



AIRPORT BUZZ

Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville California - July 2023



July's Safety Message – Don't Overdo in the Heat

We're in the heat of the summer with days getting up to 104 degrees, so staff wants to remind everyone to stay hydrated and be mindful of your time in the heat. This month a pilot got overheated and momentarily lost consciousness. Fortunately, he was not flying at the time and he was quickly revived with some water. It's important to drink lots of water, stay aware of how you and your companions are feeling in the heat, and to not push the limit.

Here's a few reminders about what Heat Exhaustion is and the symptoms:

Heat exhaustion is a condition that happens when your body overheats. Heat exhaustion is one of three heat-related illnesses, with heat cramps being the mildest and heat-stroke being the most serious.

Some first signs of heat exhaustion:

Headache * Nausea * Dizziness * Weakness * Irritability * Thirst * Heavy sweating * Elevated body temperature

If you have any of these symptoms, take action immediately to cool down. Stay aware and fly safely in the heat!!

Aircraft Incident

A Mooney aircraft landed on Runway 20 with its nose gear up this month. Fortunately, the pilot was unharmed. The aircraft suffered damage to the propeller and underside of the fuselage; no damage to the airfield. A big shout out to Tracy Van Iwarden Aviation Specialties Owner and Mark Muller, Airport Maintenance, who were first responders to the incident. They offered immediate assistance to the pilot who was a transient from the Sacramento area, and safely removed the aircraft. The runway was closed for about an hour while debris was swept up and the runway inspected.

Museum Gate Access

Apologies to tenants who have been unable to use the gate by the Museum hangar to enter the airfield. The gate has a malfunctioning reader that doesn't open the gate for ingress. Staff has been working diligently to get it repaired and are hopeful of resolving the issues and having it back in operation this week.

Pay on Time and Avoid Late Fees

Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all our tenants who routinely pay rent on time and paid the new rental amount for FY2024. Staff appreciates the attention to this important housekeeping matter.

No one likes charging late fees – it's a bookkeeping nightmare -- but staff are directed to do so both by the Board of Supervisors and by the terms of each tenant's lease. Late fee notices have just gone out to those who either did not pay when due or didn't pay the right amount.

If you're not sure what the appropriate lease amount is as of July 1st, please contact Molly Chatwin at the Airport Office at (707) 469-4600. She can look it up for you.

Lastly, staff encourages tenants to use autopay or bill pay to ensure the payment is on time and effortless. Using one of these options is the best way to avoid late fees.

Young Eagles Events are Popular - Pilots needed

Over the last few months, the EAA Chapter 1230 has had a steady stream of kids coming out to receive incentive rides as part of the Young Eagles event. A total of 102 received rides during April – June.

This event is run by volunteer pilots and ground crew members. The July event had to be cancelled due to a shortage of pilots. If you have interest in helping, please contact Aubrey Matthews at (707) 564-0700. The next event is scheduled for August 19.

Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee

The Quarterly Airport Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, July 26 at 6 pm in the Airport Administration Building Conference room. Please join if interested.

Enjoy
the
Summer
Fun!



REMINDER.... Please be considerate and don't obstruct the taxiways between hangars.

There have been a few violations recently so staff wants to reiterate: the taxiways are for movement of aircraft from the hangars to the runway; when hangar tenants place items in the taxiway between hangars they are inconveniencing fellow tenants, creating safety hazards, and preventing the taxiing of aircraft.

Please contact Airport staff if you observe anything blocking the taxiway by your hangar.

PG&E Flight Core Operations Expands its Space

PG&E will soon have additional office space to support their staff and the Flight Core Operations at the Nut Tree Airport. County Counsel and Airport staff have been working diligently with PG&E to work out the terms of the lease agreement. The operations facility provides a range of services to allow PG&E to safely and efficiently use helicopters and provide helicopter services.

They will be taking over the office space previously occupied by Ramon Santos, a local businessman, who offered financing services for first time home buyers.

This recurring publication is for the benefit of our Nut Tree Airport tenants and stakeholders. If you have matters relevant to our Airport Community, and would like it included, please contact Molly Chatwin at the Office.