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AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT: AUGUST 2020

MILESTONE – The Eagle Goes East



LAST WEEK saw an event at O61 that probably should have included a marching band: JC Brandt said *Goodbye* to his cherished Christen Eagle, a plane he built in the mid-1980s and which carried him through the years, right-side up and upside down, without incident. A true long-time friend in that fabulous way we can become attached to an aircraft. With misty eyes, JC checked out the new owner and waived him on his way. That new owner would fly in an emotionally giddy state all the way back to the Eagle's new home in the Midwest.

For those of us who have been around O61 for a while, we know it is a milestone in the history of the airport and airpark. I spent some time on the phone with the Buyer and I will say, to you JC, that you can take a little comfort that you found a worthy and capable caretaker for your baby!
- KC

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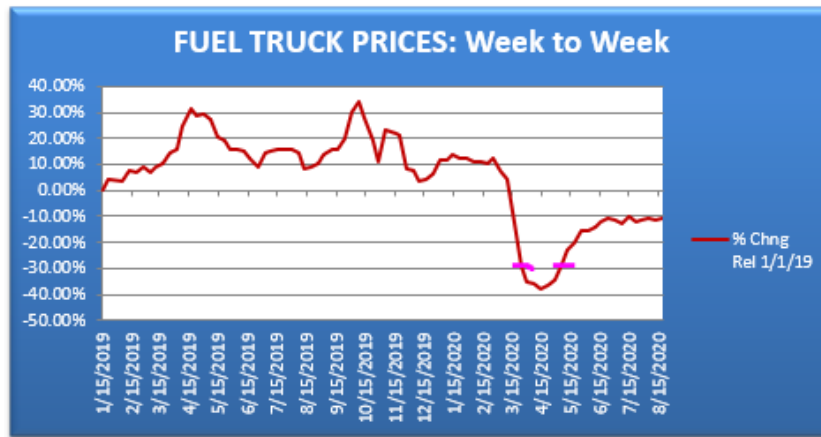
1. TENANT STATUS:

- a. All hangars leased, tiedown ramp at capacity. Wait lists are: Hangar, 25; Tiedown, 5, with regular inquiries for both. It is time to re-confirm names on the hangar wait list.
- b. All active tiedown and hangar tenants are current as to rent.
- c. Monthly rent/lease income is stable – market check recommended: Still no update from the Chief Administrative Office in El Dorado County who was conducting their own tabulation of local lease rates. CPAD's tiedown rates are competitive.

2. FUEL SYSTEM

a. Price:

- i. Price of fuel off the truck has stabilized over the last ~10 weeks. CPAD’s retail pricing has remained unchanged based on the blended basis cost of the prior two deliveries: \$4.069/gal. The fuchsia hash marks in the chart indicate the approximate relative price points and dates when CPAD purchased fuel based on both favorable pricing and available capacity in our tanks. As of 8/24/20 there are roughly 5,300 gallons of useable fuel available before next purchase.



- ii. Sales: Fuel sales continue strong into the last week of August and, using the usual straight-line extrapolation, the month *should* show another increase over sales relative to last year at this time. Despite Covid and the smokey wx, we are out flying, which is a very good thing.

	Pump 1	Pump 2	Month Totals	2019
JAN	1,759	1,052	2,811	2,337
FEB	2,321	1,145	3,466	1,353
MAR	356	2,357	2,713	2,446
APR	1,476	1,096	2,572	3,499
MAY	1,259	2,863	4,122	3,048
JUN	2178	1539	4,906	3,266
JUL	1,620	1,653	4,878	4,507
AUG MTD	1,887	1,810	3,697	
AUG EST			4,775	4695

3. OFFICE - GENERAL

- a. Office refresh is complete!
- b. Updated computer system with the great assistance from Alex Erdman (FFC) and Knud Kirkegaard. Upgrading was desperately needed because certain platforms were either no longer supported or the software was becoming incompatible with modern requirements. Thanks to both for this sorely needed improvement that impacts daily operations and activities.
- c. ONGOING: Collection and parsing of airport-related documents continues. With the office refresh complete, allocating additional time to sorting through the storage cartons. A lot of work was done over the years to evaluate various district projects and, because the files are buried in boxes, we often don't know what we have. Eventually, a document server for searchable scanned files will be a tremendous asset.
- d. ONGOING: Open call for old airport pictures: What interesting pictures do you have of Cameron Park Airport? Crickets so far!

AIRPORT OPERATIONS

1. VEGETATION CONTROL

- a. Battling the tenacious strain of summer weeds continuous. Using the disc cutter (a weed whipper with a blade rather than string) seems to be the only tool that cuts the tall fibrous stalks. Maintaining a ~6' apron on both sides of the runway and taxiway is the goal until a tool is found that will "mow" the high-temperature/low water weeds.
- b. Lightning took out one of the major stems of the heritage oak at the northeast corner of the runway (Airport Pet Clinic). While very sad to see such an incredible tree take the strike, the silver lining for the airport is that this particular tree is a long-time Part 77 attention-getter.

