

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.

Schedule of Events

Board Meeting
February 20, 2020
3:00 PM
Board Conference Room, OIAA

Members Meeting
February 20, 2020
4:00 PM
Board Conference Room, OIAA

Why Join the Friends?

Free admission to the Friends bi-monthly meetings, summer field trip and annual holiday party; 6 issues of the Friends newsletter; invitations to exclusive airport special events; and a new set of "friends" who share a common interest in the success of ONT. Be a part of the airport "inner circle"!

Check out the Friends website at: friendsofOntarioAirport.org or email us at: friendsofontarioairport@gmail.com



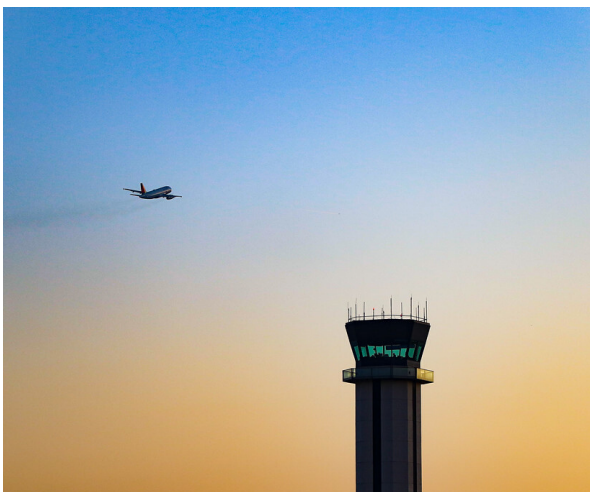
President's Message

Just a brief note...

We are starting another year with the Friends at ONT. There have been many advancements in the last year and it looks like ONT is going to have another great year. This month's meeting will let you know how well prepared ONT is for emergencies. Be at the meeting and ask your questions.

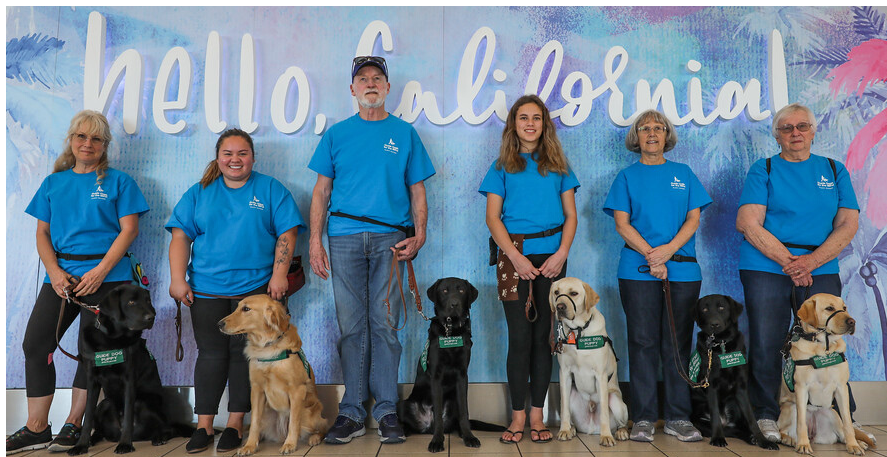
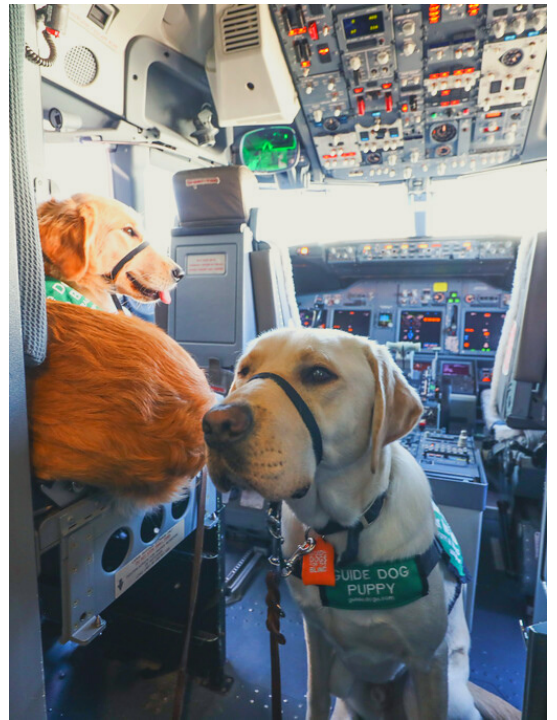
On This Day in Aviation History...

