

General Aviation Newsletter

Santa Barbara Airport

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Interested in an Airport T-hangar? Get on the Waiting List!

The Airport is accepting applications for the next waiting list lottery through March 4, 2010. Airport Commission will hold the lottery at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 17, at 7 p.m.



The hangars' 41' width accommodates most single engine and small twin aircraft. For convenience each hangar is equipped with power outlets, overhead lighting and on-site common use restroom facilities. Current rental rates are \$698/month, and a three month deposit is required.

To participate in the lottery, complete the application and submit the \$50 administrative fee to Airport Administration by March 4th. As vacancies occur the waiting list will be used to fill the hangars.

Need more storage space? The 350 ft² – 525 ft² "half hangar" end units, with roll-up doors are also available to airfield tenants for storage of

aviation related items at \$125 - \$175 per month.

For more specific information regarding occupancy of an Airport T-hangar, or to download a lottery application, visit:

http://www.flysba.com/general_aviation/airport_t_hangars.

SBA Announces GA Landing Fees for Non-based and Charter Aircraft

On December 9, 2009, Santa Barbara City Council approved a landing fee of \$1.98 per 1,000 pounds gross landed weight for all landings by non-based, general aviation aircraft weighing 10,000 pounds or more, and all Part 135 operations. The fee will go into effect on January 1, 2010.

Santa Barbara County Assessor's Office produces the annual list of aircraft based at SBA. The only based aircraft subject to the landing fee will be Part 135 operators.

The purpose of the landing fee is to establish a more equitable system to recover costs directly related to maintenance of the airfield. The Airport spends approximately \$3.5 million annually on airfield expenses. Commercial airlines pay landing fees of \$1.1 million and account for one-third of all airport operations. At this time, general aviation

operations account for two-thirds of all operations, and contribute \$130,000 annually in revenues from fuel sales. The difference of \$2,270,000 is made up by commercial industrial revenue.

The landing fee will be adjusted each July 1st and will be the same as that for commercial aircraft. The estimated additional revenue is expected to be \$237,600 annually.

Self-Service AvGas Fueling Coming in Early 2010

MAG Aviation Fuel (MAG) of Hesperia, California is in the process of receiving final approvals for construction of a Self-Service AvGas Fueling Facility at the Santa Barbara Airport. The fueling facility will be located on the former Forest Service ramp, west of Hangar 1.

Construction of the facility is expected to take approximately two weeks, once the plans have been approved. MAG anticipates that the facility will open early in 2010.

Your Aircraft and Storm Water Pollution

Washing or maintaining your aircraft on the ramp, or allowing it to leak fluids sends harmful chemicals into the storm drain. Rain that falls on Airport ramps and taxiways

transports these harmful pollutants to the storm drain where they are carried directly to the Goleta Slough without treatment.

Here's what you can do as an aircraft owner to help protect Airport storm water quality:

- Use the wash rack located directly south of Signature Flight Support to wash your aircraft. The drain, like your sink, is connected to the sanitary sewer.
- Promptly repair leaks that may develop on your aircraft.
- Use kitty litter and a broom to clean up leaks and spills.
- Recycle or properly dispose of used motor oil and other fluids.
- Use a GATS jar or an approved container to collect fuel sample wastes to avoid illegally discarding the fuel on the ground.
- Remember that biodegradable detergents and other products do not necessarily mean they are "safe for the environment." These products often degrade faster, but are still toxic to aquatic life.

Yellow and Blue Makes Green?

Replacement of flashing yellow elevated runway guard lights (ERGL) and blue taxiway edge lights is making the Airport greener. By early 2010 Airport maintenance staff will replace existing incandescent ERGLs and taxiway edge lights with LED technology.

By replacing existing incandescent lights with LED,

the Airport saves both energy and maintenance costs. LED lights use 1/3 the energy of their incandescent equivalents and last 100 times as long. While the total expected energy savings is over 55,000 kWh per year, the dramatically increased service life means much lower maintenance costs.

As technology develops and FAA approves additional LED equipment, the Airport will evaluate conversion of in-pavement runway guard lights, runway lights and signs to LED. Converting to LED not only saves energy, it's good for business.

Airline Terminal Under Construction

Construction has begun on the new Airline Terminal. During the initial phases of construction the contractors:

- Completed the new ramp area south of the existing Terminal
- Re-routed the Terminal loop road
- Relocated the short-term parking lot
- Relocated Taxiway B from Taxiway A to Taxiway E
- Stabilized the soil at the site.



Construction of the Terminal building is now underway, with the contractor, EMMA

Corporation, currently working on installing utilities. As part of the project, over 9,000' of new water line is being installed to provide a secondary water feed to the Terminal.

Pilots can expect construction to continue on the Airline Terminal for approximately 2 years.

Largest Badging Effort in the Airport's History

The airport badging office recently experienced a flurry of activity in an attempt to comply with a new Transportation Security Administration (TSA) badging requirement. The new TSA badging rule requires the Airport to ensure that all persons with unescorted access to the airfield undergo a Security Threat Assessment (STA) and be issued an airport identification badge. The badging office reviewed identity and work authorization documents for each applicant and submitted the information to the TSA. The TSA, in turn, conducted an STA for each applicant. Once the applicant successfully passed the STA the applicant was called in for security training and was issued identification media.

The airport would like to thank the General Aviation community for its patience and understanding during this badging effort, which was the largest in the airport's history. We would also like to thank our Patrol and Operations staff for working diligently in issuing over 500 new identification badges.

Western States Reclamation Concludes Hydromulching Activities

Western States Reclamation, Inc. concluded hydromulching the Jesusita Fire burn area. Hydromulching stabilizes soils in the burn areas and promotes the growth of new and surviving plant life, which helps prevent flooding and mudslides during the rainy season.

Five planes and assorted service equipment and vehicles were involved in the operation, which lasted from September 11th through October 12th. During that time 3 million gallons of water were mixed with mulch and applied to the burn areas. To apply the hydromulch, Western States Reclamation safely completed 8,188 aircraft operations at SBA.



SBA's New Website Features a General Aviation Section

The Airport recently completed an updated website with an expanded section devoted to General Aviation topics to better serve the interests of private pilots:

- Aircraft Repair & Maintenance
- Airport T-Hangars
- Charters
- Fixed Base Operators
- Flight Schools
- Minimum Standards
- Noise Abatement
- Pilot Info for KSBA

Check it out: www.flysba.com - If you have suggestions for improvement or additional topics for consideration, please contact Terri Gibson of the Airport's Marketing & Communications Division at 805-692-6004.



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