



## Yuma Earns ADOT's 2021 Airport of the Year!!



Arizona Department of Transportation announced Yuma International Airport as the 2021 Arizona Airport of the Year during the Arizona Airports Association (AzAA) annual Spring conference. During the virtual awards banquet, ADOT's Aeronautics Group selected Yuma International Airport based on its accomplishments in the areas of community relations, airport management, airport maintenance activities and innovative activities and programs implemented at the airport. Specific recognition was given for its aviation advocacy, economic development, community outreach and airport management.

Airport Director, Gladys Brown invited the entire airport team to witness the announcement live and celebrate their accomplishment. The airport team also earned this prestigious recognition in 2015. Yuma County Airport Authority's Board President Bill Craft shared "We are incredibly proud of the accomplishments of the airport's team, and of Gladys' leadership. Just as she has done here in Yuma, she worked her way up through the ranks of the organization, has built dynamic relationships with the FAA, ADOT, airport executives and professionals, and has earned the respect of her peers."



## Special Message from Airport Director Gladys Brown



I am incredibly proud our team has earned and been recognized as ADOT's 2021 Airport of the Year. I wanted to take a moment to share that we have an amazing group of hardworking dedicated airport team members, Board of Directors, and a wonderful supportive community. It is easy to talk about 'all the great things' the Airport and our community do to make us stand out. Despite the incredible challenges the travel industry faced during the pandemic, it also provided our team opportunities to complete smaller projects and focus on strengthening community relationships. It is very rewarding to see everyone's hard work and efforts be recognized, and to bring more positive recognition to our great community.

On behalf of our entire team we truly appreciate your continued support and choice to do business with our airport family.

*Gladys*

# YUMA AIRPORT UPDATES

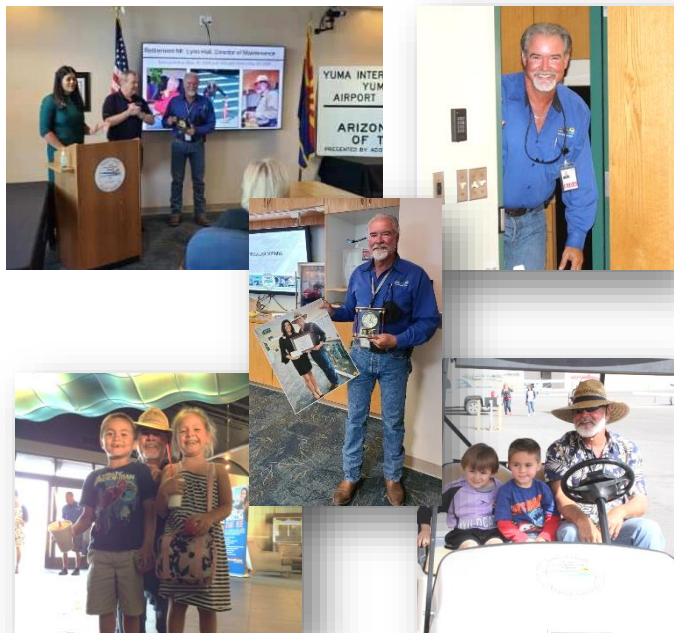
## *Happy Retirement Lynn Hall!*

The Yuma International Airport family is honored to announce the retirement of our beloved Lynn Hall who has served as the airport's Maintenance Director since 2000.

For the past 21 years Lynn has dedicated himself to making sure the airport terminal and the airport's property were in tip-top shape for the airport's guests, tenants and aviators. He has always been our 'go-to' team member who was happy to help no matter what task he was asked of him.

Lynn never met a stranger and turned every meeting into an opportunity to make a new friend. He and his son Jared became involved in the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and have invested in aircraft for future endeavors to further General Aviation in Yuma County far into the future.

Lynn's rosy cheeks, straw hat and contagious smile will be missed tremendously by the whole airport family. But we are extremely excited about the next chapter of his life and wish he and his family blessings far into the future!



## *MCC & Airport Ambassadors Return*

The Yuma International Airport family is thrilled to have our beloved Military Comfort Center (MCC) and Airport Ambassador volunteers back!

The Military Comfort Center (MCC) was created to provide a relaxing atmosphere for members of the military, their family members and retired military who travel to and from the airport. The MCC is staffed entirely by volunteers who come to the airport faithfully every day between 6 am to 6:30 pm to watch over the center and care for the military members who go through it while waiting on their transportation.

Airport Ambassadors help airport patrons with questions they may have and way-finding. The volunteers, who have all had their COVID shots, have been chomping at the bit to get back into action doing what they love, helping the airport's guests with information and a bit of comfort prior to their travels.

