



***A Message from the Airport Manager:  
A New Approach for flight tracks***



It is an exciting time with new tenants signing leases, groundbreaking coming up for our propeller aircraft park, and many terrific community activities on the schedule.

The VNY team looks forward to keeping in touch, moving forward with our work to meet the current and future needs of the general aviation community, and serving as responsible stewards and a valuable resource for our San Fernando Valley neighbors.

Sincerely,

*Jess L. Romo*  
Airport Manager

Dear Neighbors and Airport Stakeholders:

With this issue of *flight tracks*, we combine the previous community-focused newsletter with information about our vital, ongoing work to safeguard the area in and around Van Nuys Airport (VNY) through the Airport Watch program.

This move streamlines our efforts to communicate more efficiently with our neighbors, local businesses, and airport tenants about issues important to all of us. Aside from ensuring that VNY remains a safe and secure airport, our overarching goal remains to continue to forge new relationships and improve existing ones. Communication plays an important role in that effort.



***We're Going Greener: Sign Up  
for e-flight tracks***

As VNY continues our efforts to improve the environment and reduce costs, we're moving toward making *flight tracks* an electronic newsletter. To make sure you continue to receive the newsletter in the future, send a note – with the subject line “ADD ME TO YOUR E-MAIL LIST” – to [vannuysairportguides@lawa.org](mailto:vannuysairportguides@lawa.org). Thank you for your commitment to a greener tomorrow!

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## New Business Takes Flight at VNY

Strengthening the economic vitality of VNY, three new tenants recently signed leases at the airport. The new tenants include:

- Sun Air Jets, which provides services tailored to business jet owners, such as aircraft management, on-demand jet charter, aircraft fueling, hangar storage, and jet maintenance,
- Jet Support Services, Inc., which offers financial tools for managing the costs of operating and maintaining nearly all types of turbine-powered aircraft, and
- NetJets, a fractional jet ownership company that allows individuals and companies to buy a share of a private business jet.

“Bringing in new operators is assisting with the recovery we want to see,” said VNY Airport Manager Jess Romo. “It’s good for the overall health of the airport, and for the region to create jobs” – with additional employees further contributing to the economy by spending money in the local community.

Sun Air Jets President Steve Lassetter was quoted in the *Los Angeles Business Journal* (Nov. 28-Dec. 4, 2011, issue) as saying, “We feel good enough about the opportunity at Van Nuys to go ahead and make the plunge and commit to a hangar. It certainly is the business airport for Southern California.”

Welcoming the new tenants to the airport, Romo added that VNY remains committed to ensuring “fly friendly” policies, plus to working responsibly so it can “protect the economic viability and job creation that the airport brings to the community and the region.”

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## VNY FBO Moves Forward with Upgrading Facilities

Castle & Cooke Aviation, an established fixed-base operator at VNY, has plans to build new, state-of-the-art facilities this year after demolishing two 30-year-old hangars.

The demolition is scheduled to begin in late February and completion of the new project is expected in the fourth quarter of this year. The new facilities will include 50,000 square feet of hangar, office and support space, as well as additional ramp area to support growing transient aircraft business.

Castle & Cooke Aviation Vice President of Operations Craig Walker stated the company has met with several community groups, including the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, to discuss the improvement plans.

As part of its ongoing commitment to the neighborhoods and community surrounding VNY, Castle & Cooke Aviation will minimize noise and impact on nearby areas during the demolition and construction process and looks forward to providing the highest level of service at its newly expanded FBO.



A rendering shows the new state-of-the-art hangar, office and support space planned by VNY FBO Castle & Cooke Aviation.

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## New Awards-Based Fly Friendly Program Begins at VNY

Updates to the Fly Friendly Program for jet aircraft flying out of VNY took effect Jan. 1, 2012. The updated program includes new not-to-exceed target noise levels for specific aircraft types and expands the number of aircraft included, plus features an annual “Friendly Flyers” award.

Pilots adhere to the voluntary quiet jet departure program by using noise abatement techniques approved by aircraft manufacturers and supported by the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA). The new noise levels are based on 10 years of aircraft noise data and affect the noisiest 5% of jet departures from VNY.

The updated program also includes an annual “Friendly Flyers” award, with the initial award ceremony scheduled for the first quarter of 2013.

Award criteria include operators who conduct at least 30 departures from the east runway (16R) in a calendar year, do not exceed the applicable target levels more than 3% of the time, and follow all other noise abatement policies and procedures (such as the No Early Turn Program and the Noise Abatement and Curfew Regulation).

VNY Airport Manager Jess Romo noted, “The new award program allows for friendly competition among the jet operators at VNY, and further expands the airport’s commitment to the community.”

For more information on the VNY Fly Friendly Program, visit [www.lawa.aero/welcome\\_VNY.aspx?id=4245](http://www.lawa.aero/welcome_VNY.aspx?id=4245).

For details on all of VNY’s noise management initiatives, visit [www.lawa.aero/vny](http://www.lawa.aero/vny) and click on the “Noise Management” icon. To submit a noise complaint, use the online form or call (800) 560-0010.

A series of upgrades and improvements continue at the Van Nuys Golf Course, located in the clear zone at the south end of the airport.

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## Van Nuys Golf Course Tees Up Additional Upgrades

The publicly available Van Nuys Golf Course, located in the clear zone at the south end of the airport, continues to make improvements under new management team Southern California Golf LLC, which took over operations in February 2011.

Improvements recently completed include:

- A complete re-roof of the clubhouse,
- Renovation of the golf shop,
- Repainting of all buildings, and
- Remodeled restrooms with disabled access.

