

GNOSS FIELD AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

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Airport Volunteer –

We are pleased to welcome David Dietz as a part-time volunteer in the Airport Manager's office. He will support the airport on administrative tasks. Recently retired, David brings 30+ years' experience as an airport planning consultant.

Airport Consulting Firms –

The County has two airport consultants. One is for Airport Planning, Architecture/Engineering, and the other is for Environmental Consulting Services. These consultant firms provide specialized services associated with airfield improvements, which include projects identified on the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) for funding the next five (5) years. The two firms selected are Mead & Hunt and ESA, both firms have provided Scopes of Work (SOW). However, due to discrepancies in the SOW and the loss of key management personnel from both firms as well as FAA, there has been a delay in starting these airport projects. Per discussions with each firm, these projects will begin later this month.

ALUCP – Marin County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan –

The Marin County Community Development Agency (CDA) has kicked off an ALUCP Update for the County and airport. On Dec. 19th the BOS approved a contract to Mead & Hunt. County staff had two meetings with the consultant in January.

Request for Interest/Proposal (RFI/RFP) –

The County is currently creating a Request for Interest/Request for Proposal for offers on operating a business in the 351 Airport Road County building. The office space and Hangar are currently being operated by CB Aviation which provides Aircraft Hangar Space, Office space and Fueling Services for Gness Field.

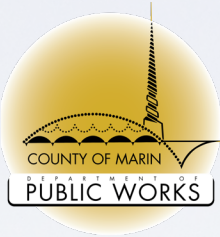
Airport Project Updates –

Non-Precision Approach Runway Marking

You may have noticed that the runway markings look a little different on the approach to runway 13. The added markings allowed the FAA to reduce the instrument approach ceiling minimums from 1,300 feet to 820 feet, the reduced minimums were published as of February 23, 2023.

Paint, Crack Seal and Asphalt Repairs

Last fall, besides the parallel taxiway for Runway 13/31, two large areas of asphalt were repaired in front of the north County building hangar and near the parking area of CB Aviation's fuel trucks. Also, all taxiway lanes and hangar alley areas were re-painted. Other areas to be repaired this spring and summer include potholes and deteriorating asphalt on the taxiway and areas between hangars by our Marin County Roads Department.



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New Food Vending Machines

A new food and beverage vending machine was installed in the Pilot's Lounge. Please stop in and checkout the variety of items for purchase. You can use cash or credit card for your purchases. An additional vending machine was also installed in the downstairs office of CB Aviation. Please stop in and support a new local business!

AWOS

This past Fall, the Airport's AWOS present weather sensor failed during our quarterly inspection. It was replaced with a new unit in November.

CB Aviation Self-Serve Fuel

CB Aviation repaired their self-serve 100LL fuel pump successfully. As of last week, they were able to re-certify and provide 24-hour fuel service. This will dramatically increase your convenience to fuel your aircraft after hours.

General Airport Issues and Requests –

Aircraft walk around Inspections

Before flight, please check your inspection plate mounting screws. During routine runway inspections, we are finding a surprisingly large number of screws and other FOD.

Noise Abatement Procedures

Noise sensitive residents occupy homes to the south and southeast of the airport. Please follow the Noise Abatement Procedures. You can help the Airport by avoiding straight in approaches to runway 31 and straight-out departures from runway 13 over the homes. It truly helps with the noise for our neighbors to the south!

Unauthorized Contractors and Mechanics

A permit must be obtained from the Airport Manager prior to any mechanical work or aircraft detailing services being performed at Gness Field. Any aircraft/hanger owner who hires unauthorized contractors to work on Gness Field will be held responsible for allowing unauthorized work to be performed at the airport. If tenants are found to violate Marin County Code (see below for specifics), fines will be assessed to both the aircraft and or hanger owner. Additionally, they may lose the use of their storage permit and the ability to base their aircraft at Gness Field.

Marin County Code 12.04.050 - Business activities:

No person shall use the airport in any manner whatsoever for any commercial, profit, gainful, or revenue producing purpose, including, without limitation, flight instruction or mechanical work, without written approval of Marin County. No person shall distribute, post or display any commercial or noncommercial signs, circulars, handbills or advertisements on the airport without the consent of the airport manager. No person shall solicit funds for any purpose on the airport.



