



Fly Merced

NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Merced Regional Airport now has TWO Popular Destinations. Point A to Point B.....Redefined!



Great Lakes Airlines is now providing daily service from Merced to McCarran International Airport in *Las Vegas, NV* and to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in *Los Angeles, CA*.



Great Lakes is providing scheduled passenger service at 44 airports between fourteen states with a fleet of Embraer EMB-120 Brasillias and Raytheon/Beech 1900D regional airliners. All scheduled flights are operated under the Great Lakes Airlines Marketing identity in conjunction with code-share agreements with Untied Airlines and/or Frontier Airlines at their Albuquerque, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Phoenix hubs. Additional information about Great Lakes Airlines is available at www.flygreatlakes.com.

GREAT LAKES AIRLINES DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Merced to Los Angeles

Departs	Arrives
6:23 am	8:05 am
1:55 pm	3:37 pm

Los Angeles to Merced

Departs	Arrives
8:21am	10:08 am
4:30 pm	6:17 pm

Merced to Las Vegas

Departs	Arrives
10:18 am	11:48 am
6:27 pm	7:57 pm

Las Vegas to Merced

Departs	Arrives
12:15pm	1:45 pm
8:30pm	10:00 pm

Schedule is current September 8, 2011 and subject to change.

For questions or more information:

Toll Free: 1-800-554-5111 or Merced Station: 209-383-4000

Merced Regional Airport

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www.cityofmerced.org
www.flymercedairport.com

For the pilots: CTAF/UNICOM:

122.7 MHz

WX ASOS:

132.175 MHz
(209-381-0926)

NORCAL APPROACH:

120.95 MHz

NORCAL DEPARTURE:

120.95 MHz

LAT/LONG:

37-17-05.0230N / 120-30-49.9890W
37-17.083717N / 120-30.833150W
37.2847286 / -120.5138858
(est.)



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Merced Ticket
Counter
209-383-4000



Gateway Air Center, LLC
(209) 722-7300
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Colimair Aviation
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AVIS Car Rental
(209) 724-9114



Gateway EAA Chapter 1401
(209) 722-8619
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The Hangar BBQ/Cafe
(209) 384-1963

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTION

Airport staff has been working on the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) grant for 2011. The current grant application was approved by City Council on January 18 and sent to the FAA for approval and funding. In June, the FAA requested the Airport revise the current grant as written in order to add additional money for the Thornton Road Realignment. After reviewing the revised grant application the FAA notified the City they have approved the original grant application request to accomplish the new commercial airline terminal study. The FAA will support the Thornton Road Realignment in next year's ACIP grant. Airport staff is currently working with RS&H Consulting to define the scope of work for the new commercial airline terminal study and awaiting grant funding.

The Hangar BBQ submitted building plans and requested a building permit. City Planning and Building Department have reviewed and approved the plans with minor adjustments. County Health has also approved the plans. The City is currently waiting on Mr. Stuhmer to resubmit the plans for final approval. When completed and bonds are issued, and permits are in place, renovations can begin. Mr. Stuhmer has indicated construction will begin on or about September 15th. During construction a temporary security fence will be installed for construction equipment and personnel. Existing airport walk-on and drive-thru gates should not be affected.



Win a Trip to Las Vegas or Los Angeles

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to "Enter to Win." Every quarter two free round trip tickets to Las Vegas or Los Angeles on Great Lakes Airlines are given away....Be the lucky winner!

Go to flymercedairport.com to enter and win. Janet Ratzlaff from Merced, CA was our 2011 Second Quarter Winner Congratulations Janet!!! Enjoy your free tickets!

www.flymercedairport.com

Hangars Available Wingspan/depth Rent Availability

***Bldg 4, Hangar #6	32' x 25' x 8'	\$147	Now
***Bldg 6, Hangar#2	40' x 31'	\$175	Now
*Executive T hangar	39' x 30.6' x 11'	\$185	Now
*Executive I T hangar	40' 9" x 33' 6"x11"	\$214	Now
**Building 22	42'5"x35'5"x11"5'	\$450	Now
**Building 23	42'5"x35'5"x11"5'	\$450	Now

* No electricity

** New box hangars, electric doors and outlets, lightning and fire suppression

*** Open bays with electrical outlets



TENANT SPOTLIGHT: RYAN SMITH

Ryan Smith is the Chief Flight Instructor and Pilot for Gateway Air Center—Merced Regional Airport's full service FBO and Cirrus Service Center. Ryan's main duties are to provide Pilot Services for any and all aircraft being serviced or managed at Gateway Air Center.

However, his passion to teach others how to fly has led Ryan to be a fully qualified CFII with 1300+ flight hours with commercial, multi-engine, and instrument ratings. In the future, Ryan aspires to fly Boeing 777's for FedEx, delivering packages around the globe.

If you're interested in learning how to fly, or maybe just get an orientation flight around the valley, go see Ryan today. Better hurry, Ryan is engaged to Christina Flores with wedding plans for May 2012.



Football and TFRs!

NOTAM Notice Number: NOTC3215

The FAA would like to remind pilots to check for Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) now that the Division I and Professional Football Seasons have gotten into full swing. Blanket NOTAM 9/5151 is in place; however, due to the ever changing times and locations of games it is impossible to publish anything more specific. Blanket NOTAM 9/5151 addresses the requirements for a TFR to be activated for sporting events, but it is **incumbent upon the pilot** to know if his route of flight will be affected.

Flight Service can only refer pilots to the NOTAM since they have no way of knowing if games were delayed, in overtime, or cancelled. Air Traffic will ensure IFR flights are clear of TFR airspace, but VFR pilots are only advised on a time permitting basis, unless they ask.

Please check your NOTAMS before all flights.