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From the Desk of the Manager

2020 is squarely in our rear-view mirror and 2021 is to be determined. I'm new to the airport, but I've already witnessed the great sense of community, palpable history, and shared common goals at the Nut Tree Airport. I hope to keep our community up to date with quarterly newsletters and provide a sense of what I see coming in the near future. COVID 19 has put a damper on social gatherings, but someday we'll be eating pancakes and opening our ramp and hangars to aviation enthusiasts.

Unfortunately, we've had to say goodbye to some dear friends recently. But remember what they were passionate about – our airport. Please join me in welcoming new additions to the community.

Airport Erosion Control Project

Solano County Public Works Department was hard at work on an Airport Project to mitigate erosion near the new hangar rows on Monday 1/27/21 and Tuesday 1/28/21. They completed the measures just in time for the rain. This is a temporary fix that will be monitored closely and followed up in the next couple of rainy seasons.

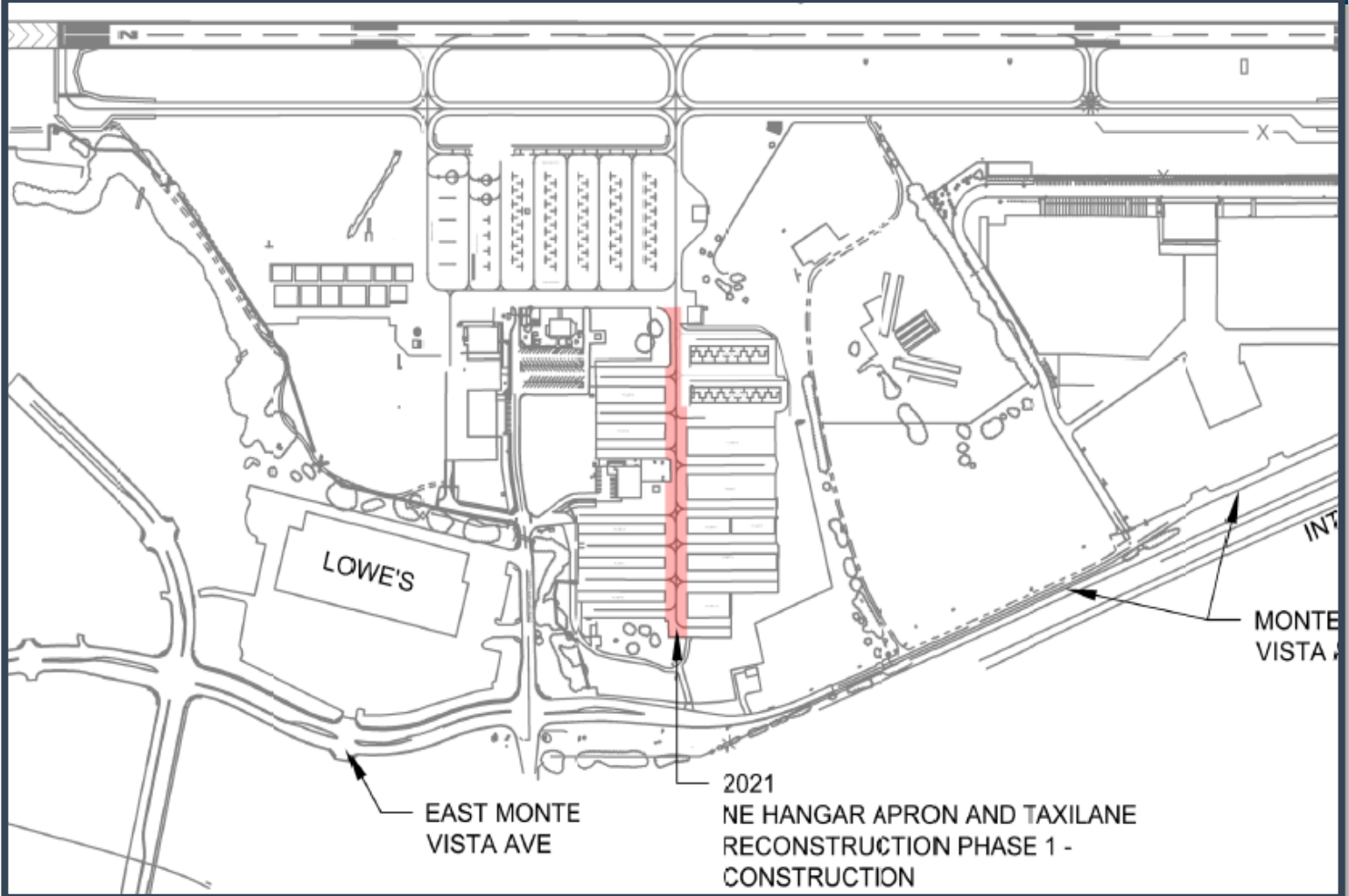


New Airport Extra Help Groundskeeper - Mario Loya



Congratulations to Mario Loya, who has been selected as the new Airport Extra-Help (part-time) Groundskeeper for the Nut Tree Airport. Prior to joining Solano County, Mario worked for Napa County Airport and Contra Costa County Airports. Mario served in the United States Marine Corp and has extensive experience in Airport Operations, Airport Maintenance, and ARFF.

His first day will be 2/8/21. Please join me in welcoming Mario to the Nut Tree Airport!



FAA/AIP Grant Project

We are currently pursuing an FAA Grant funded project for Phase 1 of the Northeast hangar taxiways pavement reconstruction this Summer.

Phase 1 will focus on the main taxiway “spine” and subsequent phases are proposed to repave the individual lanes between the hangars.

As you can imagine, there is no way to get this project accomplished without some inconvenience to tenants. We are trying very hard to minimize the disruption. The proposed schedule would happen this summer and calls for 21 working days of construction.

More to come on this—stay tuned....

Fuel Truck Delivery — 2/8/21

We are happy to announce delivery of a new JetA truck from EPIC Aviation.



High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air

Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God

P/O John Magee RCAF KIA 13/12/1941

In Memoriam:

Michael (Mike) Hedrick (1949-2021)



