



# Fly Merced

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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## Gateway Air Center #1 in the West

Gateway Air Center is the number 1 Cirrus service center west of the Mississippi. Cirrus executives, from Duluth, MN notified Gateway Air Center they were handling more cirrus aircraft for both parts and structural repairs than any other service center in the west. Over 100 loyal Cirrus customers frequent Gateway Air Center annually for maintenance support dealing with everything from oil changes and avionics upgrades to major structural repairs.

**Congratulations!**

## Merced Regional Airport

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Merced, CA 95341  
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[www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org)  
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## NOW OPEN

“Great Food *Fast*”...but not fast food.

Come by and enjoy Merced’s newest BBQ establishment and learn more about the future development of the restaurant and airport. The Hangar Café is under new management and has been completely remodeled both inside and out, and more renovations are on the way.



### 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.)

### GREAT LAKES AIRLINES FLIGHT SCHEDULE

#### Merced to Las Vegas

Freq	Departs	Arrives	Flight
Daily	9:50 am	11:20 am	5194
Daily	3:40 pm	5:10 pm	5197

#### Las Vegas to Merced

Freq	Departs	Arrives	Flight
Daily	8:10 am	9:40 am	5194
Daily	2:00 pm	3:30 pm	5197

Effective April 7, 2010—Schedule subject to change.



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[Gatewayaircenter.com](http://Gatewayaircenter.com)



Colimair Aviation  
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AVIS Car Rental  
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Gateway EAA Chapter 1401  
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The Hangar Café  
(209) 384-1963



Great Lakes Airlines  
1-800-554-5111  
or  
Merced Ticket Counter  
209-383-4000



## WELCOME

Ray Beverly has been appointed by the Merced City Council to serve on the Merced Regional Airport Authority (MRAA). Ray flies a Citation X for NetJets and owns and flies a Belanca Champion for fun. In addition, he's a current and qualified flight instructor on his days off from NetJets. Ray joins Janet Young, Larry Morelock, Allan Rutledge, Jerry Crews, Rich Basart, and Kraig Riggs on the MRAA.

## Win a Trip to Las Vegas

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to "Enter to Win" two free tickets to Las Vegas on Great Lakes Airlines. Go to [FlyMercedAirport.com](http://FlyMercedAirport.com) to enter and win.



## AIRPORT PROJECTS

The new Airport security system will be completed in the next few weeks. All equipment has been installed and final tweaks are taking place.

All bids for this year's FAA ACIP Grant, the aircraft apron expansion, have been accepted and finalized. FAA funding and contract award approval will be expected in the coming weeks. The open field near the corner of Condor Drive and Fly-In Way on the eastern side of the airport will be covered in concrete to provide additional parking and aircraft maneuvering space.

Also beginning in the next couple of weeks is the construction and installation of a new lift station and sewer line. This new sewer line will cross the airport between Fly-In Way and Riggs Avenue. In order to bury the line in trenching taxiways 'G' and 'E' will be temporary closed for a day or two each. Our new sewer line will improve sewer line service and provide the ability to expand and add future business development. The project is funded by the City of Merced.

Mead and Hunt Consulting have been awarded the contract to update the Merced County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Funded by Caltrans, the study should be complete in 12 months.

VACANT HANGARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR MONTHLY RENTALS - FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE AIRPORT ADMIN OFFICE AT 385-6873 OR VISIT [FLYMERCEDAIRPORT.COM](http://FLYMERCEDAIRPORT.COM)



## TENANT SPOTLIGHT: RICK EASON

After years of hard work and some tedious research, Rick Eason has completed and soloed his 1946 Ercoupe. On Saturday morning July 3rd, N2747H took to the air in a flawless flight.

Something this aircraft had not done in over 40 Years. Much thanks for all the help and support to Fred Salvatori and Martin Gomez, along with numerous others who helped along the way. Top picture: Fred Salvatori, Rick Eason, Martin Gomez, L-R.



## FAA Issues Runway Crossing Clearance Changes

Effective 6-30-10, air traffic controllers will no longer use the term "taxi to" when authorizing aircraft to taxi to an assigned takeoff runway. With the change, controllers must issue explicit clearances to pilots crossing any runway (active/inactive or closed) along the taxi route. The elimination of the "taxi to" phrase will apply only to departing aircraft. Arriving aircraft will still hear the phrase "taxi to" when instructed to taxi to the gate or ramp. However, controllers in these situations still will be required to issue specific crossing instructions for each runway encountered on the taxi route. For more information on the change, refer to FAA Order N JO 7110.528, which can be found at: <http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Notice/N7110.528.pdf>

