



Winter 2019

TSA Pre-Check now available at Yuma International Airport

Yuma International Airport has been selected to participate in TSA's Pre-Check program which is an expedited screening program enhancing aviation security to provide a better travel experience.

As a participant, travelers are not required to remove shoes, belts, your 3-1-1 compliant bag, light jacket/outerwear, or your laptop from your bag. U.S. citizens can apply for TSA Pre-Check expedited screening benefits for a fee of \$85.00 which is valid for five years. For more information about the program or to apply, please visit tsa.gov.

With TSA Pre✓ you don't need to remove:



Learn more at www.tsa.gov/precheck



Get your Travel ID by 10/10/20

Make your New Year's resolution to not get grounded! Ring in the new year by making plans to get your new Travel ID! New driver license and ID card requirements start October 2020. Arizona residents will need the Travel ID (also referred as the REAL ID) or your passport to fly beginning October 1st, 2020. Getting your new Travel ID is super simple, click this link for step by step instructions: azdot.gov/travelID.



*Special Message from
Airport Director Gladys Brown*

Earlier this year Yuma International Airport applied for a small community air service development grant to help increase commercial air service and routes for the Yuma community and desert southwest. We are hopeful to be selected for the grant in early 2020, so keep your fingers crossed and positive thoughts coming!

While we have accomplished so much in 2019, I know 2020 is going to be another exciting year filled with great projects and additional improvements throughout the airport and airfield.

On behalf of our entire airport family, we appreciate your continued support and friendship and hope you have a truly blessed holiday and new year!

YUMA AIRPORT PROJECTS

Terminal and Landscaping Upgrades

Yuma International Airport recently completed several projects inside and around the airport terminal including a tropical wall wrap inside the elevator and new trees along the multi-use path in front of the terminal 32nd Street.



Rolle Airfield Improvements

The Yuma County Airport Authority (YCAA) also manages Rolle Airfield located near the City of San Luis which is used primarily by general aviation pilots and flight instructors. The YCAA has been working with the City of San Luis so the airfield is available for use as their community continues to grow and prosper.

We recently enhanced pavement surfaces on the airfield to ensure the safety of the pilots and their aircraft.



Road Improvements

The Yuma International Airport team works closely with the City of Yuma and Yuma County to ensure infrastructure and roads leading to the airport property is in good condition. Recently the City of Yuma conducted fog/chip and slurry seal to Arizona Avenue as well as Gillaspie Place and Burch Way. These highly travelled roads lead to the airport's General Aviation facilities and to Million Air which is the gateway for VIPs coming into Yuma. We can't thank our community partners enough for these necessary improvements that enhance the aesthetics and perception of our community!

Important Event Dates:

- 12/24/19 – Airport Office Closed @ 12:00 pm
- 12/25/19 – Airport Admin Office Closed
- 12/31/19 – Airport Office Closed @ 12:00 pm
- 01/01/20 – Airport Admin Office Closed
- 01/14/20 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 01/14/20 – Arizona Aviation Day at the Capitol
- 02/11/20 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 02/22/20 – GA Pilot Safety Training
- 03/10/20 – YCAA Board of Directors Meeting
- 03/13/20 – GA Social Chili Cook-Off/Twilight Show
- 03/14/20 – MCAS Annual Airshow



AVIATION AROUND TOWN

Civil Air Patrol

Yuma Squadron 508 is a composite unit consisting of Cadets (12 to 18 years old) and Senior Members (18 years and older). Many of our cadets pursue careers in the military, attend U.S. military academies, become pilots, or enter a variety of aerospace related fields as a direct result of their CAP volunteer experience. They actively participate in community events, air and ground team SAR training and missions, cadet orientation flights, leadership training, aerospace and STEM education, radio communications training, and much more. 508 recently

- Recruited their first Aerospace Education Member (AEM), Mrs. Andrea Bonde who is the Science Teacher at the Yuma Educational Opportunity Center's Charter High School.
- Promoted C/2nd Lt Hudson who became the fourth cadet to receive an officer promotion for 2019 along with C/Capt Obregon, 2nd Lt Burkart, and 1st Lt Sarrasin who moved on to ASU and joined their AFROTC program.

