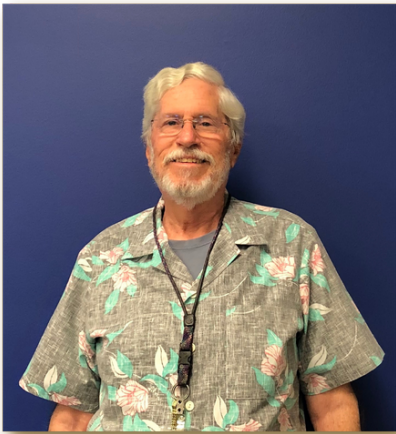


*Mission*

*The Friends of Ontario Airport is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization that unites people of all backgrounds into a special group with a common interest in aviation, and in the development and growth of Ontario International Airport (ONT) for the benefit of all persons.*

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## Message from the President, **Myron Saulpaugh**



Hello Friends. We are ready for the August meeting. In past years we went on a field trip in August. This year we are having our regular meeting in and touring the ONT Airport Museum. It will be a great opportunity to observe some airport history. I encourage all members to bring a friend with them to the meeting. Let's share the good news about ONT.

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## Schedule of Events

Members Meeting  
August 18, 2022  
4:00 PM  
ONT Airport Museum,  
Behind OIAA Administration Building

Members Meeting  
October 13, 2022  
4:00 PM  
Boardroom,  
OIAA Administration Building

Holiday Party  
December 15, 2022  
*More details to follow.*

## ONT is Setting Record Passenger Numbers

Passenger traffic is heating up alongside the weather over at ONT!

In June of 2022, ONT passed its pre-pandemic traffic totals for the fourth consecutive month – including its busiest day since the start of the pandemic. On June 13th, TSA screened 10,174 passengers! And in May, it was the busiest month at ONT since they regained local control in 2016.

And as international travel starts to recover, China Airlines has put out an alert that they're planning to reinstate a second weekly flight from Ontario to Taipei! This is a big deal for ONT.

[Learn More](#)



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## Pre-Book Your Visit to the Aspire Lounge

ONT and Swissport officially opened the new Aspire Lounges to the public on May 19th, and had an opening celebration on May 26th! They rolled out the red carpet for this celebration, and invited representatives from both ONT and Swissport, as well as local elected officials. They were able to enjoy food, relaxation, and great views of the runway!

As ONT keeps growing, it only makes sense for them to go the extra mile and have lounge space available in both terminals. Having nice, quality lounges around shows that ONT understands the need that people have for quiet and comfort in the airport. And this approach toward treating passengers so well is a big part of why we love ONT!

You can book a visit to the new Aspire Lounges yourself next time you fly out of ONT.

## Have You Seen ONT On TV?

For the past two months and change, ONT has had an exciting new partnership with Fox 11 and Good Day LA!

They have a very deep partnership that's got a lot of moving parts. Fox has put a camera on top of Terminal 2 at ONT in order to capture quality, real-time footage of the airfield. There are also now TVs in the terminals showing Good Day LA while people wait on their flights, and even segments that weave in ONT.

Fox is also always looking out for stories that are a big deal to both ONT and the people who live around here. They covered Memorial Day Traffic at ONT, as well as ONT's recent Job Fair. Fox has even had to add a second "Furry Fridays" segment since they've gotten such a big response! Additionally, ONT's CEO Atif Elkadi made his way over to the Fox 11 studios in order to tour them and see what was in store for the future.

Keep an eye on channel 11, and maybe you'll see more of ONT!

[Watch Segment Recap](#)



## ONT Gets \$10.77 Million from the FAA for Runway Improvements

In June, ONT learned that they were awarded an entitlement grant from the FAA of \$10.7 million to be used on runway improvements – the largest such grant for any airport in the state of California. The pavement on Runway 26 Left/8 Right and its connecting taxiways is over 40 years old and requires some reinvestment.



The skilled planners at ONT have put together a three-year program through which they'll reconstruct the runway and add an upgraded Instrument Landing System, as well as other various improvements. Having these upgrades – in addition to the thriving economy and vibrancy of our region – will continue to make ONT an

attractive destination for airlines and cargo operations!

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*The Friends of ONT from our June 16 meeting*

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