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WELCOME ABOARD



June 2017

Yuma International Airport recently announced Brewers Restaurant & Sport Bar will become the Airport Restaurant Concessionaire in June 2017. Jeff and Courtney Gapp own and operate Brewers Restaurant & Sports Bar on Avenue B and 24th Street, and had been considering opening another location to better serve the Yuma community when they learned the airport was in the market for a new restaurant to provide hot meals and beverages for its passengers as well as the public.

The airport team has worked closely with Jeff and Courtney on aesthetic changes to the main restaurant and on their vision to bring back the airport's former upstairs bar and creating additional eating and sitting area onto the upstairs mezzanine. The Military Comfort Center will be relocated downstairs in the Ocotillo Room located directly across from the TSA screening area which will be more convenient for military passengers and their families.

Brewers will be open for early morning passengers as well as into the late evening, and offer patrons the option of dining in and having their parking validated, or they can place their order online for curb-side pickup.



2017 Yuma Airshow

The 2017 Yuma Airshow in March was a great success and the airport was proud to sponsor the attempt to break the airfield's own world record for the longest Wall of Fire. The unofficial length was 16,149' and we are waiting confirmation from the Guinness Book of World Records.



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



I am truly honored to have been recognized as Arizona's Airport Executive of the Year by the Arizona Airport's Association (AzAA), having been nominated by my colleagues, the airport team and the Yuma community for my passion and dedication to promote, improve and enhance aviation opportunities in Yuma and throughout the State of Arizona.

The airport team will be busy with several projects this summer and fall including renovations on the second floor within the terminal, taxiway rehabilitation on the southwest portion of the airfield and completion of the Environmental Assessment for Rolle Airfield.

I attended the Jumpstart conference in early June and met with several commercial air carrier network planners to encourage their entry into the Yuma market. While the planning process may take years we are diligent in our efforts to attract another air carrier/destination and appreciate your choice to Fly Local and Fly Yuma!

'Looking Backward' by John Ewing

Looking forward has such a nice ring. I started flying in the fall of 1949 and purchased my first plane in the summer of 1950. I needed to work every waking hour when not in school to support this kind of expense. I had a short window each Sunday afternoon that I had time to fly. Often it was raining with a ceiling as low as 400 feet. I still have a copy of the 1949 Flying Magazine covering the Yuma Endurance Flight. I remember thinking 'How is it possible to be able to fly for 7 weeks in VFR weather?'. Little did I know that I would end up in Yuma (15 Aug 75).

Surely this record flight had a great impact on much of the aviation community. Aeronautical Engineering when attached to the Defense Industry surely included a lot of moving about, especially if you were interested in staying close to the hardware. With 20 years in the industry and 4 years consulting, I had moved nearly two dozen times including two overseas tours.

Had anyone tried to convince me 40 years ago that I would be living in the same town for 40 plus years, I would have dismissed them as being goofy. Yuma has some of the best flying weather and aviation folks on the planet. I now fly about 200 hours a year mostly in the Cessna 310 and Beech Bonanza.

For a pilot, this is a wonderful place to live.

John Ewing Guest Columnist

DATE	FROM	TO	IDENTIFICATION MARK & MODEL	FLIGHT HOURS	TIME
11/29/50	Yuma	Yuma	Cessna 310	1	30
12/1/50	Yuma	Yuma	Cessna 310	1	30
12/2/50	Yuma	Yuma	Cessna 310	1	30
12/3/50	Yuma	Yuma	Cessna 310	1	30
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12/5/50	Yuma	Yuma	Cessna 310	1	30
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12/29/50	Yuma	Yuma	Cessna 310	1	30
12/30/50	Yuma	Yuma	Cessna 310	1	30



Cadets from Civil Air Patrol Yuma Squadron assisted 4th grade students from Alice Byrne in the annual rocket shoot at Contreras Airfield. The students assembled and painted 60 rockets for the event.

CAP Cadets Have a Blast with local students

Country and our community. Recognition of their sacrifice and dedication to our Stearman to 12 local Veterans in honor and Gave and provided rides in a vintage Boeing Foundation's mission is to Give Back to Those Who On April 11th the Ageless Aviation Dream

Sincere thanks to Mike and Lynn Sommers, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs, Million Air, Sports Clips, Patriot Riders, American Legion Color Guard, Wendy Lobeck McKay, Yuma Barbershop Chorus, City of Yuma Deputy Mayor, Gary Knight for making the event a memorable one for our Veterans and their families.