February 20, 1915...Gustav Stromer and Jane O'Roark make the first airmail delivery between Tacoma and Seattle. To increase the publicity value of the flight, they arranged for Jack Haswell, a Tacoma car dealer, to race them to Seattle in a red Maxwell speedster.



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Guide Dogs for the Blind paid their annual visit to Ontario International Airport on January 25. Volunteer puppy raisers receive a guide dog puppy at approximately eight weeks old and the pup with return for formal training between 15 and 17 months old. This amazing organization is responsible for teaching the puppies good manners and providing comprehensive socialization experiences; hence why ONT is a perfect place for puppies to familiarize themselves with the flying process. The pups and their raisers were able to participate in the procedures of going through TSA, navigating a crowded airport and thanks to Alaska Airlines, were able to get onboard an airplane to practice sitting with their owners in airplane seats. They even got a special treat to see what it would be like to be a pilot! We are thankful for this organization as well as the many others that help raise these lifechanging guide dogs who become an important companion to their owners.

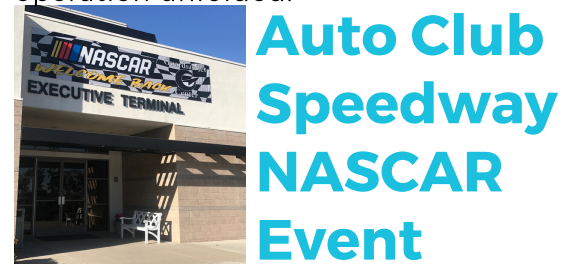


Coronavirus Repatriation Flight

Ontario International Airport stood ready to provide a safe and welcoming landing for American diplomats and U.S. citizens returning from China, and appreciated the support from our federal, state and local partners in preparing our repatriation site. We also appreciated the support and understanding of the extended community we served as this sensitive operation unfolded.

The New Presenting Sponsor for the Ontario Fury Indoor Soccer Team

The Ontario Fury Indoor Soccer Team has a new presenting sponsor: Ontario International Airport. As a presenting sponsor, ONT will have a presence at each game not only on the field but also on television networks. The ONT television commercial aired during the live broadcasting of the Ontario Fury games, will help introduce those not familiar with ONT that our airport is indeed, in the middle of it all.

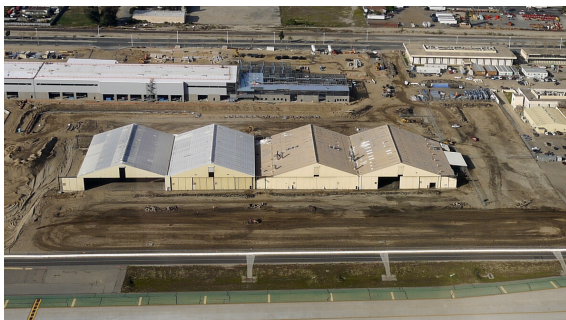


Auto Club Speedway NASCAR Event

Located 17 miles east of ONT, Auto Club Speedway, formerly California Speedway, is one of the fastest on the circuit, and has hosted NASCAR racing annually since 1997. As an Auto Club Speedway sponsor, ONT is welcoming NASCAR on March 1. To help kick off the event, ONT will be putting on social media and an in-terminal activation where passengers can play games for a chance to win NASCAR tickets in late February.

