

## Airport Project Updates

### ***Infrastructure Funding and what it means***

Legislators are collaborating for approval of an infrastructure bill that will fund critical repairs and upgrades throughout the nation to include America’s airports. If approved, Yuma International Airport and Marine Corps Air Station could receive \$6.8 million that would be used to supplement funding for capital improvement projects at the airfield.

Each year Yuma International Airport receives approximately \$1 million from the FAA as an entitlement to be used for design and construction of capital improvement projects. These user sourced funds are collected through fees included in airline ticket sales and funding is based on passenger enplanements. The airport prepares a five year Capital Improvement Plan every year to specify its intent to design a project then construct it the following year. Airport projects are incredibly expensive so if the infrastructure bill is passed it will help supplement the Yuma International Airport team complete several of its multi-million dollar projects.



### ***Airport Master Plan Public Meetings***

Yuma International Airport hosted members of the community to participate in Public Advisory Committee Meetings and an Open House to discuss and help identify future development interests, air traffic activity, as well as forecast commercial service demands and business development opportunities. The next meeting will be conducted in late October. The project is expected to be completed late 2021. If you’d like to learn more, please visit [www.yumaairportmasterplan.com](http://www.yumaairportmasterplan.com) to see the most current planning documents.

## Fall 2021



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

The Yuma International Airport team has been extremely busy this summer with planning, coordinating and completing several improvement projects to enhance our guests’ experiences within the airport terminal and our airfield facilities. Our remarkably talented team upgraded flooring and installed insulation in one of our larger hangars and soon will be in the process of renovating the pilot’s lounge. The lounge is used by local pilots planning their flights and by local flight instructors helping train new pilots.

Our GA Apron rehabilitation project is complex with various phases planned to offset inconvenience to our local pilots. There’s never a good time for such a large project but we appreciate our aviator’s patience as we focus to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all while at the same time providing superior customer service.

*Gladys*

# GENERAL AVIATION APRON REHAB

Yuma International Airport awarded a \$2,492,820.50 construction contract to Yuma based contractor Cemex Construction Materials South, LLC to construct improvements necessary to rehabilitate several general aviation aircraft apron areas on the civilian side of the airport. Yuma International Airport awarded the project's design and construction oversight contracts to the local, family-owned firm, Nicklaus Engineering, Inc.

This project is part of the Airport's Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) and Yuma International Airport appreciates Federal grant funding received from the FAA for its successful completion. These user sourced funds for the ACIP is based off the annual enplanements and then assessed by the FAA to determine the entitlements and the grant funding Yuma International will receive in that upcoming fiscal year. To assist with half of the 8.94% grant match, there are user sourced funding called Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) which are collected directly through the purchase of an airline ticket then held by the FAA for approved projects. In addition to the PFC's, the airport does request grant matches from the ADOT to cover the other half of the 8.94% grant match.

The objective of this project is to improve approximately 98,000 square yards of paved aprons located in our general aviation areas on the northwest and western portion of the airport property. These areas show signs of severe cracking and in some areas spalling, due to the extreme weather conditions. This construction project is an effort to preserve the pavement for the safety of the aircraft and reconstruct areas which cannot be preserved.

The construction project began mid-August near the Northwest Hangars along 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and will be completed in phases allowing the airport staff to coordinate with local pilots so they have continuous access to their aircraft. The airport is excited to have ongoing construction to help improve the airport's facilities to attract new interest in testing, research and mission training.





# GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION

Yuma International Airport and the City of Yuma have a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aviation organizations and community airports. With that, we truly appreciate Mayor Nicholls' proclamation of September as General Aviation Appreciation month.

The proclamation cites General Aviation airports play a vital role in not only the City of Yuma's economy but the State of Arizona serving as a key economic asset and important links within the national air transportation system. Arizona is home to 83 airports, which serve 24, 176 licensed pilots in the state and about 39,205 aircraft. Arizona ranks fifth in the United States in active aircraft and twelfth in the number of aircraft per capita according to the Federal Aviation Administration. Arizona's general aviation airports contribute nearly \$3.3 billion in economic impact and creates 19,000 jobs for the State of Arizona. General aviation contributes significantly to the City of Yuma's economy and is a key link for the State of Arizona to the global marketplace, facilitating local, national and international commerce as well as supporting the state's tourism industry.

The Yuma International Airport team interviewed local pilots about their passion for flying:

**JARED HALL:** Jared Hall's interest began while working in airport operations and being around the airplanes. He took his first flight lesson in 2008 and earned his pilot's license at the age of 34. He earned his flight instructor certificate and shared his most exciting experience is seeing the joy aviation brings others.