Ageless Aviation of Dreams 2017

Taxiway HI Rehabilitation

This multi-million dollar project is funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through an Airport Improvement Program (A.I.P.) grant and Local Passenger Facility Charges (PFC's). The project will include rehabilitation of approximately 40,000 square yards of concrete and 15,000 square yards of asphalt on Taxiway HI and shoulders within the southwest portion of the airfield.

The project will also include the rehabilitation of surrounding ramp areas, taxi-lane approaches, access road approaches, pavement markings, lighting, signage, and drainage systems. Apron work includes, but is not limited to, concrete and asphalt rehabilitation, apron expansion, drainage facilities, safety areas, fencing and security, associated lighting, signage and pavement markings when applicable.

The airport hosted a pre-bid meeting in May. The project will be constructed in phases to reduce impacts to airport users and operations. Construction will begin in July and is estimated to be complete in March 2018.



Important Event Dates:
 6/14/17 - YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm, YCAA Board Rm
 6/15/17 - GA Social @ 5:30-7:00 pm, Million Air
 6/24/17 - GA Pilot Safety Training 9:00-12:00, YCAA Board Rm
 7/4/17 - Offices Closed in recognition of Independence Day
 7/11/17 - YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm, YCAA Board Rm
 8/8/17 - YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm, YCAA Board Rm

Million Air Smashes Own Record for Fuel Sales

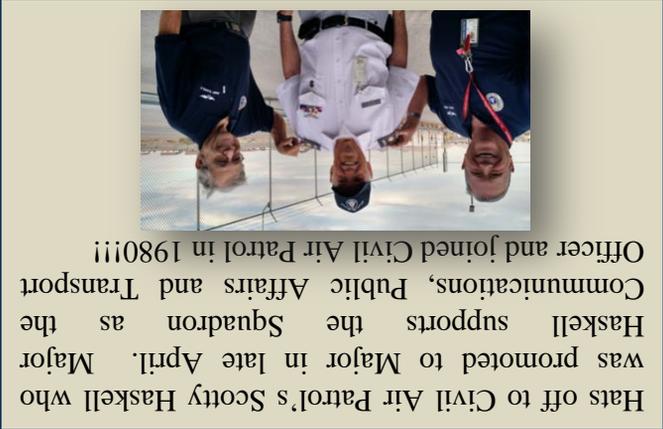


Congratulations are in order for General Manager James Combs and the entire Million Air Yuma team for pumping over 600,000 gallons of fuel in the month of April. This breaks their record set back in April 2012 by over 100,000 gallons! Million Air Yuma joined the airport team in April 2010 and their team provides superior service and support to aviators both large and small! Way to go and keep up the great work!



CAP's Scotty Haskell Promoted to Major

Hats off to Civil Air Patrol's Scotty Haskell who was promoted to Major in late April. Major Haskell supports the Squadron as the Communications, Public Affairs and Transport Officer and joined Civil Air Patrol in 1980!!!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Presentations for KHS Business Management and Hospitality/Culinary Arts Students



Airport Director, Gladys Wiggins and the airport team hosted an amazing presentation and airfield tour for students enrolled in Kofa High School's Business Management and Hospitality and Culinary Arts. Each set of students were given several challenging scenarios and asked to work together to create their best representation of customer service. Some of the acting had everyone in stitches! After lunch the students were treated to a VIP airfield tour with stops at Million Air, the Joe Foss Hangar and special stop at NASA's hangar where they learned about the work done in Yuma to support the Orion Space program.



Matador Scholarship Golf Tournament @ AWC

Yuma International Airport staff along with over 100 golfers from Yuma County community businesses participated in Arizona Western College's annual golf tournament in an effort to help raise funding for a variety of scholarships for students. The tournament was a huge success!



Arizona Western College Engineering and Math Career Expo



This past April, Yuma International Airport staff was honored to participate at Arizona Western College's Engineering and Math Expo. This event afforded college students the chance to meet with community agency and business professionals to learn about career opportunities available as well as provide resumes for internships and jobs immediately available.

Hispanic Leadership Institute Tour and Presentation

Members from Yuma International Airport, U.S. Yuma Proving Ground and Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation provided a presentation to young professionals involved with the Hispanic Leadership Institute and discussed each agency's role within the community and to promote economic development.