The airport halted the MCC and Ambassador programs in March 2020 in an effort to protect its volunteers and the community during the pandemic. During its closure, the airport team updated the MCC with plush furniture for guests to sprawl out on and partnered with the Yuma County Library District as a hub for its new Pop-Up Library initiative. The MCC also features a variety of books, TVs, and computers for additional entertainment.





# PROMOTING YUMA'S AVIATION FUTURE

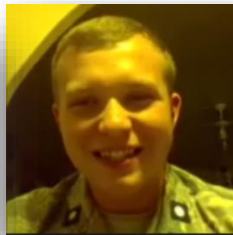
## ***Somerton Airport hosts Outlaw STOL***

Yuma International Airport was proud to sponsor Outlaw STOL's inaugural competition at Somerton Airport. The exciting competition brought over 100 competitors and attendees who competed in several aircraft classes including Heavy Touring, Light Touring, Bush, Alternate Bush/ Experimental, Light Sport/ Light Experimental.



## ***Yuma Civil Air Patrol Awards***

Congratulations to Civil Air Patrol Yuma Composite Squadron 508 who received awards and promotions during its annual awards ceremony. A special part of the evening occurred when we were joined by Air Force Association Tucson Chapter 105 president Col (Ret.) Wally Saeger, USAF. He presented the AFA Outstanding Squadron Cadet Award to C/1st Lt Joey Burkart. This was a special honor that came with a ribbon and a medal for the cadet to wear on his dress uniform. Here is an excerpt from award citation "C/1st Lt Kenneth Joseph Burkart is a well-deserved selection for AFA's CAP Outstanding Squadron Cadet Award. His performance as the cadet commander of Yuma 508 cadets over the past year has been the epitome of outstanding leadership."



## ***Helping Business 'Take Off'***

Airport Director Gladys Brown was 4FrontEd's featured speaker for the Binational Trade Webinar: Logistics Series. 4FrontEd's efforts are to promote Yuma's region for economic development. During her presentation about logistics, Gladys noted businesses interested in relocating want or need the trifecta; trains, planes and automobiles. She proudly shared in reality, Yuma offers a superfecta plus a whole lot more. She explained while Yuma International Airport's primary focus is on the aviation-related industry its assets include sprawling 420 acres of land available for a variety of opportunities for businesses interested in moving their operations to Yuma. Yuma's clear skies, no ceilings and great weather are ideal for research and development, aviation testing and training.

Gladys, the airport team and community consistently promote the southwest region as a whole as it encompasses all of Yuma County as well as southern California and two northern states of Mexico. Collaboratively the southwest region offers tremendous opportunities for business growth.



# Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

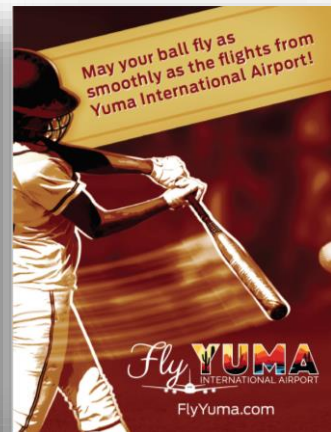
## ***Yuma Orchestra Association***

Yuma International Airport proudly partnered with the Yuma Orchestra Association. Their String Ambassadors have performed inside of the airport terminal on multiple occasions for the airport's patrons.



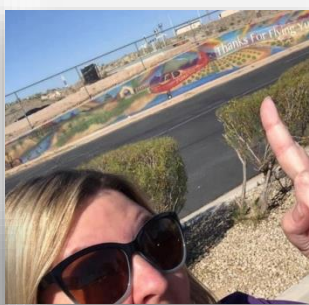
## ***Proud Community Supporter***

Yuma International Airport is proud to support several organizations who work hard for our youth and community.



## ***NexGen Mural Scavenger Hunt***

The Yuma International Airport team has incorporated a variety of murals into our décor over the years and was thrilled to be included in NexGen's mural scavenger hunt challenge!



## ***Long Term Pre-Paid Parking Discount***

Prior to your trip, stop by the Airport's Admin Office on the second floor to pre-pay for your discounted parking pass!

- 1 month parking = \$125.00
- 3 month parking = \$300.00
- 6 month parking = \$650.00
- 12 month parking = \$900.00



## ***Upcoming Event Dates:***

- 06/08/21 – YCAA Board of Director's Meeting
- 07/21/21 – Yuma International Airport Masterplan Public Meetings & Open House
- 07/28/21 – Chamber Mixer (Pre-registration required)