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## *Holiday Travel Tips*

The Holidays, no matter where you fly from, are a busy time of the year and now that your flights booked, let's think about packing presents. Keep in mind airline checked bag fees and weight limitations per checked bag. It's a good idea to pack gifts in a suitcase, distributing the weight and thinking of your socks and T-shirts as big, comfy packing Materials. Consider saving the fragile packages for your carry-on. Wrapped gifts in either checked or carry-on luggage are subject to TSA inspection, so it might be a good idea to pack extra tape and wrapping paper just in case. If you are unsure of what can be packed into your checked or carry-on luggage, we encourage you to visit your airline's website or the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at [www.tsa.gov/traveler-information](http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information). The TSA site can help you know the appropriate size of containers and what you can or cannot bring or pack.

Here are some quick tips as you prepare for your flight travel:

- 1.) Check in on-line the night prior if you can at AA.com for American Airlines and print your boarding passes. TIP: Go WIRELESS! The airport now accepts electronic mobile boarding passes if you have a smart phone.
- 2.) Arrive at the airport 2 hours if you have checked bags (no more than 50 pounds per bag) for your flight or be there at 1.5 hours prior to your flight if you do not have any luggage to be checked.
- 3.) When in doubt go by the airport or call the reservation toll free line to ask questions.
- 4.) Arrange your plans for drop-off, pick-up or parking prior to your flight times. Keep in mind the airport does have paid parking where you can park your car during your vacation for \$8/day.
- 5.) If necessary create a checklist so you do not forget anything important.



*Letter from Airport Director  
Gladys Wiggins*



I am genuinely honored to be recognized amongst other truly amazing honorees in the 40 Under 40 Airport Business Magazine this past November. My dream has always been to lead a growing organization and make a positive impact on our community. I have worked with and beside the best mentors in the industry who have, and continue to inspire me to think outside of the box and implement creative and innovative ideas to produce solutions, enjoyable environments and experiences. Yuma is AMAZING! Any recognition proves our airport receives proves we have a fantastic staff and people working within our community to make Yuma the best it can be!

Quick Update: I recently met with various airline network planners to consider more options in air service to/from Yuma. I know how important air service is to the Yuma Community and we are continuing to explore our options. The airport is applying for another small community air service development grant to help attract airlines and additional renters. Keep the positive thoughts coming! In the meantime, the airport team appreciate your support and choice to **FLY YUMA!** Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

# YUMA AIRPORT HAPPENINGS

## *General Aviation Appreciation*



Yuma International Airport hosted a General Aviation social in celebration of September as General Aviation Appreciation Month as declared by the City of Yuma Government. Airport Director, Ms. Gladys Wiggins warmly welcomed and expressed sincere appreciation to local aviators, Airport Board of Directors, Linda Morgan, Eric Saltzer and Brian Cullen as well as community dignitaries Mayor Doug Nicholls, Deputy Mayor Gary Knight, Yuma County Government Board of Supervisors Russell McCloud and Darren Simmons, and members of the Yuma Squadron 508 Civil Air Patrol and Cadets. Mayor Nicholls read the Proclamation which expresses the City of Yuma's significant interest in the continued vitality of General Aviation, aviation organizations and community airports. General Aviation airports play a vital role to the City of Yuma and the State of Arizona's economy with a statewide economic impact of \$609M and over 6900 jobs.

## *Taxiway H1 Rehabilitation*

The multi-million dollar Taxiway H1 rehabilitation is well underway with 30% completion. The project is on schedule to be completed by March 2018. Taxiway H1 is located in the southwest portion of Yuma International Airport with direct access to the largest runway, Runway 21R/3L, and leads into the airport's Defense Contractor Complex (DCC) which is largely used by the aviation and aerospace industry operating aircraft such as 747, 767, 737, C-5, C-17 and Antonov 124 for testing, research and training.



