

Yuma International Airport



January 2016

2015 Airport Highlights

2015 proved to be a year of noteworthy accomplishments for Yuma International Airport. Our amazing team works hard to engage with the community and with businesses in an effort to educate and bring economic opportunities that benefit our passengers and clients. Our airport and team was recognized by Arizona Department of Transportation as Airport of the Year, we were named Chamber Member of the Month by Yuma County's Chamber of Commerce, signed leases with American Airlines for continued commercial air service for the next five years, Skylancer Aviation for aircraft maintenance, and a new lease with a UAS tenant at Rolle Airfield. In addition to this, the airport completed a full remodel on the East restroom within the airport terminal and has several grant projects under design and ready for construction in 2016. To close the year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Yuma County Airport Authority with a splendid holiday performance by the Civic Light Orchestra inside the airport terminal.



Civil Air Patrol:

Based at the Yuma International Airport, Squadron 508 is a composite unit consisting of Cadets (12 to 18 years old) and Senior Members (18 years and older). Members participate in community events, air and ground SAR training and missions, orientation flights, glider training flights, model rocketry and balloon launches, communications training and exercises, leadership training, aerospace training, airport tours, and more. For information about joining CAP and the Squadron 508 team as well as upcoming events and meetings, please visit their website at yuma508.webs.com.



Airline Enplanements Maintained

Even though we are down to one air carrier, we had another great year of enplanements! In 2014, with two airlines, the airlines superseded past years with over 90,000 enplanements. Unfortunately that year was the announcement of the loss of Los Angeles service provided by United/SkyWest. In 2015, with just one airline, the airport is proud of American Airlines which provided service to nearly 75,000 passengers from Yuma to Phoenix. We are pleased with these numbers and are doing all we can to encourage additional routes. The success and retention of the current airline is not possible without our community use and support. The airport is hopeful to see an increased use over the next year to show the need for additional services. The possibilities in the future are in the hands of our community and utilization of local service. Thank you to everyone who choose to "Fly Yuma"!



Hangars/T-Shades:

All of the airport's aircraft hangars and t-shades are full thanks to a steady uptick in General Aviation activity over the past two years. A special thank you to our general aviation pilots and families for spreading the word and encouraging more to fly! The goal is to help increase the number of pilots in Yuma County and really get the word out about where to begin the steps to "Fly to Fly". If you have any others interested in renting a t-shade or hangar the waiting list applications can be found on the airport's website yumaairport.com under General Aviation.

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FAA Unmanned Aerial Vehicle/System Use Update

Beginning December 21, 2015, drone or unmanned aerial vehicles owners are required by The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) to register their Small Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS). By statute, all aircraft weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) and less than 55 pounds (approx. 25 kilograms), including payloads such as on-board cameras, must be registered. Under this rule, owners who previously operated an unmanned aircraft exclusively as a model aircraft prior to December 21, 2015, must register no later than February 19, 2016. Owners of any other UAS purchased for use as a model aircraft after December 21, 2015 must register before the first flight outdoors.

Owners may use either the paper-based process or the new streamlined, web-based system. Owners using the new streamlined web-based system must be at least 13 years old to register. Owners using the model aircraft for hobby or recreation will only have to register once and may use the same identification number for all of their model UAS. The registration is valid for three years. Registration is free for the first 30 days, then \$5 after that.

In preparation for registering online, each owner must provide his or her name, home address and e-mail address. Upon completion of registration, the web application will generate a Certificate of Aircraft Registration/Proof of Ownership that will include a unique identification number for the UAS owner, which must be marked on the aircraft.

Remember these rules when you fly: Fly below 400 feet altitude. Keep your unmanned aircraft in sight at all times.

Never fly near manned aircraft, especially near airports. Never fly over groups of people, stadiums or sporting events. Never fly near emergency response efforts. Working together, we can keep the skies safe for everyone.



2016 MCAS Yuma Patriot Festival

In lieu of an airshow in 2016, MCAS Yuma will host the Patriots Festival, a new endeavor created to bring MCAS Yuma, the City of Yuma and surround areas together for a day of celebration. The Patriot Festival will be on Saturday, February 27th on the South CALA and includes free day events such as the "Marine Corps Battle Challenge" obstacle course, aircraft and military vehicle displays, live local bands, motivational speakers, a kids area, and food vendors. There is also a paid evening concert featuring popular Country Music Award artists with price ranges between \$35-\$75. For more information please visit their website at yumapatriotfest.org.



General Aviation Socials

Yuma International Airport proudly hosts quarterly socials for its General Aviation friends and family. The social provides an opportunity to share important aviation-related information, events and opportunities, as well as to enjoy a meal and continue to build camaraderie. The next GA Social will be the Airport Annual Chili Cook-Off on March 16th from 5:30-7:00 at the East end mezzanine adjacent to the Board Room on the second floor within the airport's terminal. This contest is open to the tenants and employees at the airport. In past years the past entrants have been from our rental car agencies, TSA, the YCAA Board, the Airport (YCAA) employees, general aviation pilots, airlines, and a few others. It is a lot of fun and we can't wait to see who's going to win this year!