If you are looking for a challenging way to serve your local community, state, and nation; come visit us during our Wednesday meetings (6:30pm to 8:30pm) located at 3590 S. Fortuna Ave., Hangar F6 to find out how you can join the Civil Air Patrol and be part of the Squadron 508 team!



About EAA Chapter 590

Many local pilots are members of the local chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association and work on the restoration project of a Woody Pusher at Somerton Airport. They recently announced Jared Hall as their chapter president.

Members recently flew to Millar Air Park in Maricopa and to Lake Havasu for a safety meeting and thoroughly enjoyed lunch afterwards at Hangar 24.

For a little extra fun during long holiday weekends when the Barry Goldwater Bombing Range is closed, members fly out over the range for a look at the normally restricted airspace. They often make Wednesday evening flights to Calexico or Imperial for a taco and meet for lunch at Million Air at 11am on Wednesdays to plan that evenings flight and set a time for takeoff. Members usually have seats available for guests so if you're interested in riding along, come by for lunch and introduce yourself.

If you are interested in recreational aviation the EAA invites you to join them at their monthly meeting held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Airport Conference Room located on the second floor. For more information please visit their website at www.590.eaachapter.org or facebook at Eaa590.



LET'S FLY WITH JIM MCDERMOTT

At an early age James McDermott knew he had the dedication, determination, passion, and love for aviation. He knew what careers lie ahead of him. It was in his blood and wanted the best view in the house; high in the sky in an aircraft. Mr. McDermott pursued his career in 1957 by obtaining his pilots licenses in private, commercial, airline transport rating, and flight instructor with multi-engine and instrument rating. He first came to Yuma in the 1983 with his wife and daughters; where he became maintenance chief.

Between the military, truck driver, correctional officer and postman; McDermott always found his way back to the Somerton Airport doing what he is passionate about: flying and teaching others the trade. With 38,000 plus hours of flying under his 'wings' he has been able to inspire and successfully pass 125 individuals who have become certified pilots. Mr. McDermott enjoys meeting people from all walks of life from teenagers to doctors that enjoy his passion as much as he does.

Along with being a flight instructor, Mr. McDermott is a National Aeronautical Charting Office chart dealer, and a PSI and FAA testing proctor. He also holds the rank of lieutenant colonel and the chief flight instructor for the Civil Air Patrol in California. At the Somerton Airport McDermott owns four airplanes; a Cessna 152, Cessna 170, Cessna 172 and a Cessna Centurion 210, and favors Cessna's because of their high wings that allow for better views, photos and aerial tours. He also owns a Redbird TD2 flight simulator which is available for use for \$75.00 an hour. This simulator has round gauges and glass cockpit.

McDermott provides aerial tours, photography tours, parachuting, and private, commercial, instrument, ATP and flight instructor courses.

- Students obtain their certification at their own speed. Some obtain their certification in 6 weeks others years. Most students will average three to six month and approximately 55 hours.
- Students are required to pass an oral and practical test. This test called "the check ride" consists of flying an airplane with an FAA-designated flight examiner.
- Prospective students should be at least 16 years of age.
- Must have passed a physical before flying solo.
- Before takeoff, students are required to complete a "pre-flight check". This consists of checking the tires, fuel, oil and equipment.
- Students need a minimum of 40 hours for certification. This includes three hours of instrumentation, three hours of night flying and five hours of solo cross-country flying.
- Students are required to know seven maneuvers and three different landing and take offs.
- Students are required to know how to prepare mentally and physically for an emergency landing.

If you are interested in becoming a pilot, you can always find Mr. McDermott high in the sky, in his office at Let's Fly (Somerton Airport) 3900 W. Highway 95, Somerton, AZ or by phone 928-210-0104.