## *NASA DROP*

Yuma International Airport wishes the Nasa and CPAS team good luck on their Parachute Drop December 13<sup>th</sup> at Yuma Proving Ground in support of the Orion program. The test vehicle will be dropped from 25,000 with the straight main parachutes deploying. This test will count for record qualifications. Find out more about the Orion Space Program at:

[nasa.gov/exploration/systems/orion/index.html](http://nasa.gov/exploration/systems/orion/index.html)



## *Important Event Dates:*

- 12/12/17 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 12/19/17 – GA Holiday Social Event
- 12/22/17 – Airport Office Closed @ 12:00 pm
- 12/25/17 – Airport Admin Office Closed
- 12/29/17 – Airport Office Closed @ 12:00 pm
- 01/01/18 – Airport Admin Office Closed
- 01/09/18 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 01/16/18 – Arizona Aviation Day at the Capitol
- 02/13/18 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 03/13/18 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting



# AVIATION AROUND TOWN



## Merry Christmas

DATE	FROM	TO	DESCRIPTION	PILOTS	FLIGHT TIME	REMARKS
12/22	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/23	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/24	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/25	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/26	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/27	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/28	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/29	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/30	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local
12/31	Merossville	Merossville	N42600	John Ewing	0:15	Local

Following Christmas 1951, we had a month of not very good flying weather. The clear days were sub-zero. About the third week in March, my uncle told me he had gone up to the Ski Lodge at Mt. Pocono and they had freezing rain that made the surface so hard you could walk upon it without making a print in the surface. I had purchased a 1946 J3C in the summer of 1950 and I felt I could land on the frozen surface (provided the wind was not too strong). I had very little time off as it took every waking hour working to support N42600. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March, I was able to put together two days of flying. Weather was clear and temperature was slightly above zero. Being 16 years old is very helpful in taking on this kind of adventure. I made eight flights in those two days and Pocono landing was without any problem. In the late summer of 1953, I went off to college and I sold N42600 as I needed money. Maintaining an aircraft in my mid teens took everything I had.

**John Ewing,**  
*Guest Columnist*



## Civil Air Patrol Travels to the Palomar Observatory



The Palomar Observatory field trip for Yuma Cadet Squadron 508 occurred on September 19, 2017. There was an early muster at 0600 at the Yuma CAP hangar. After the mandatory safety brief, 9 cadets and 3 senior members headed towards the observatory. Upon arrival the cadets put their back into trying to lift the 15 ton dummy mirror that was used to check the telescope mount, bearings, and balance when the telescope was built in the 1930's and 1940's. It didn't seem to budge, but the cadets enjoyed trying. The docents provided a nice overview of the history of the telescope and discussed current and past achievements. One of the cadets volunteered to steer the telescope (model) and she did an credible job. The highlight for the cadets was the chance to climb around on the huge granite boulders.

*If you want to learn more about Yuma's Civil Air Patrol you can go to [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or by phone at (928) 783-2759.*



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## ***Colorado River Crossing Balloon Festival***



The Airport Team participated in the Colorado Balloon Festival in November as a sponsor. Our pilot Patrick is a veteran when it comes to hot air balloon flying. He has traveled the world and conquered some of the hardest hot air balloon flying challenges. We weren't able to fly as the Yuma weather was not cooperative, but we did get to chat with Patrick and his crew over dinner at the Pilot Appreciation Dinner. Each sponsor was to decorate their pilots table for a friendly competition. Our pilots balloon was the Saguaro Sunrise, so we stuck with his theme and decorated accordingly to win the prize for best decorated table! The balloon glow always lights us up for the holiday season!

## ***TSA & Airport Ops Present to Yuma High***



Yuma International Airport proudly partners with local educational agencies to discuss and explain career opportunities available with the aviation industry. The Airport Operations and TSA departments provided exceptional presentations about their roles to ensure safety and security to Yuma High School students studying Criminal Justice. Students were then given tours of each department to see the different types of equipment used to ensure our passengers and airport guests safety.

## ***VIP Tour for Cibola High School Students***



The Yuma International Airport team was honored to provide a Behind the Scenes Airfield tour to our friends from Cibola High School. Along the way the students learned about the history of aviation in Yuma, close look at a variety of aircraft on the airfield, and watched several jets take off. The students met with NASA engineers working on the Orion space program who explained the work they do at Yuma International Airport and Yuma Proving Ground on the parachute system that will safely bring our astronauts back into Earth's atmosphere. Students were given special patches and the opportunity to ask questions during their tour.

## ***Yuma Youth Town Hall***



Yuma International Airport was delighted to participate in the Yuma Youth Town Hall at Arizona Western College. Meeting with the students and listening to their goals left the Airport Team inspired and excited about our future leaders.