

## COVID-19 Updates

The health, well-being, safety and security of our passengers, guests and employees is extremely important to the Yuma International Airport family. The important information below can be helpful when travelling through Yuma International Airport.

There are **no travel restrictions** to or from any nonstop destination served by the airline at Yuma International Airport. However effective May 11<sup>th</sup>, the airline began requiring passengers to wear face coverings while on the aircraft.

TSA permits passengers to carry-on liquid hand sanitizer containers up to 12 ounces until further notice. These containers larger than the standard allowance of 3.4 ounces of liquids will need to be screened separately, which will add some time to the checkpoint screening experience. Otherwise, the following precautions remain in effect at TSA checkpoints:

- Disinfectant sprays that are flammable are prohibited in either carry-on or checked bags.
- There are no restrictions on bringing disinfectant wipes through security.
- Passengers may request TSA officers use new gloves during the screening process. Officers are directed to use a fresh swab for each passenger when testing for explosive material.

These precautions from health officials have been shared with Yuma International Airport employees and tenants and is considered recommended advice for all:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. (Alternatively, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.)
- Try to stay 3 feet away from unknown individuals and stay at least 6 feet away from sick individuals.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a disinfectant cleaning spray or wipe.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Seek medical care if you have:
  - A persistent temperature elevation of 103° to 104° despite using fever reducing medication
  - A sustained dry cough
  - Difficulty catching your breath

## June 2020



### *Special Message from Airport Director Gladys Brown*

On behalf of Yuma International Airport, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to our travelers and airport tenants for their patience and support over the past two months, and thank our airport team who have worked tirelessly to implement additional protocols while at the same time providing superior customer service.

There is one team member I'd like to draw special attention to, Mr. Lynn Hall, Airport Maintenance Director who recently celebrated his 20<sup>th</sup> work anniversary with Yuma International Airport. Lynn is one of our "go to" team members for all tasks possible and impossible. Lynn is a family man, active in the EAA, his church, a genuine friend and ready to help our community. His willingness to give all he can is one of the admirable traits by those who know him and you can depend on him to be there when you need him. The team is very grateful for the many years he has served our Airport to make it a wonderful, safe and fun place to be.

*Gladys*

# YUMA AIRPORT PROJECTS

## *Baggage Carousel Replacement*

The Yuma County Airport Authority has awarded a contract for the removal and replacement of the baggage carousel within Yuma International Airport to G and S Mechanical USA, Inc. The project is funded by the Airport's Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program.

The scope of work for this project includes the replacement of the existing baggage carousel which was installed when the passenger terminal was constructed in 1999. The new equipment will be quieter, feature an added measure of safety and the new configuration will have additional capacity that will help passengers collect their baggage after arriving.

In 2019, the airport collaborated with Dr. Samuel Pfeffers and a team of systems engineering students from the University of Arizona – Yuma who used the baggage carousel replacement project as their senior design project. The engineering design team worked to develop the system utilizing passenger flow studies, and industry manufacturers to define requirements for the replacement that met the needs of the airport. The results provided by the U of A systems engineering students were then used in part to ultimately create the replacement system prepared by local architect firm Architecture West.

After the equipment is manufactured, the installation is anticipated to begin in mid-September 2020 and will take about 6 weeks to complete. The airport anticipates G and S Mechanical will successfully complete the installation on time and as budgeted just in time for our busier season.

## *Master Plan Update*

Yuma International Airport hired Mead & Hunt in late 2019 to perform the airport's Masterplan. The purpose of the Master Plan is to identify future development interests, organize relevant airport data including facilities and air traffic activity, as well as forecast commercial service demands and business development opportunities. The extensive project will take approximately 18 months to complete and is funded by the FAA and ADOT. Yuma International Airport will host a Public Action Committee and Public Open House at the end of August.

## *New Aviation Collage*

We are proud of the creativity of our Yuma International Airport team who planned and constructed a new aviation collage located on the second floor across from the restrooms. The collage consists of photos taken by airport staff and of Medal of Honor recipient and United States Marine Corps fighter pilot, Joe Foss, who was the Executive Officer of Marine Fighting squadron 121, which today flies the F35 Joint Strike Fighter at MCAS Yuma.



# AVIATION AROUND TOWN

## *Space X Launch*

What does a group of HL Suverkrup Elementary School students, their teacher and principal, and the Arizona Wing, Civil Air Patrol have in common? **A love of aerospace!**

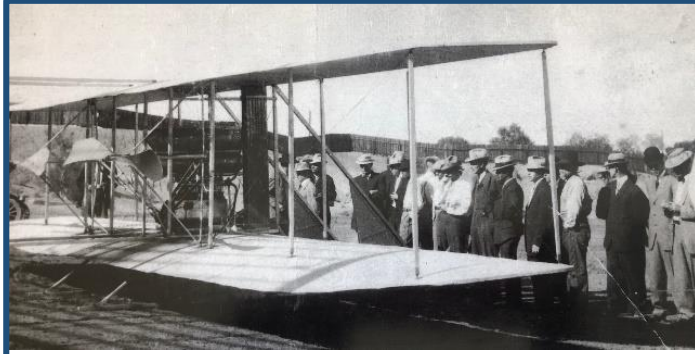
HLS' teacher, Lisa Love, and principal, Trish Valentin, both Civil Air Patrol AE members, reached out to Arizona Civil Air Patrol AZ Director of Aerospace Education, Maj Ron Marks, and Sky Harbor Composite Squadron AE Officer, 2Lt Brett Russo, who helped coordinate classroom support and Zoom activities so the students could watch history unfold as NASA and SpaceX launched astronauts Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley to the International Space Station. The mission marks the first time since the retirement of the space shuttle in 2011 that humans will fly to the space station from U.S. soil.



# Let's Turn Back Time



Yuma's rich aviation history began in October 1911 when Robert Fowler first landed his aircraft on a baseball field that is now home to the Yuma Landing Restaurant.



Yuman's gathered together to meet Robert Fowler and get a closer look at the new flying machine which fostered dreams of becoming pilots themselves!



T/Sgt Bonney sitting in front of the Yuma Army Air Field sign on April 20, 1945.



Pictured above is a Bell P-39 Air Cobra stationed at Yuma Army Air Field with the base insignia on the plane. The insignia has been recreated and adorns the 1943 L-2M Taylorcraft pictured below owned by a local pilot.