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Marin County Code 12.04.210 - Violations:

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or a fine not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, or by both such imprisonment and fine.

Aircraft Storage Permits and Insurance

Please update your information with current aircraft and contact information on your space at Gness Field. Per the County Aircraft Storage Permit for habitually situated aircraft:

"All Permittees agree to disclose all aircraft he/she has caused to locate on the Airport and shall be financially responsible for these aircraft or for any other access onto the property granted by this permit. Any owner shall furnish the County, in advance of arrival of the aircraft, evidence of financial responsibility in the minimum requirements of: \$1,000,000 combined single limit coverage with exception of per/passenger sub-limit of \$100,000."

Both County Code and the airport Aircraft Storage Permit state that ALL hangars are to be used for aircraft Storage as the primary use (9c. "Principal and Primary use of permit space shall be for storage of aircraft only. Use of the space for any other primary purpose will result in revocation of the permit").

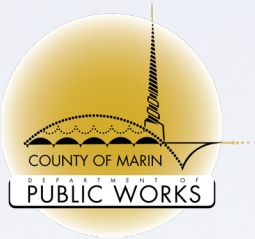
County Code and Aircraft Storage Permits (9f. also states that the "Permittee shall notify the Airport Manager or his/her designee within thirty (30) days of transaction of sale or relocation of the aircraft of record on this permit. Failure to register an aircraft to this permit within sixty (60) days of this transaction will be cause for County to revoke this permit."

Please use the link below to update your hangar and aircraft information or request a paper form at djensen@marincounty.org.

<http://bit.ly/AircraftStorageForm>

July 2024 CPI Increase

Your July 2024 statements will reflect the consumer price index (CPI) adjustment to your monthly rate. The CPI rate of Current % rounded to the nearest dollar will be used from the April Consumer Price Index, San Francisco Area. Also, please check your monthly statements from the Department of Finance for amounts past due. The CPI increase will take effect in July each year. However, many of you have your monthly statements on autopay which has resulted in outstanding fees still due on several accounts. Please check your account balances and pay the unpaid amounts in full. If you have any questions or want to know if you have an outstanding amount due, please call the Department of Finance (DOF) at 415-473-7555 or Dan Jensen at 415-897-1754.



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Trash and Recycle Bins

Please only put allowed items in the Trash and Recycle dumpsters. Items that are not allowed are still being discarded in the dumpsters and the airport is getting charged extra for these items. Staff will be closely monitoring the video cameras and contacting offenders to recover these extra fees in the future. Also, please **DO NOT** leave **ANY** items outside the dumpster enclosures.

The only acceptable fluids in the recycle shed is used aircraft motor oil. **DO NOT** leave propane tanks, electronics, paints, thinners, or any type of solvents. These are not recyclable and hazmat service providers are very expensive to discard these items. This is an ongoing problem and staff may have to place locks on the dumpsters and recycle shed if this persists. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

FAA Hangar Use Policy and Sponsor Responsibilities –

The primary purpose of Gness Field hangars must be for Aircraft Storage. If no aircraft is in your hangar, the hangar must be empty. Staff will be following up with individual hangar owners that have no aircraft associated to their hangar.

As an Airport Sponsor who accepts Federal airport grants, the County is bound by the conditions and assurances in the associated grant agreements. These obligations include grant assurances related to use of hangars and other designated aeronautical facilities on the airport for exclusively aeronautical purposes. Please follow the link below for more information.

<http://bit.ly/HangerUseFAA>

Vehicle/Trailer Parking on the AOA:

All vehicles must be parked inside your hangar for overnight flights. There is no long-term parking on the airport AOA or County Property. Vehicles that are parked on the AOA for extended periods of time (overnight) will receive notice that vehicles parked overnight should be inside your hangar or the long-term parking areas outside the AOA. Upon a second notice of parking violations, your vehicles may be towed at the vehicle owners' expense.

As always, if you have any questions concerning airport issues, **please feel free to call 415-897-1754 or email djensen@marincounty.org.**

Thank you and fly safe!

*Dan Jensen
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