Mike was a much-beloved fixture at Nut Tree Airport. He was the unofficial Airport Ambassador, meeting and greeting visitors and long-time friends alike. He was interested in and helpful to everyone he met. He was born in Palo Alto, CA and grew up in Woodside. His priorities were his own family, his church family and, of course, aviation - his career and his passion. Mike spent over 28 years in the USAF, USAFR and FAA in various positions and was retired by the age of 62. While in the Air Force, Mike met his lovely wife, Joanie. They had two children, Jonathan and Aimee. Jonathan and his wife, Christie, blessed their family with two beautiful granddaughters, Julianne and Carina, both of whom spent many hours with Mike on the field and in his hangar. He was very active with the EAA, Young Eagles and the Airport Advisory Committee. He shared his love of flying with many people - friends and strangers - and when he could no longer fly he hitched rides with his many friends. He led by example - and he was a great one. Mike passed away January 19, 2021. He is survived by Joanie, their children and grandchildren. Blue skies, Mike!

Ted Donald Weddell (1935-2020)



Ted Weddell was a longtime tenant at the Nut Tree Airport. He was born in Tulsa, OK and grew up mostly in Oakridge, Oregon. Ted was serving in the Army when he met his wife, Barbara. They had two daughters, Michelle Sue and Sandra Lynn. He is survived by his third daughter, Dawn Christi Dow. Ted passed away August 15, 2020 at the age of 85 from chronic kidney failure. He purchased his hangar, D 6 - the Church of the Rotating Beacon - August 3rd, 2003. Ted was well known for sharing doughnuts in the morning and offering a beer in the evening to those friendly faces that came to visit - or happened by the hangar door. His "airport girlfriend" was Callie, one of the dogs belonging to Halley and Brant Seghetti. She waited patiently for his visits, knew the sound of his car as it approached and that it meant she got to spend time with him on his end of the row. According to his niece, Tina, his greatest joy in life was spending the past 17 years with his friends and "family" at his hangar. He is missed by his Nut Tree family.



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Look for:

FAASTeam Webinar meetings



Waiver to Display Aircraft

Good news on this front!

Solano County will be accepting 'proof of availability for display' to meet the requirements of the Historical Aircraft Exemption, as suggested by the California Assessor's Association. Solano County acknowledges that events were canceled or not scheduled due to the COVID pandemic. For events that were canceled or not scheduled in 2020, applicants can prove their intent to display at the canceled or unscheduled event by referencing their display dates in 2019. Call the Solano County Assessor—Recorder, Exemptions Division at 707-784-6257 for more information.



The purpose of this newsletter is to enhance communications between airport management, tenants, and all who utilize this facility. We hope you enjoy it.

Please help support our Businesses on the Field

