

# FLY YUMA

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## President Trump Visits Yuma

It was an exhilarating day for the Yuma community when President Trump touched down in Air Force One on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The President accepted Yuma's invitation for a visit to meet with community leaders and understand how the community has partnered with other agencies to successfully work through several issues the nation faces. Many thanks to all who have worked so hard to make Yuma a better place, for our children, our families and as an example for our nation! We are United for Yuma!



## Brewers Restaurant & Sports Bar Update

Brewers Restaurant & Sports Bar officially opened within Yuma International Airport on July 14<sup>th</sup> and have been doing remarkably well serving airport passengers and patrons from the community. Brewers' owners, Jeff and Courtney Gapp are excited for the completion of Phase II, the renovation of the upstairs bar which is currently underway and expected to be completed at the end of September. The improvements include restroom upgrades and new flooring on the second floor to allow for additional eating and sitting areas for patrons on the upper mezzanine, TV installations and a great atmosphere to relax and enjoy. A grand opening will be scheduled shortly after completion of Phase II.



## September 2017



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

I am truly humbled to have been recognized as the 2017 Airport Executive of the Year award by the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE). Only one award is given annually to commend an airport executive who has, among many other achievements provided public service to the community, exercised good management practices, and demonstrated high personal integrity and personal professionalism. This recognition is very special to me because I do everything for the future of aviation - not for recognition. While this achievement is the second prestigious award announcement for in recent months, I also consider this a win for the Yuma community and the state of Arizona. This brings recognition and proves we have dedicated people serving for the betterment of the City of Yuma, the State of Arizona and the Southwest Region.

I am committed to working with various airline network planners in an effort to attract another commercial air carrier regarding new service to/from Yuma. The airport staff is working on a Small Community Air Service Development Program grant, if successful; the funding would be used as a Revenue Guarantee to assist with the recruitment efforts and consideration from an airline. The airport will work closely with Yuma's businesses and community partners to garner support for the successful award of this grant. In the meantime, the airport team appreciates your support and choice to FLY YUMA!

# YUMA AIRPORT HAPPENINGS

## New Location for Military Comfort Center

The airport's Military Comfort Center has been relocated downstairs to the right of the Brewers restaurant making it more convenient directly across from the Airline/TSA screening area. The Airport Authority invited military service members for a tour and social on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to MCAS Yuma and Yuma Proving Grounds for taking time to visit with the Airport staff and volunteers on duty that day!

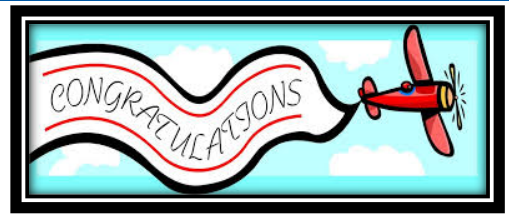


## Taxiway H1 Rehabilitation

Construction on this \$4.1M rehabilitation project began in early September and is expected to be completed by March 2018. The project is situated within the southwest portion of the airfield and will be constructed in phases to reduce impacts to airport users and operations. The project will include the rehabilitation of surrounding ramp areas, taxi-lane approaches, access road approaches, pavement markings, signage, and drainage systems. The Airport Authority will post project progress photos on its Facebook page.

## Local Artistry Displayed in Terminal

Yuma International Airport is proud to partner with Littlewood Fine Arts & Community Co-Op and have on display several pieces of artwork created by local artists on the airport's stairwell landing near the baggage claim within the airport terminal. Information about Littlewood, the artists and the cost of their pieces are proudly displayed as well. All are welcome to stop by and check these great pieces out!



## Jim McDermott recognized by FAA

The FAA recognized Mr. Jim McDermott for dedicating over 50 years to the aviation industry during the airport's General Aviation Social on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Mr. McDermott, thank you for your love and passion for aviation, the YCAA family is very proud of you!



