

NEWSLETTER

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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.

Message from the President, Myron Saulpaugh



Hello Friends!

I know it is hard to believe but, 2023 is over. We are already moving ahead in 2024. Ontario International Airport is moving forward in all directions. In case you haven't heard, OIAA is Great Place to Work®-Certified™. The staff is working diligently to to ensure travelers that fly out of ONT have a positive experience. The terminals have many new

concessions for your convenience and new destinations like Nashville and Reno.

Join the Friends at the meetings and learn what is going on at the airport. Remember we meet on the third Thursday at 4:00 pm, every other month. Be there February 15 for the 1st meeting of 2024.

Schedule of Events

Members Meeting
February 15, 2024
4:00 PM
ONT Museum

Members Meeting
October 17, 2024
4:00 PM
ONT Museum

Members Meeting April 18, 2024 4:00 PM

ONT Museum

Holiday Party

December 19, 2024

More details to follow.

Members Meeting June 20, 2024 4:00 PM ONT Museum

Field Trip

August 15, 2024 More details to follow.

ONT's Passenger Volumes Near Record Levels in 2023



ONT's year-end data for 2023 proves that ONT is one of the aviation industry's great success stories. The number of airline passengers who chose ONT surged to more than 6.4 million, an increase of 12% over 2022 and nearly 850,000 more than prepandemic 2019.

Those numbers include 417,000 international travelers, more than double the 2022 total and well above the previous record of 304,000 set in 2019. Since our return to local ownership in 2016, the number of travelers who use ONT has jumped by 50% – despite a pandemic that disrupted air travel around the world.

We look forward to increasing passenger volumes in 2024!

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ONT Centennial Celebrations Continue with \$100 for 1-Week Parking Promotion!



For a limited time only, ONT is offering parking in Lots 3, 5, and 6 for a discounted rate at \$100 for 1-Week (duration of 7 days required on booking) when you prebook for any future travel dates.

Take advantage and pre-book soon! Promotion valid January 22 through April 30 (100 days!).! Discount automatically applied at checkout.

PRE-BOOK NOW

ONT to Host Another International Conference



ONT is once again hosting aviation industry executives from around the world – this time, for the 2024 Airport Food & Beverage (FAB) + Hospitality Conference and Awards, organized by The Moodie Davitt Report.

The event is one-of-a-kind; no other event is solely dedicated to airport food & beverage! It allows executives from airports, food and beverage concessionaires, business partners and more to share insight, trends and innovations with attendees.

ONT is honored to be welcoming the unique event to Southern California!

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Frontier Airlines Adds New Routes



Starting April 10, Frontier Airlines will be operating daily nonstop flights to Portland (PDX) and Salt Lake City (SLC).

Just in time for the upcoming summer travel season!

VIEW ROUTES

Brewery X featuring Topgolf Swing Suite Officially Open in T2





One of Southern California's most popular craft breweries is officially open for business at ONT in Terminal 2. Brewery X offers dozens of flavors and styles of beer and seltzer, along with a full food menu featuring pizza, burgers, tacos, salads, and more.

It is joined by Topgolf, which previously opened its first Southern California location just down the road in Ontario in 2022. The brewery features the one-and-only Topgolf Swing Suite, offering visitors an opportunity to simulate an actual golf course experience, dodgeball or other games while waiting for their flight (or visiting using ONT+).

We hope to see you there soon!

CHECK OUT THE TOPGOLF SWING SUITE

Authors at ONT Book Signing with Terry Steele

You might know Terry Steele for his award-winning career as a singer and songwriter, working with the likes of Luther Vandross and Patti Labelle. But it's his love of gardening that will bring him to ONT on February 28 as part of the new Authors at ONT quarterly program.

He will be signing copies of his book, "From the Garden to the Table: Growing, Cooking and Eating Your Own Food," on Wednesday, February 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Terminal 2 across Gate 207. ONT will also be giving away books to the first 200 guests. Use <u>ONT+</u> to get access to this great event. And keep an eye out on our socials for more details!

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Catch ONT's Feature in Spirit of Innovation



ONT was featured in the *Spirit of Innovation*: Arts Across America, TV news magazine, for our support and programs for individuals with disabilities. The show aired on the Temecula, Murrieta and Menifee city Channels, as well as on <u>Rivcotv.org</u>.

WATCH HERE

The ONT Community Engagement Team Is Out & About!

ONT's Community Engagement (CE) team focuses on bringing the airport to you and bringing you to the airport. ONT engages with thousands of community members, organizations, and businesses every year, and is on the front lines of representing the airport in our region, nation, and the globe!







The CE team received warm welcomes this past month from a number of Chambers of Commerce in the region. They joined the Southern California Black Chamber of Commerce, and had booths at the Corona Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on January 12 and the All-chamber Mega-Mixer in Murrieta on January 18. They have also been nominated for the Platinum Business of the Year from the Temecula Chamber of Commerce.

CONTACT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ONT Celebrates 100 Years of Aviation

In 1923, ONT was just a small airstrip, but it has grown into an international airport with two terminals and one of the longest runways in Southern California. We'll be celebrating ONT's centennial this year by sharing photos from the ONT vault. #100YearsONT



Construction on the twin terminals began on October 20, 1995, and was officially completed on September 19, 1998.

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