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New Parking Lot Management System

Yuma International Airport replaced the parking lot management system with updated, fully automated equipment utilizing as much of the current infrastructure as possible in an effort to keep parking costs to a minimum.

The new system is also integrated with Parkonect, allowing guests to use their favorite parking pay application from their Android or iOS device common at most airports throughout the world.

The new system includes 2 fully automated exit lanes that accept debit and credit card payments to exit the parking lot. There is a pay kiosk located in the baggage claim area accepts cash, debit and credit cards. Two cashier stations are conveniently located in the Administration department on the second floor, and the Operations department across from TSA screening for validation or payment. Brewers Restaurant and Sports Bar will validate their patrons' parking.

The new parking management system solution also includes intercom communication for real time connectivity between airport guests and the airport's duty phone to communicate and resolve any issues.

The airport is happy to keep the same rates that are among the lowest in the country:

- 0-15 minutes – Free
- 16-30 minutes - \$1.00
- 31-60 minutes - \$2.00
- Each additional hour - \$2.00
- Daily Maximum - \$8.00



Give our team a call at (928) 726-5882 to learn about short and long term parking discounts!



***Letter from Airport Director
Gladys Wiggins***

Yet again I am proud, but truly humbled, to have been selected as Yuma County Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Athena Award winner. The nomination was based on my dedication to inspiring youth, co-workers and the community to aspire to achieve goals and successes through intern programs, higher education and mentorships in Yuma County and throughout the nation. 2017 was certainly a momentous year having been named Arizona's Airport Executive of the Year, Southwest AAE Executive of the Year, Airport Business' Top 40 Under 40 and now, the prestigious Athena Award.

While recognition for hard work is priceless, there is still much more work to be done. The airport team continues to focus on airline recruitment, business development and recruitment to the airport's Defense Contractor Complex, in addition to the community outreach and engagement and most importantly, providing excellent customer service.

The entire team here at Yuma International Airport is eager to earn your business whether you fly, rent a car, or grab a bite to eat at Brewers.

YUMA AIRPORT YOUTH SUPPORT

Navy Sea Cadets

The Yuma International Airport has always been a strong supporter of our community including sponsoring youth leadership programs such as the Civil Air Patrol and school-based STEM initiatives. A recent addition to our mix is Yuma's US Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) program. As a Bronze Anchor business sponsor, we have watched with pride our Yuma Sea Eagle Squadron cadet's growth over the past three years. Interestingly, the Yuma Sea Cadet program was founded in 2015 by one of the airport's Board of Directors, Mr. Dean D. Hager and the current NSCC community oversight committee Chairperson is none other than our own Airport Director, Gladys Wiggins.

Yuma's naval sea cadets have consistently achieved the top performance ranking over their Arizona/New Mexico counterparts and recently placed first at their Regional Skills Competition in Phoenix. Check out this program at: <http://www.yumaseacadets.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/navyseacadetsyuma>.



Civil Air Patrol Cadets

Civil Air Patrol's Arizona Wing Commander, Colonel Martha Morris presented Yuma's Composite Squadron 508 with the Unit Citation Award during the airport's General Aviation Social.

Colonel Morris explained the Unit Citation Award was earned through the Civil Air Patrol Squadron's actions over the past couple of years through growth, state and local activity participation, and for exception meritorious service from January 2016-January 2017.

Colonel Morris congratulated the unit's leaders and cadets for their dedication and hard work and thanked the Yuma International Airport for their support of their efforts.



Important Event Dates:

- 03/16/18 – General Aviation Social
- 03/17/18 – 2018 Yuma Airshow
- 03/24/18 – General Aviation Pilot Safety Training
- 04/10/18 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 05/08/18 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 05/28/18 – YCAA Admin Office Closed

AVIATION AROUND TOWN

H. L. Suverkrup Students Talk with Astronauts & Learn About Space

Congratulations to the students and staff from H.L. Suverkrup Elementary School who earned the opportunity to speak live with Expedition 55 astronauts Scott Tingle of NASA and Norishige Kanai of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency who are living and working aboard the International Space Station.

The students posed questions directly to astronauts about life aboard the space station, NASA's deep space exploration plans, and doing science in space. The students and their teachers prepared for the event by studying the space station, astronaut biographies, and the current research and activities happening aboard the station. In addition, the Suverkrup students' names have been inscribed on a microchip to be carried around on the lander as it travels the surface of Mars, and the students are preparing for a virtual field trip to the Red Planet. Members from NASA's Capsule Parachute Assembly System who test the parachutes at Yuma Proving Grounds spoke with the students the week before and brought with them several inspirational posters to spur their curiosity about future career paths.

These in-flight education downlinks are an integral component of NASA's Year of Education on Station, which provides extensive space station-related resources and opportunities to students and educators. Linking students directly to astronauts aboard the space station provides unique, authentic experiences designed to enhance student learning, performance and interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).



U of A Engineering 102 Tours of NASA's Hangar



Over 120 local high school students involved in the University of Arizona's Engineering 102 course participated in an in-depth discussion and tour with engineers from NASA's Capsule Parachute Assembly System and Jacobs Engineering. The engineers discussed their work and testing on the parachute system for the Orion Space System to safely bring the astronauts back to Earth. The engineers also offered insight and encouragement about college coursework, intern programs available and personal information that helped them determine their career path.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Yuma International Airport team is thankful to our friends from the Imperial Valley Joint Chambers for inviting us to participate in their Business Expo in January. During the evening the airport team received raving support by frequent fliers and collaborated with many enthusiastic people to create synergies in support of the success of our Mega Region.



The Yuma International Airport team participated in Arizona Aviation Association's Aviation Day at the Capitol to discuss with State Legislators the importance and economic impact the Aviation Industry has on our great State. The airport team truly appreciates Yuma's own Rep. Charlene Fernandez and Senator Lisa Otondo's continued support.



Yuma International Airport is a proud partner with the Yuma Proving Grounds and was honored to be a part their 75th Anniversary celebration. The fun-filled event was open to the public and thousands of people stopped by our booth to learn more about what services and opportunities are available at the airport and provide feedback and suggestions.



Yuma International Airport collaborated with American Airlines' Abilities Employment Business Group, TSA, and American Airlines team to provide an airport rehearsal event for local families to alleviate some of the stress families who have a child with autism experience when traveling by air. The event offered families the opportunity to go through the process of getting boarding passes, go through TSA screening and taxi around the airport. Many thanks to Bruce Siglar and Jessica from American Airlines along with their volunteers and the entire airport team who helped make this a fun learning event. Special thanks to Brewers Yuma - Airport and their team for the great food!



February 9th was an exciting day for 'Mathlete' students from Centennial, Crane, Dateland, Ron Watson, St. Francis, San Luis Middle School, Gowan Science Academy, and Woodard Junior High schools as they competed in MATHCOUNTS! MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is a national program that provides students the opportunity to compete in live, in-person contests against and alongside their peers. Congratulations to Crane Middle School for taking first place in the team event and advancing to State. Many thanks to all of Yuma's sponsors and volunteers who have helped plan to make this event a success for these amazing Mathletes!