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### *New Redesigned Website*

The Yuma International Airport recently launched its redesigned, guest-friendly website, [www.flyyuma.com](http://www.flyyuma.com), which boasts a clean design and is fully responsive with mobile devices, making it easy to navigate on a wide range of web browsers and portable devices.

Our key goals included improved content, streamlined menus, simplified navigation, and provides guests an easier way to find information about services available at Yuma International Airport and the property it manages.

Guests can browse information based on their personal needs whether its travel or business related. Amongst the new features, the site includes helpful information about long term parking discounts, employment and volunteer opportunities, helpful information about doing business with the airport, upcoming project information and the airport's quarterly newsletter. Current and/or prospective tenants will find useful information about services and aviation related programs and available facilities.

The airport team hopes guests will enjoy the website's beautiful new look and complete navigational ease!



*Letter from Airport Director  
Gladys Brown*



### *AQST Space Systems Comes to Yuma*

The Yuma County Airport Authority has signed a 10-year lease with AQST Space Systems Group, LLC which places their operation into the premier facility within the Yuma Airport's Defense Contractor. The Joe Foss Hangar Facility will be new manufacturing location for AQST who is on the forefront of space technology. AQST will manufacture and assemble rockets for small satellites and expects to begin production by the end of 2018.

AQST provides strategic approach planning to the space and defense industry, utilizing space systems, satellites, robotics, automation, Artificial Intelligence and other state-of-the-art technology. The company supports industries ranging from aerospace, high-tech regulated manufacturing, bio-pharma and life sciences, telecommunications, space infrastructure and scientific research and development. AQST's future employment opportunities include engineers, welders, technicians, satellite operators, data scientist managers and other support personnel.

Yuma International Airport is proud to have been selected by AQST. While Yuma is no stranger to being on the cutting edge of advancements in the aviation, defense/aerospace industries, the addition of AQST exemplifies why Yuma is truly the best kept secret.

# AIRPORT PROJECT UPDATES

## *Airport Multi-Use Path & Entrance Beautification Project*

Yuma International Airport appreciates the generosity of the following companies who have donated to extend the multi-use path from Pacific Avenue to South Fortuna Road. The project will kick off in October and Kofa High School welding students will create the airport's new entrance sign.

*Pilkington Construction - \$5,000*

*Core Engineering – \$5,000 Design*

*1st Bank Yuma - \$2,500*

*YRMC Foundation - \$2,500*

*Safeline - \$2,500 + stripe/signage*

*Caballeros De Yuma - \$1,000*

*AT Pancrazi - \$1,000*

*Hansberger Refrigeration - \$1,000*

*Chevron Shay Oil - \$1,000*

*AEA Credit Union - \$1,000*

*RL Jones - \$1,000*

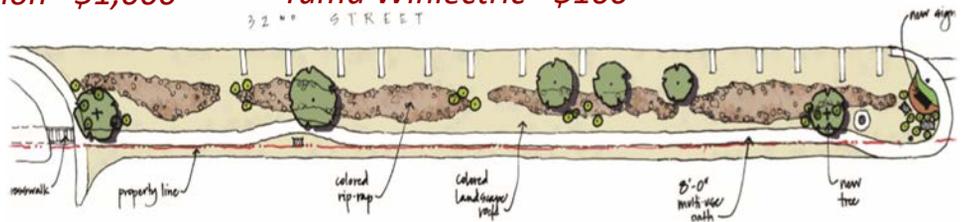
*YC Chamber of Commerce - \$500 + In-Kind*

*Project Promotion*

*JSA Company - \$500*

*Sign Pro - \$250 + Sponsor Banner*

*Yuma Winlectric - \$100*



Please give Gen a call at (928) 726-5882 to learn about the various sponsorship levels available. Each sponsorship level features great advertising benefits within the terminal and on the airport's upcoming new website!