## Yuma Celebrates National Aviation Day

In celebration of National Aviation Day on August 19<sup>th</sup>, members from the Yuma International Airport, Military Comfort Center, American Airlines and a couple of adorable little volunteers passed out waters, pretzels and information about the day's significance to arriving and departing passengers, as well thanked them for their choice to Fly Yuma. In 1939 President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed August 19 to be National Aviation Day as the day coincides with the birthday of Orville Wright who piloted the Wright Flyer. Thank you to those who helped make it a special day!





# AVIATION AROUND TOWN

## 'Summertime at CAP 508' by William 'Scotty' Haskell

Usually things are pretty quiet at AZ Squadron 508 during the summer. Many leave the area on family vacations. Others receive visitors of family or friends. Bar-B-Q's abound. Very little flying is done. It's just too darned hot.

The Yuma squadron of the Civil Air Patrol have been quite active. A week after spending the Memorial Day weekend patrolling the Colorado River, the annual cadet encampment began. This year it was held at Fort Huachuca near Sierra Vista, Arizona. Seven of the Yuma cadets attended the week long event. One cadet, Cadet Obregon, qualified as Encampment Staff Cadre and helped train the others. A week later they returned to Yuma very tired but with life long memories.

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, Helping Hands of the Foothills requested Yuma Squadron to provide a color guard for a senior event they were holding shortly after Independence Day. Four cadets and two senior members complied. The event was a mid-summer social gathering of the senior citizens of the Foothills. They got to meet and enjoy a treat with the future leaders of America. A good time was had by all.

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, five cadets and a senior member joined the rest of the Arizona Wing Operations Pulse Lift blood drive by manning an table, signing up people to give badly needed blood. The drive was quite successful.

Currently the cadets are participating in one of the 12 STEM programs. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Electronics and Math. The program selected is the "Drone" program. This is where they construct a drone and then learn to fly it. At this time the drone is almost completed. This fits in nicely with the recent day at Catrares Field where they learned to fly radio controlled model airplanes.

In September, a trip to the Mt. Palomar telescope is planned. The cadets will have the opportunity to explore the heavens through the telescope, which at one time, was the largest in the world.

As you can see, the cadets of Yuma are quite busy participating in a variety of aerospace events. If you or your child (ages 12-18) are interested in getting involved in Civil Air Patrol or its Cadet Program, please [www.yuma508.webs.com](http://www.yuma508.webs.com) or contact 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Kristin Morales at [morales\\_kr@yahoo.com](mailto:morales_kr@yahoo.com).

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

## YMCA Summer Camp Airport Tours



## Wonder Kidz Preschool



## Girl Scouts Airport Tour



## NexGen Presentation

Airport Director, Ms. Gladys Wiggins provided a professional development presentation to Yuma's NexGen group of young and extremely talented professionals. Ms. Wiggins shared her career experiences as an engineer, to the airport's Operations director, becoming the airport director and explained in wonderful detail the process it takes to encourage air carriers to enter into Yuma's market. After the presentation the group headed downstairs to Brewers Restaurant to continue with a social filled with great food and networking.



## Aircraft Maintenance Meeting

The Yuma International Airport hosted an Aircraft Maintenance Advisory Committee on August 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss aircraft maintenance and A&P certification and degree opportunities with members from Arizona Western College (AWC), STEDY/JTED, Yuma Private Industry Council, AZ@Work, the FAA, America's Best Crash Course and from our General Aviation community. It was a remarkable meeting and everyone is excited to work together for the benefit of offering these programs to students and Veterans in the near future!



## El Centro Chamber Summer Bash

Yuma International Airport is a proud member of the El Centro Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau and had an incredible time at their Summer Bash in late August. The event was a huge success and was a fantastic opportunity to meet such great people and learn about their businesses as well as how we can work together to support and promote one another as a Mega Region. The airport team was truly overwhelmed by the awesome warm welcomes, great conversations and enthusiastic support by so many who choose to Fly Yuma!



### Important Event Dates:

9/9/17 – GA Pilot Safety Training 9:30 am -12:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

9/12/17 – YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

10/9/17 – Offices Closed in recognition of Columbus Day

10/10/17 – YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

11/14/17 – YCAA Board Meeting @ 4 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

11/18/17 – GA Pilot Safety Training 9:30 am -12:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room