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Training Operations

Now that the weather has finally improved more pilots will be out flying. Airport staff would like to take a moment to remind pilots that our non-aviation neighbors are out there. Please remember to give some thought before each flight into and out of Buchanan Field Airport on how you can reduce or eliminate possible concerns (noise, low-flying and constant over flying to name a few) expressed by Airport neighbors.

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of noise complaints generated by training operations after 10:00 pm off Runway 19R. Runway 19R puts these aircraft directly over nearby residences and all pilots are requested to avoid flying over residential areas as much as possible. Although pilots need to perform night training in order to keep proficient, training operations should not be conducted between the hours of 10 pm and 7 am local time without the express written approval of the Director of Airports. On weekends and holidays, these restrictions change to 10 pm to 8 am local time.

Each time a pilot makes a conscious decision to be a good neighbor everyone wins. Responsible pilots make all the difference!

Third Annual Airport Tenant Appreciation BBQ

The Third Annual Airport Tenant Appreciation BBQ was held on May 12. There was a great turn out as over 250 tenants were served hotdogs and hamburgers. Even the weather cooperated to help make this years BBQ an enjoyable event.

A special thank you to Concord Jet for their generous use of their hangar to hold the event.



Wash Rack Reminder

For the safety and health of other pilots as well as the environment, strong industrial cleaning agents should not be used on the wash rack.

These same cleaning agents flow directly to the Sanitary District when the wash rack is in use. This water must meet strict guidelines before it can be released back into the environment. Also, strong chemicals that leave a residue on the wash rack will be rinsed off during a storm where it then enters the Airports storm drain system. This stormwater then poses a threat to birds and aquatic life and has the potential to end up in drinking water. In order to keep in compliance with the Airport's Stormwater Permit it is important to keep stormwater leaving the Airport as clean as possible.

For the safety of all, only biodegradable cleaning agents are to be used at the wash rack.

New Addition at the Airport Observation Plaza

Two large umbrella shade structures were recently installed at the Buchanan Field Airport Public Viewing Plaza. Now you can relax in the shade with a picnic lunch while watching aircraft arriving and departing Buchanan Field. Public feedback from the installation has been nothing but positive.



Airport Staff Retirements

Recently, two long-time employees of Contra Costa County Airports retired:

Sue Hill, Airport Office Specialist, retired March 31 after 39 years of service with Contra Costa County. Sue will be filling-in temporarily as a part-time employee.



KC Coyle, Airport Operations Manager, retired June 30 after 34 years of service with Contra Costa County.