Cargo Relocation at ONT

SouthWest Cargo and MTS have officially moved to the new Legacy Hangars off Hellman Ave and Airport Drive. The old hangars are set for demolition on February 15, 2020.

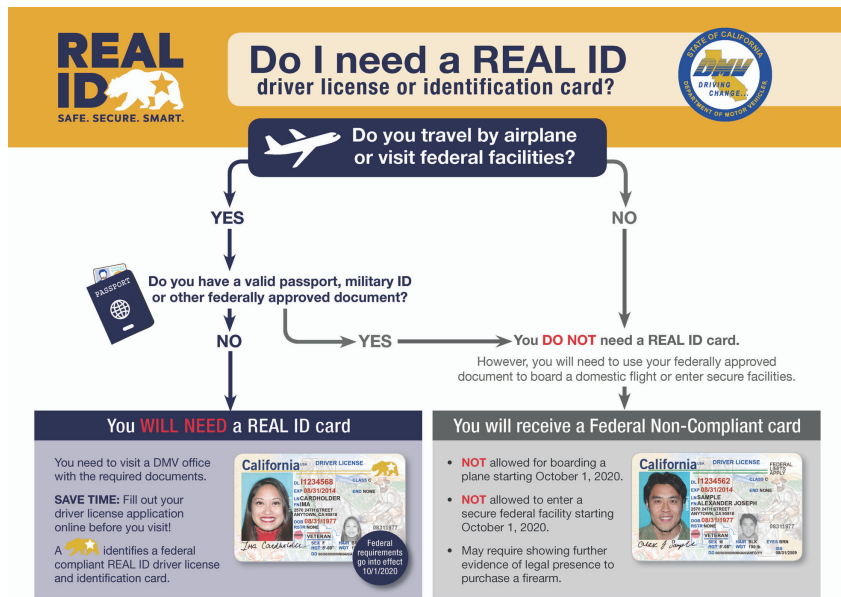


Ontario Fire Department's New Wheels at Ontario International Airport



Ontario Fire Department is showcasing some new wheels at ONT. The new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting vehicle is one of the newest additions to Station 10 as it expands its efforts to sustain the highest quality of rescue and medical care to meet the needs of our expanding airport.

The REAL Scoop on the REAL ID: Will You Need One?



For more information visit REALID.dmv.ca.gov

ONT is helping spread awareness about the REAL ID process and how it may affect air travel. Both English and Spanish REAL ID postcards are available at both terminals at the Information Desks. For more information, please visit the REALID.dmv.ca.gov.

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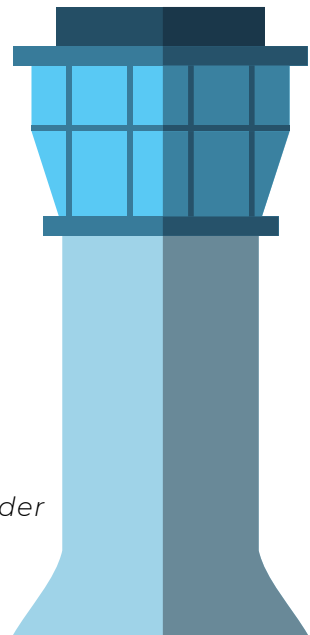
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Meet Andy Harsh, Emergency Manager at ONT



On the day the Coronavirus repatriation flight was destined for ONT, Andy Harsh readily jumped in with only having been on the job for three days! With over 12 years of experience in airports including time as Airport Operations, Airport Security, Airport Terminal Construction Management, and Airport Emergency Operations. Pretty impressive, right? He's held these positions at various airports including, John Way Airport and Jacksonville International Airport. ONT is very excited to welcome Andy to the team!

Dues Reminder

If you haven't already, pay your dues for calendar year 2020 for only \$20.00 for an individual or \$30.00 for a couple or business. You may pay at the door, online or remit to:

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