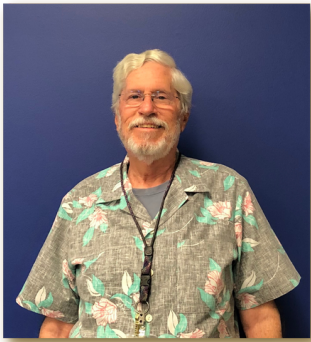


Mission

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!

What an incredible year 2023 has been! It's been an absolute treat for me as your president to oversee a full year's worth of meetings and friendship, even getting back to having a field trip again. And I'm sure it's been a treat for all of you to watch Ontario International Airport grow throughout the year as well. As we reflect on what we've gotten to see this year – whether that's been educational talks from airport staff, or visiting some of the new concessions and amenities at ONT – we should be feeling grateful. A lot of hard work has gone into making this airport and this region successful. It's a time to be giving thanks, and we would certainly like to extend ours to ONT for all they do for our region.

I'm very much looking forward to a fruitful 2024, and I hope to see more Friends join us next year! Thank you all for your support, and please consider bringing people you know to our meetings. I'll see you all soon!

Schedule of Events

Holiday Party December 21, 2023 4:00 PM ONT Museum	Members Meeting February 15, 2024 4:00 PM ONT Museum	Members Meeting April 18, 2024 4:00 PM ONT Museum	Members Meeting June 20, 2024 4:00 PM ONT Museum
Field Trip August 15, 2024 <i>More details to follow.</i>	Members Meeting October 17, 2024 4:00 PM ONT Museum	Holiday Party December 19, 2024 <i>More details to follow.</i>	

ONT Gains New Air Service Before the Holidays

Recently, ONT announced that starting in June 2024, Southwest Airlines will be offering daily nonstop service to Nashville (BNA)!

In addition, there have been some other nice additions to ONT's growing list of nonstop flights:

- New service to Nashville (BNA) and Reno-Tahoe (RNO) on New Pacific Airlines
- New service to Portland (PDX) and Houston (HOU) on Southwest Airlines
- Increased service to PDX – now twice daily – on Alaska Airlines

It's great to see ONT connecting our region with more places!



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New Concessions & Vendors Have Arrived in the Terminals

In addition to growing air service, we also love seeing new vendors and concessions arrive at ONT!

Perhaps the biggest new addition is Brewery X in Terminal 2! This is a popular brewery based down in Anaheim and its arrival at ONT is very exciting. Even if someone isn't flying, they no longer have to drive to Orange County to enjoy Brewery X. They can use ONT+ to come into Terminal 2 and have a cold beer, eat some good food, or even swing a golf club in the Topgolf Swing Suite.

Next, a new Dunkin' has opened in Terminal 2 – right across from Brewery X! And in both terminals, the ever-popular YoKai Express ramen machines in both terminals have gotten a fresh new look to accompany the same great-tasting ramen.



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Simplified Arrival Brings New Biometric Technology to ONT's International Travelers

Simplified Arrival is a program at many large, international airports that uses facial biometrics to safely and securely process people arriving from other countries. And now, it's arrived at ONT!

What this program does is, well, simplify the arrival process by eliminating the need to pull out documents and check them. It also reduces wait times! So, when someone is visiting the United States through ONT, they'll have a great first impression of the So Cal. So Easy. experience here.



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ONT Wins Major Local Award for ONT+



The Inland Empire Economic Partnership recently held its Turning Red Tape Into Red Carpet awards, where ONT won the award in the "Cooperation Among Cities" category for its implementation of ONT+. It's a great program that has allowed people to visit the terminals in a very pre-9/11 way, which is exciting for those of us who love the airport. ONT+ gets over 4,000 applications a month and it's wonderful knowing that so many people are finding new reasons to enjoy the airport.

Come try this award-winning program for yourself!

[READ MORE ABOUT
THE AWARD](#)

Big October Passenger Numbers Help Lead ONT Into Holidays



October was yet another record-smashing month for ONT, as they topped 600,000 passengers for the first time since the return to local control. That is a big accomplishment for ONT and they are well on their way to crack six million annual passengers – an average of over half a million per month – for 2023.

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The whole country experienced a record amount of traffic over Thanksgiving weekend and ONT was no exception. In fact, they were anticipating the busiest Thanksgiving since 2007! We eagerly anticipate November's monthly totals.

Former NFL Player Devon Kennard Joins ONT for First “Authors at ONT” Event



Authors at ONT is an exciting new quarterly program that celebrates local writers and genres of interest to visitors. It is open to both ticketed passengers and the community with an ONT+ visitor pass. And on November 2, former University of Southern California and NFL linebacker-turned-real estate investor Devon Kennard visited ONT for the first-ever Authors at ONT event.

He was there to promote his book *It All Adds Up*, in which he provides guidance and tools for investment, passive income, networking, and building a legacy. He signed and gave away 200 copies of his book, while also taking photos with fans. Keep an eye on ONT's social media pages to find out who the next author in the series will be!



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The 5K at the Runway Returns in February



We'd like to remind everyone that ONT's 5K at the Runway is set to return on February 4, 2024 – the USO's birthday! There will be a free Community Event for people to meet different airport partners from 9:00 a.m. until noon, which is exciting for people like us who just love ONT. And if you're into running or walking, you can do either the 5K or the Family Walk. There's also a 50% active duty and veterans discount using the code "THANKYOU" at checkout. We encourage joining us and inviting all your friends and families.



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ONT in the Community

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 was very active out in the community over the past couple months, hosting booths at the Claremont Village Venture, the Ontario Police Department Open House, and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's 2023 Business to Business Expo. ONT also joined some new Chambers of Commerce: Arcadia, San Dimas, Glendora, Brea, and Yorba Linda. When they share the joys of ONT with other communities, it helps the airport to continue to grow!



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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



ONT's Terminal 1 — built in 1951 — was a bustling place throughout the 1960s!

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