2. NOISE ABATEMENT & GENERAL OPERATIONS

PG&E helicopters are on the prowl; most noise complaints and inquiries continue to be associated with their operations rather than O61 pilots creatively exploring the traffic pattern. For our part, please continue your good job of flying quietly.

3. STRIPES! We figured out how operate the paint striping gizmo.

As time permits, more of the tired striping will get a refresh. This is a great volunteer activity (assuming the operator can walk a straight line).

4. CIGARETTES: Really!?! Discarded cigarette butts on the ramp

and taxiways, some getting pretty darn close to the grass. If you see someone smoking, please spray them with a hose. I do not know who is leaving these nasty things (transients, contractors, slobs), but please do not smoke (or let anyone smoke) on airport property. Dammit.



5. **NEW WINDSOCKS!** A big THANK YOU to Mike Bell and Marian Janik for acquiring and installing two new windsocks! Discussion about placing a windsock at the north end of the runway ensued. Thoughts?
6. **SECURITY/RV STORAGE:** We are monitoring the proposed development of the parcels on the east of airport through both the CSD and the County. The property is filling with RV vehicles of various sorts. Last week there was appearance of one or more persons possibly living in a parked trailer. If you observe such activity (especially those on Boeing with back yards facing east), please try to take pictures. The airport office is in contact with code enforcement (on site visit), but there is little they can do without evidence showing the activity.



7. **SECURITY/CHAIN LINK FENCE MATTERS**

Last month's report introduced the need for closing the fence gap at the airport's main gate on Mira Loma Drive. The same vendor that has helped CPAD with fence repairs in the north overrun and access gate in the south overrun submitted a bid of just over \$2100. Because the new posts will be into concrete hanging out over the creek, the labor component is higher than if on solid ground.



This is a priority for airport security because it is a simple step to walk around the end of the existing fence and gain access to the ramp. From there, opening the pedestrian gate from the inside or opening the vehicle gate is a simple task!

8. **SECURITY/AUTOMATIC GATE CONTROLS:** Investigating alternatives to manage and control access through the existing Mira Loma automatic vehicle gate and a future automatic vehicle gate at the Cameron Park Drive midfield access (transient ramp). There are numerous supporting reasons to both update the access controls and to install automation mid-field. A separate review will be provided for the Board in due course.
9. **POWER OUTAGES:** Gates from the airpark onto the runway will be left open during lengthy heat or wind advisories from California ISO and/or PG&E. Do you have an evacuation plan!?
10. **FOD:** The airport acquired a powerful backpack-style blower. If you do not like gravel on the airport surfaces and are looking for something to do, drop by the office to be checked out with the blower and have at it! If you have roller blades, this could be a new experience for you...

11. ONGOING: AGING TIEDOWN CHAINS: This is a [long] standing project that keeps getting demoted. Many chain sets are well-rusted and need replacing. Director Terry Bohlen researched and found FAA compliant chains and hooks for acquisition. Volunteer?

AIRPORT DISTRICT

1. CALTRANS ANNUAL CREDIT: With the State budget in chaos, the 2020 annual \$10,000 credit that all airports usually receive is uncertain. We had earmarked this for continued mitigation of priority obstruction trees. Our paperwork is in. Wait and See.
2. ONGOING: CARES ACT: CPAD is still waiting on confirmation that the O61 account in the SOARS system is operational. It's been a long road to obtain our allocated "emergency" Covid funding (\$30,000). Calls in to various ADO contacts as to status.
3. ONGOING: RUNWAY HEDGES AND TREES: If you live on the east side of Boeing, please monitor your trees and hedges along the runway fence. The 7:1 slope needs to be maintained and is much lower than one might believe.
4. DEVELOPMENT: RV STORAGE: No new information for the development of the east properties by Superior Storage. Second-hand info that the FAA obstruction analysis group did find encroachment issues with the proponent's 7460 application as it was submitted.
5. DEVELOPMENT: MIRA LOMA: A new multi-family dwelling structure is proposed for east on Mira Loma Drive. Estimation based on information available from the Planning Department indicates that Part 77 encroachment is unlikely. During the County's routine Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the project, CPAD expressed its need for airport surfaces to be protected.
6. ONGOING: TREE ORDINANCE CLARIFICATION: A letter to the EDC Transportation Commission was prepared and transmitted to the Executive Director asking for guidance on potential conflicts between the County's oak ordinance and directives from CalTrans or CalFire regarding removal or obstructions or fuel reduction, respectively. Their response pointed us to pursuing an exemption through the Planning Dept and Board of Supervisors.
7. ONGOING: BOEING STREET SURFACE MARKING:
 - a. PENDING: Replace the yellow "X" with Caltrans compliant surface marking: Action pending (volunteer effort). Evaluating whether CalTrans money can be available
8. THINGS O61 COULD USE: If you have these items as a spare or something you are willing to donate, the airport side of the District could use any of the following. Dropping off at office is helpful or Kevin can come by to pick up.
 - a. Golf cart (CPAD cart stopped working last week!) or Pick Up Truck (seriously)
 - b. High torque drill: larger-chuck drill capable of 1" holes in tree stumps!
 - c. Donations of Round-Up concentrate
 - d. Bottle jack for the AOG shed