



# AIRPORT BUZZ

Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville California - December 2023

## Getting Ready for Hangar Inspections

Hangar inspections will be starting on January 22, 2024. We ask that between now and then you start doing what you can to bring your hangar into compliance and suggest that you do a self-inspection using the checklist. Click here is a link to the inspection checklist:

<https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=42167>

To help encourage tenants to remove and dispose of non-aeronautical items in their hangars, the Airport is funding the addition of a 30-yard container, starting January 3 for the month of January. The debris box will be located on the last row of hangars next to the old hangar building. Since the County is providing the debris box as a service to our tenants, we ask that you only use the container for items from your hangar. There are strict guidelines provided by the vendor as to what is allowed, **and we ask your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines:**

No hazardous waste, toxic materials, explosives, oil, auto parts, chemicals, serpentine rock, paints, solvents, fuel, asbestos, tires, TVs and other electronic waste, or anything with batteries can be disposed of in the container.

### Upcoming Office Closures

During the week of Christmas and New Years', the Airport will have minimum staffing. In keeping with County policy, the Administration Office will be closed for a ½ day on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00 PM as well as all day on December 25<sup>th</sup>. The office will also be closed for a ½ day on December 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00 PM and all day on January 1<sup>st</sup>.



*Office Staff  
would like  
to thank  
our Airport  
Tenants  
and Stake-*

*holders for a great 2023  
and wish you and your  
families a happy and  
healthy holiday season!*

## Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee (NTAAC) Meeting Changed to Wednesday, January 31st

Please be advised, the next regular Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 31st at 6:00 PM** instead of Wednesday, January 24, in the Airport Conference Room. An agenda for the topics of the meeting will be distributed the week before.

## Special Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Held Dec. 6th



The NTAAC Special meeting on the upcoming hangar inspections was well attended with about 30 people. The Airport Manager Catherine Cook reviewed key provisions from County and FAA documents that require annual hangar inspections and authorize Airport staff access to hangars for that purpose; and discussed the new Inspection Checklist. Captain Paul Dahlen, Vacaville Fire Protection District, was present to answer questions about what he's looking for in the inspections and answer questions about fire safe practices.

The inspection schedule will be distributed in early January. Please contact the Airport Manager if you have questions or concerns about the upcoming inspections.

## Museum Events



- The Rowland Freedom Center's upcoming monthly **Cup of Joe** activity will be held on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. They offer free coffee and doughnuts to veterans, first responders and active military.
- Please consider joining this community group at the Rowland Freedom Center for some great conversation in a fun aviation setting. **All aviators are welcome!**



## Safety Message of the Month

With the change in the weather, you may see maintenance staff out doing work in preparation for the annual SWPPP report on the Airport. The acronym SWPPP stands for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and is a requirement of the US Environmental Protection Agency. Failure to conform to the requirements of SWPPP can result in enforcement action against an Airport, including large penalties or even shutting down an airport. During an early season rainstorm, airport staff collect rainwater and send it to a lab for testing to ensure that the runoff is clean of any contaminants.

Please assist us in this effort by following the best practices listed below:

- Only washing aircraft in designated areas (the wash rack)
- Ensuring that fueling of aircraft is only done in designated areas on the ramp
- Using a drip pan or secondary containment when dealing with oils or fuel
- Ensuring that any spills that occur are cleaned up with a spill kit and not rinsed with water
- Storing industrial materials inside and elevated or under cover with secondary containment
- Minimizing industrial dust

Good Housekeeping measures inside and around hangars by hangar tenants will greatly assist the Airport in preventing pollution as well as in safeguarding public health.

**This recurring publication is for the benefit of our Nut Tree Airport tenants and stakeholders. If you have matters relevant to our Airport Community, and would like it included, please contact Molly Chatwin at the Office.**