providing refreshments, cupcakes, giveaways, and music in celebration of 40 years of continuous non-stop FlyAway® bus service between the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The event was hosted at the VNY bus terminal from 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.

This first and most successful of LAX's FlyAway® bus services began on July 10, 1975 with 141 passengers taking advantage of the convenient bus service. Today, the Van Nuys FlyAway® bus service continues to dominate FlyAway® demand with ridership expected to exceed 958,000 this year. Unlike public buses, FlyAway® buses are designed with luggage bays and feature cushioned seats and free internet access. San Fernando Valley passengers bound for LAX have the option of being dropped off at the Van Nuys Bus Terminal, or leaving their cars in the covered terminal's patrolled parking area. The buses then drop off and pickup travelers in front of each terminal at the airport.

Van Nuys Prop Association Annual Meeting

On June 25, 2015, the VNY Prop Association held its annual meeting and celebration at Basenet's Hangar. The exciting event was catered by Rosie's BBQ and Grill and everyone in attendance enjoyed the meeting and celebration. The special gathering was made possible by sponsors including Pacific Aviation Development, Van Nuys Airport, Richard T. Miller, Attorney at Law, Pre Flight Insurance, Cappers Flying Club, Mach 1 Aviation, Cirrus and Planned Approach Benefits.

About Van Nuys Airport

VNY is one of three airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a self-supporting branch of the City of Los Angeles, governed by a seven-member Board of Airport Commissioners who are appointed by the mayor and serve the Los Angeles City Council.

One of the world's busiest general aviation airports, VNY serves as a valued San Fernando Valley resource, providing ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community services. Dedicated to noncommercial air travel, VNY had over 232,000 operations in 2014. More than 100 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including three major fixed-base operators and numerous aviation service companies.

Annually, the airport contributes approximately \$1.3 billion to the Southern California economy and supports over 12,000 jobs. In addition, VNY provides programs to benefit local residents, along with educational initiatives and aviation-related career and training opportunities.

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