



Fly Merced



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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WWW.FLYMERCEDAIRPORT.COM



NEW AIRPORT WEBSITE –
As part of the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP) Grant the airport, in conjunction with TJA Advertising and Public Relations, has developed and launched a new website. A vast improvement over the prior site, check us out at: www.flymercedairport.com



CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

COMMERCIAL TERMINAL UPGRADE - New carpet has recently been installed in our commercial terminal. A Big Thank You goes out to everyone involved in helping make this happen. TSA staff, both local and Fresno, made it happen with all their efforts in getting the security equipment moved out and then back in place and calibrated in record time. Great Lakes Airlines staff worked extra hours moving furniture, and Avis had to relocate their counter operations for a few days. Thanks again.

NEW BEACON - A new high intensity airport rotating beacon has recently been installed. Located on top of the control tower the beacon has a 75,000 candelas effective light beam and will be visible miles from the airport. The prior beacon was estimated to be 40 plus years old and was deemed unreliable mechanically. Controlled by a simple "on/off" timer, airport staff manually adjusts the timer each month to correspond with the seasonally changing sunrise/sunset. In addition, the timer is also manually turned on when visibility is 3 miles or less and/or cloud ceiling is 1,000 feet or less.



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Merced Regional Airport

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Merced, CA 95341
Phone: 209-385-6873
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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.)



Great Lakes Airlines

1-800-554-5111

or

Merced Ticket

Counter

209-383-4000

Gateway Air Center, LLC
209-722-7300
gatewayaircenter.com



Colimair Aviation
209-564-6190

The Hangar Café
209-726-0264



AVIS Car Rental
209-724-9114

Special Holiday Edition

A publication from the Safety Section
Federal Aviation Administration
Airports Division



As the holidays approach, so do holiday visitors that will be allowed to enter the airport property for a variety of reasons. Some to visit grandpa's hangar, delivery vehicles making holiday deliveries, friends will be taken for airplane rides to view newly fallen snow and holiday lights.

Whatever the reason may be for your holiday visitors to enter the airfield, careful escort procedures must be employed by hosting tenants. Please review and apply the following guidelines for escorting visitors while on airport property:

- * If you allow someone onto airport property, you have automatically become their escort.
- * If you do not wish to become an escort, do not let visitors onto airport property.
- * If you are escorting a visitor, you are responsible for their actions and safety until they leave airport property.
- * Do not "point the way" for visitors to go. Accompany them to their destinations and make sure that a new person will assume escorting responsibilities.
- * Remember that visitors know nothing about airports and are unaware of the dangers associated with airport operations.
- * Always check with airport management for the latest rules and regulations regarding airport visitors.
- * If you see someone who appears to have no business on the airfield, approach them with a simple "Can I help you?"

Norm Crabtree, former Aviation Director for the state of Ohio once said "the airport runway is the most important main street in any town." Let us continue to work together to keep our main street a safe street for pilots and visitors alike.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



TENANT SPOTLIGHT: JACK CHAPMAN

Jack Chapman and Alex Porter, have spent a great deal of time over the last two years building this beautiful RV9A. Its maiden flight (pictured below) was completed on Nov 1, 2009. Congratulations to Jack and Alex, their aircraft is an awesome display of ingenuity and craftsmanship.



CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS continued

ELECTRICITY UPGRADES TO T-HANGARS - The row of T-hangars parallel to Condor Avenue and across from Building 21 have recently been upgraded with electrical outlets. In the future, as we find "permanent" homes for our T-Hangars, our hope is to provide electricity to as many T-Hangars as possible.

B-SIDE DEMO—Carter Construction completed the demolition of building #12 otherwise known as the B-Side hangars. Now that this "eye-sore" has been eliminated the area will be used as a dedicated commercial truck parking lot.

NEW AIRPORT SECURITY SYSTEM – Work is well under-way to install the new Airport Security System. All the fiber-optic line has been installed. The cameras and software installation will be accomplished by AMS.NET. A completed system will be operational in the coming weeks.

GREAT LAKES AIRLINES FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Merced to Ontario				Ontario to Merced			
Freq	Departs	Arrives	Flight	Freq	Departs	Arrives	Flight
M-F	5:30 am	7:12 am	5045	M-F	8:45 am	9:56 am	5194
Sat-Sun	8:23 am	10:05 am	5196	M-Sat	11:47 am	12:58 pm	5065
M-F	10:06 am	11:17 am	5194	Sat	4:20 pm	6:07 pm	5198
M-Sat	1:08 pm	2:19 pm	5065	Sun-Fri	7:45 pm	9:32 pm	5061

Schedule subject to change.



Hangars Rentals Available

	Wingspan/depth	Rent	Availability
*Executive T hangar	39' x 30.6' x 11'	\$165	Now
*Executive I T hangar	40' 9" x 33' 6"x11"	\$208	Now
*Executive II T hangar	44' 5" x 39' 6"x13" 6'	\$279	Now
**Building 22	42' 5" x 35' 5"x11" 5'	\$450	Now
**Building 23	42' 5" x 35' 5"x11" 5'	\$450	Now

* No electricity ** New box hangars, electric doors and outlets, lightning and fire suppression.