**ANNIE FISHER:** As a young child, Annie Fisher's dad owned a Piper Cherokee which began her passion for aviation. After raising her family she earned her pilot's license in 1998 and has achieved her Instrument rating, Sea Plane and most recently, her Helicopter rating. Her advice is if you want to become a pilot, don't EVER give up, keep trying!



**JOE FISHER:** Joe Fisher earned his pilot's license in 1982 and in 1991, became a flight instructor, joined the Golden Gate wing of the Commemorative Air Force piloting their SNJ-4. In 1998 he returned to the automobile business and continued to fly 300-500 hours per year in his Citation CJ3+ and his 1941 T6 Texan warbird that he built "from boxes of parts". As a member of NATA, he instructs and flies in formation clinics and airshow events, piloting a Bell 505, a C-47 for Palm Springs Air Museum, C-53 for Riverside CAF, and 1943 DC-3 for The Flabob Aviation Associates. Joe was lead as Caption on this aircraft flying 'Over the Pond' in 2019 for the commemoration of D-Day and the end of WWII. Incredibly Joe has flown over 13,000 hours and has received The Safety Star award for Flight Safety.

DOUGLAS J. NICHOLLS  
MAYOR

CITY OF  
YUMA  
ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION  
"General Aviation Appreciation Month"  
SEPTEMBER 2021

WHEREAS: the City of Yuma has a significant interest in the continued vitality of general aviation, aviation organizations and community airports, and

WHEREAS: general aviation airports play a vital role in not only the City of Yuma's economy, but the State of Arizona serving as key economic asset and important links within the national air transportation system, and

WHEREAS: the City of Yuma has a significant interest in the continued vitality and health of general aviation, aviation organizations and airport operators; and

WHEREAS: Arizona is home to 83 airports, which serve 24,176 licensed pilots in the state and about 39,205 aircraft; and

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NOW THEREFORE, I, DOUGLAS J. NICHOLLS, Mayor of the City of Yuma, do hereby proclaim general aviation a vital strategic resource for our community and declare September as GENERAL AVIATION APPRECIATION MONTH.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Official Seal of the City of Yuma, Arizona, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

*Douglas J. Nicholls*  
Douglas J. Nicholls, PE, RLS  
Mayor  
City of Yuma

# Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

## *Long Term Parking Discounts*

Going away on a long vacation or business trip, or do you travel frequently? In appreciation of our frequent flyers and guests, Yuma International Airport offers long term parking discounts by the month or year so you can come and go and save money! Stop by the Airport's Admin Office on the second floor to purchase your prepaid discounted parking pass today!

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



Yuma International Airport is a great location to advertise your business and proudly offers a variety of static and wall-wrap advertising opportunities throughout the airport terminal. Give our team a call at (928) 726-5882 for a tour of available locations to promote your business!

## *Important Event Dates:*

- 09/14 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting at 4:00 pm
- 10/11 – Columbus Day – Admin offices closed
- 10/12 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting at 4:00 pm
- 11/09 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting at 4:00 PM
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day – Administration offices closed
- 11/19-11/21– Colorado River Crossing Balloon Festival (Saturday launch at dawn from West Wetlands, evening drive thru glow at Yuma Civic Center)
- 11/25 & 26 – Thanksgiving – Admin offices closed
- 12/09 – General Aviation Social from 5:30-7:00 at Brewers Skybox (Tentative)
- 12/14 – YCAA Volunteer Appreciation and Board of Directors Meeting at 2:30 PM
- 12/23 – Admin offices closed at noon
- 12/24 – Administration offices closed
- 12/30 – Admin offices close at noon
- 12/31 – Admin offices closed
- 01/17 – Martin Luther King's Birthday – Admin offices closed

## *Youth Aviation Programs*

The cadet officers from the Yuma 508 Civil Air Patrol squadron recently participated in Arizona Wing summer encampment, an aerospace educational program with focus on rocketry, various concepts related to aircraft maintenance, outdoor activities including archery, zipline, land navigation and leadership training. To learn more about joining, please visit their website, [Yuma.cap.gov](http://Yuma.cap.gov).



The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) 590 invites aviation enthusiasts to join their meetings. Please contact Ken Scott at [n12707@aol.com](mailto:n12707@aol.com) or Jared Hall at [jaredehall@hotmail.com](mailto:jaredehall@hotmail.com).



Celebrate an important event or catch your favorite game at Brewers Restaurant and Sports Bar's Skybox (located on the second floor). Tons of room, great food and views await you and remember, Brewers validates your parking with purchase!

