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TSA Office Remodel



New TSA AIT Unit

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Letter from Airport Director Gladys Wiggins, C.M., MBA

Yuma International Airport is a proud community partner and sponsors many agencies and events throughout the year.

This year, the Airport is extremely excited to sponsor MCAS Yuma's attempt to break its own world record for the longest Wall of Fire (10,178 ft set in 2009) during the airshow on March 18, 2017.

Yuma has one of the longest runways in the nation, and MCAS Yuma's goal is for the Patriot's Jet Team to re-enact Tora! Tora! Tora! and create a 15,000 ft Wall of Fire, setting the record far out of reach for many years to come! For more information about this exciting event visit www.yumaairshow.com.



Important Dates:

- 3/14/17 - YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm
- 3/17/17 - GA Social/Twilight Show
- 3/18/17 - MCAS Yuma Airshow
- 4/11/17 - YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm
- 5/9/17 - YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm
- 5/29/17 - Memorial Day – Airport Offices Closed

Passengers and guests at Yuma International Airport will notice several new changes within the airport terminal.

In early January, local contractor, LPC Construction completed the expansion of TSA's office adjacent the airline ticket counter. The project expanded existing leased office space, included new HVAC system, office store front, lighting, and provides TSA officers with ample space for future growth.

TSA also installed a millimeter wave Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) unit within the airport's screening area in mid-January. The machine is equipped with automated target recognition (ATR) software designed to enhance privacy by eliminating passenger-specific images while improving throughput capabilities and streamlining the checkpoint screening process.

AIT is designed to enhance security by safely screening passengers for metallic and non-metallic threats—including weapons, explosives and other objects concealed under layers of clothing. Imaging technology screening is safe for all travelers, and the technology meets all known national and international health and safety standards. In fact, the energy emitted by millimeter wave technology is 1000 times less than the international limits and guidelines. For more information about AIT, visit www.tsa.gov/ait.

AVIATION AROUND TOWN

Civil Air Patrol Tour of MCAS Yuma F-35 Facility



On December 20, 2016, members of the Yuma Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol were invited to tour a F-35 facility located at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma. The tour was organized by one of the new members of the squadron, Lt. Col. Bill Maples, who is on active duty at MCAS Yuma. Four senior members and eight cadets attended the tour.

VMFA-211 commander, Lt. Col. Chad Vaughn provided a briefing and explained the three variants of the F-35, one for the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, each with varying features and capabilities.

Cadets and senior members were then escorted to the hangar where three VMFA-211 F-35s were being serviced by Marine Corps mechanics and technicians in preparation for their next flight.

“The Yuma Squadron is fortunate to observe the aircraft in flight on a daily basis, but this tour was an amazing experience very few are afforded,” shared Captain William “Scotty” Haskell, CAP Public Affairs Officer. “It is exciting to think someday one of our cadets may be piloting one of these aircraft.”

Yuma International Airport Hosts Pilot Safety Training

Yuma International Airport partnered with the Arizona Pilot's Association and hosted the first Wings pilot safety training session on Saturday, February 25th. Training covered both Aging Aircraft and NOTAMs 2017. The next training session is scheduled for June 24th in the airport's conference room from 9:00 am -12:30 pm.



AWC Hosts Free FAA UAS Seminar

As unmanned aerial systems (drones) usage increases in popularity, members from the FAA and MCAS Air Traffic Control took the opportunity to educate members from the Yuma community in February about proper UAS operation by modelers and commercial operators and proper certificate applications. Community Partner, Arizona Western College is close to receiving their Certificate of Authorization (COA), which will enable the agency to offer UAS courses and training in the near future.



6th Annual Mooney Formation Clinic



Yuma was treated to an early airshow with over 40 pilots from across the nation participated in the 6th Annual Mooney Formation Clinic in early February. This training allows pilots to fly into Oshkosh, WI (nation's largest airshow) in formation. Folks from our community witnessed a variety of Mooney, Sircus, Grumman Tiger, Yak-52 (Russian), Nanchang CJ-6 and RV-6 gracing our skies through Sunday.

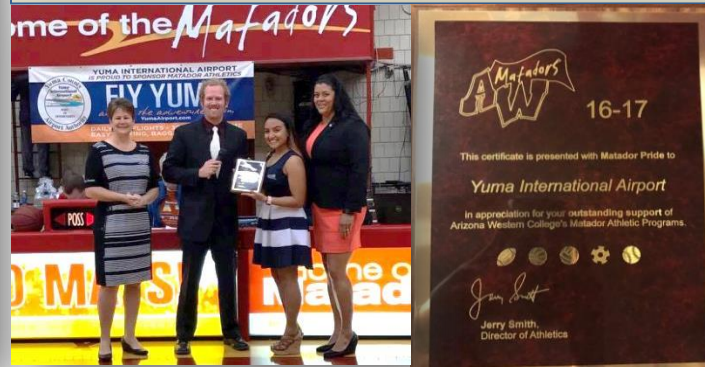
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Aviation Day at the Capitol



AWC Recognizes Yuma International Airport

Sam Hovan of Arizona Western College presented Yuma International Airport with a plaque in recognition of its continued support of the Matador Athletic Program. Go Matadors!!!



Yuma International Airport was proud to celebrate Arizona Airports Association's Aviation Day at the Capitol with our state legislators in January. During the event, speakers shared Arizona's aviation/aerospace industries have an economic impact of \$58B, employ 17% of Arizona's workforce and expressed the importance of protecting the state aviation funds to keep Arizona's airport infrastructure healthy. House Minority Whip, Representative Charlene of Yuma eloquently championed support for rural Arizona airports.

After the award presentation, members from Gymnastics and Cheer Academy of Yuma performed an acrobatic routine for the fans and were presented with a sponsorship check and banner by Airport Director, Gladys Wiggins.



Airport Director Nominated for Prestigious Athena Award



Airport Director, Gladys Wiggins doesn't just manage Yuma International Airport and Rolle Airfield, she also volunteers her time mentoring youth and young adults as well as coaches and referees various youth basketball. We'd like to congratulate Ms. Wiggins for being nominated for Yuma County Chamber of Commerce's Prestigious Athena Award by members from the Yuma community for her selfless contributions to the community.

AIRPORT TOURS

Yuma International Airport staff enjoys giving tours of the airport to students and groups of all ages. Our guided tours include discussions about Yuma's rich aviation history, introduction and discussions with the airline and TSA staff and walk-through of the airport terminal. We were thrilled to have the following groups in February and March! To schedule a tour please call 928-726-5882.



Feb 3 – Quechan Head Start



Feb 8 – Salvation Army



Feb 15 – Quechan Head Start



Feb 17 – Mom's Club



Feb 22 & March 1 - Chicanos Por La Causa



Mar 3 – U of A Eng 102 Classes

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tickets and information about these events are available at www.yumaairshow.com



MCAS Yuma Twilight Show 3/17/17



MCAS Airshow 3/18/17