In addition, 20,000 new driving range balls have been put in use, and two new range ball dispensers have been purchased.

Both novice and expert golfers can look forward to more renovations to come:

- A remodeled driving range canopy, including new lighting,
- New safety netting around the perimeter of the driving range, and
- A new topcoat and striping of the parking lot.

With an 18-hole Par-3 course, a nine-hole executive course and a 35-stall driving range, the Van Nuys Golf Course offers options for all golfing levels, along with instruction and weekly junior golf clinics. Both courses are night-lit and open until 9 p.m. For more information, call (818) 785-8871.



# Airport Watch News

## Follow Access Control Procedures

Good access control helps keep neighbors, aircraft, businesses, and airport and tenant employees at VNY safe by assisting in preventing theft, vandalism, and unauthorized access. As a reminder, tenants always should follow these policies:

- Keep all doors/gates closed/locked and/or monitored at all times.
- Change pedestrian and vehicle access door/gate codes at least a couple of times each year.
- Know who's receiving access through doors/gates and verify IDs.
- Ensure approved visitors know where they're going and contact Airport Operations for any questions on escort procedures on the Airport Operations Area (AOA).

Also, as a reminder, if you see any suspicious behaviors or activities at the airport, immediately contact Airport Police, which coordinates as needed with other law enforcement agencies. You can reach Airport Police at (818) 442-6514 or (818) 822-1272.

In other Airport Police news, previous Airport Police Assistant Chief Michael Hyams recently was appointed to serve as interim chief of Airport Police for Los Angeles World Airports' three airports, including VNY. He replaced Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno. Centeno took on a new role effective Jan. 15, 2012, before his scheduled retirement at the end of February. For more information, read the Jan. 11, 2012, announcement at [www.lawa.aero/newsVNY.aspx](http://www.lawa.aero/newsVNY.aspx).



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## Meet the VNY Airport Operations Team

VNY Airport Operations plays an important role in ensuring a safe and efficient airport operating environment. Some of their responsibilities include:

- Enforcing VNY rules and regulations,
- Responding to any incidents or accidents,
- Conducting inspections to ensure the airport is properly maintained and in compliance with state and federal regulations, and
- Assisting the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control Tower, pilots, and the public.

Here's an introduction to some of the team members responsible for helping keep VNY operations running smoothly.



Left to right, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Airport Superintendent of Operations (Supt.):

- Lowell Carson, Supt. II, nine years with LAWA
- Jim Bakeman, Supt. II, 11 years with LAWA
- Cathy Berger, Supt. III, nine years with LAWA
- Christian Moreno, Supt. II, eight years with LAWA
- Wayne Britton, Supt. II, 11 years with LAWA

Not pictured:

- Flora Margheritis, Chief of Operations
- Tom Anderson, Supt. II
- Greg Lavender, Supt. II
- Greg Smith, Supt. II
- Craig Zinn, Supt. II

For assistance from VNY Airport Operations, call (818) 442-6506.

# Community Calendar

**March 14** Applications are due for the 2012 Teacher Mini-Grant Program, which provides grants to local middle school teachers to implement educational program ideas that include aviation and community service.

**March 30** Applications are due for the Young Achievers Program, through which VNY and the Rotary Club of Van Nuys recognize area middle school students who excel in academics, athletics, the arts, and community service/leadership. The top student in each category receives a U.S. Savings Bond funded by the Rotary Club.

**April 20** Aviation Career Day will provide more than 1,200 area high school students with information and resources for careers in aviation and aerospace.

**April 26** An awards ceremony will recognize the Young Achievers and Teacher Mini-Grant Program recipients.

**July 16-20** and **July 30-Aug. 3** The free Aviation Careers Education (ACE) Academy will take place for middle school students (July 16-20) and high school students (July 30-Aug. 3) to educate them about airport operations, as well as career and technical opportunities in the aviation industry.



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**First Tuesday of Every Month** The VNY Citizens Advisory Council – which makes recommendations to the Board of Airport Commissioners and receives community input on airport projects and issues – meets at 7 p.m. in the Van Nuys FlyAway Bus Terminal Conference Room, 7610 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys.

**Every Third Tuesday** The Friends of Van Nuys Airport meet at 7 p.m. (locations vary). A nonprofit organization, the Friends unite people of all backgrounds into a special group with a common interest in aviation, and in the development and growth of VNY for the community's benefit. In addition to holding meetings with guest speakers, the Friends take group field trips to aviation-related facilities and receive invitations to private airport special events.

**Ongoing** Free airport tours (available to groups of 15 or more) offer a captivating journey through aviation past and present. Tours are offered to school groups and adults on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and select Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

For more information on these programs and events, visit [www.lawa.aero/vny](http://www.lawa.aero/vny) or call (818) 442-6526. Applications for the Young Achievers and Teacher Mini-Grant Programs are available by calling. The Aviation Careers Education Academy application is also available on the website.



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### **Coming in 2012: Propeller Aircraft Park Groundbreaking**

We're getting ready for the groundbreaking – planned for this spring/summer – for the 30-acre propeller aircraft park under development at VNY.

Located at the former Air National Guard site between Roscoe Boulevard and Stagg Street, the project is designed to preserve and meet the needs of the propeller aircraft community, while also bringing operational, safety, environmental, and community benefits.

Community benefits including landscaping and beautification of both Balboa Boulevard and Stagg Street, and street-side public safety improvements, such as new sidewalks and enhanced street lighting.

Stay tuned for more on this exciting development as the groundbreaking draws closer!