## *Exit Lane Mural is Complete*

In an effort to welcome passengers and express our appreciation for their choice to fly Yuma, Yuma International Airport partnered with Littlewood Fine Art and Community CoOp who created this beautiful mural on the north exit retaining wall celebrating Yuma's famous historical monuments including the Yuma Territorial Prison, Ocean to Ocean Bridge and the infamous Endurance Flight. The mural also blends Yuma's rich landscaping scenery showcasing agricultural fields and majestic mountains. We encourage you to visit these amazing landmarks during your stay in Yuma.

If you are interested in tapping into your artistic abilities please visit [LittlewoodCoOp.com](http://LittlewoodCoOp.com) or visit their Facebook page to learn about free classes and events for people of all ages.

# AVIATION AROUND TOWN

## NASA's Final Parachute Tests for Orion Program

NASA and Jacob's Technology have tested parachutes at the U.S. Army Yuma Proving Grounds in support of the Orion Space program since 2006. The parachutes will bring the astronauts and capsule safely back to Earth upon completion of their mission.

Over this time, the CPAS team used two types of parachute test vehicles to record data during the tests to achieve final certification. The CPAS team successfully completed their last certification test for the Dart shaped test vehicle in mid- August and completed their last test for the Capsule test vehicle in mid-September.

The entire Yuma International Airport team is proud of their achievements and appreciates having the opportunity to provide support while building lifelong friendships. God Speed!



## *The Defense Contractor Complex*



Yuma International Airport's Defense Contractor Complex (DCC) consists of new hangars, new office space, expanded infrastructure, Mil-Spec secured perimeter and Million Air FBO. The DCC is a solution for aviation and aerospace industries looking to manufacture, perform aircraft testing or maintenance/repair options.

Our management team is composed of experienced aviation professionals and has a long history of providing support to government, aviation and aerospace industries. As an independent body politic, the Airport's Board of Directors has the ability to fast-track an agreement to secure land and facilities.

Your job is to build it, test it, and fly it. Our job is to support you. And we do it well. For more information, please visit [www.defensetesting.com](http://www.defensetesting.com) or call Gen at 928-726-5882.

## *Important Event Dates:*

- ★ 10/8 – Airport Administration Office Closed
- ★ 10/9 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- ★ 11/9 – Ageless Aviation Dreams @ Million Air 7:45 – 9:00 AM
- ★ 11/12 – Airport Administration Office Closed
- ★ 11/13 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- ★ 11/17 – GA Pilot Safety Training Airport Large Conference Rm on second floor 9:30A – 12:00 P
- ★ 11/22 & 23 – Airport Administration Office Closed

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## GA Pilot Training

Howard Deevers from the FAA's FFAST Program recently flew in to offer safety training to local pilots covering cross country planning and mountain flying. Yuma International Airport is proud to host this safety training in concert with the FAA's FFAST and WINGs Safety Program and is hosted by the Yuma International Airport quarterly. The next safety training is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30a-12:00p in the airport's conference room on the second floor.



## GA Appreciation Social

Yuma International Airport hosted its quarterly General Aviation social with a special reading of a Proclamation by City of Yuma Deputy Mayor Gary Knight recognizing September as General Aviation Appreciation Month. Aviation is simply what we do. Taking time to recognize, appreciate and celebrate our pilots and the aviation/aerospace industry develops long lasting friendships and creates a thriving environment. The next GA social will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 PM downstairs at Brewers Airport location.



## Yuma Airport Tours

The Yuma International Airport team is deeply involved in the Yuma community and eagerly offers information and tours to educate people of all ages about aviation related programs and careers, as well as economic development opportunities available at Yuma International Airport. We look forward to giving tours to this year's students so they can learn more about travelling and different types of careers within the industry. If you or someone you know is interested in a backstage tour of the airport, give Gen a call at 928-726-5882.



## Proud Community Supporter

As a strong community supporter, Yuma International Airport is proud to develop meaningful relationships with educators and students with thought-provoking projects and sponsorship of STEM based programs. Our team recently began working with University of Arizona's Engineering students who will redesign the airport's baggage belt as their senior design project. Our team is also proud to sponsor area schools involved in Robotics and MathCounts. In preparation for the new school year we gave away school supplies to lucky teachers and students

