

Friends of Ontario Airport

April 2016

FRIENDS 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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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 21

Friends of Ontario Airport
Board of Directors Meeting
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

General Membership
Meeting
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ONT Administration Bldg.
Conference Room

Light refreshments served.

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"!

A few words from your "Prez"

Message from the President:

"There is nothing as consistent as change." I think Sherlock Holmes said that. I do know that Bob Dylan sang that "The Times They are A Changin'." Thus it is with everything, including our airport.

The control that LAWA had over ONT is going away. A new group, OIAA, will soon be in control. What changes, if any have yet to be disclosed? We are told that it is all for the best of good old ONT. We can hope for more flights, to more cities, by more airlines.

This month our guest speaker for the upcoming Friends meeting will be Jess Romo who has for the past several years has been the manager of ONT. We can look forward to his review of where we have been up until to now.

As to where we are going, we hope to have the OIAA's CEO Kelly Fredricks speak before us soon. I do know that he and others in the OIAA are excited to know that this facility has a Friends organization.

An airport with its own "community booster club" as one person called it. There has been speculation as to what place our group will have in the airports future. Nothing is guaranteed but if our presence excites them, that is a good thing.

Your continued support and participation in Friends will be an important part of that future.

I hope to see you on Thursday, April 21st.

- Joe Lyons



APRIL GUEST SPEAKER: JESS ROMO, ONT AIRPORT MANAGER



Join us as Jess Romo, Airport Manager ONT, provides an overview of 2015.

Jess' career spans over 25 years with the City of Los Angeles and he has served Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in a number of positions with progressive responsibilities since originally joining LAWA in 1997.

You'll here first hand what has been happening at ONT, local issues, and other important information about your airport.

Bring a friend and join us!

After 30 years with the Friends of ONT, Board and General member Penny Riccardi will be retiring in May 2016.

We'd like to thank Penny for going above and beyond in assisting the Friends with all our events. Her dedication and tireless effort have made each one a huge success. Penny's vivacious personality will be missed.

Please join us as we wish her a future filled with fun and adventure.





Imagine discovering your great grandfather is one of ONT's founders!

For the first time on April 1st, Tamara Hammond flew in to ONT and couldn't leave without stopping by Terminal 4 to admire this lovely mural of her newly found great grandfather, Archie Mitchell. It was an exciting and emotional visit she'll be able to share with family and friends.

In 1923, her great grandfather Judge Archie Mitchell, Waldo Waterman, and other airplane enthusiasts established Latimer Field. From that time on the town became increasingly aviation conscious. Urban growth pushed the fliers progressively east until they took up their present location, Ontario International Airport.

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Volunteer Recognition Day is April 20, 2016



Let's honor all volunteers who are working on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain.

A big thank you to all the Friends members who volunteer their time as board members, committee members, at the golf tournament, the ONT Plane Pull and volunteers with The Traveler's Aid of the Inland Empire, Bob Hope USO Ontario and P.A.W.S. Pet Prescription team.

Bob Hope USO Ontario provides USO services and programming to members of the military and their families throughout Southern California, north of San Diego. The greatest asset and the backbone of the USO are the 173 volunteers, who each bring their own special skills to the organization.

Traveler's Aid of the Inland Empire (TAIE) currently has 80 dedicated volunteers who have made TAIE one of the most respected public service organizations in the Inland Empire. A smiling face and helpful hand can always be found in the ONT Terminals.

The Pet Prescription Team of Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego County, is providing a less stressful travel experience at the airport. ONT's PAWS (Pets Assisting With Smiles) program has approximately 35 certified therapy dogs and their handlers roaming throughout the terminals and visiting with passengers.

You can celebrate Volunteer Recognition Day by thanking volunteers for their work, involving yourself in a volunteer activity or by donating to a volunteer group.

It's a bird... it's a plane...

It's the Friends of Ontario Airport's 26th Annual Golf Tournament!

Calling all superheroes into action for their most important mission yet at Upland Hills Country Club on May 13th.

This power packed tournament will pit heroes against villains as you brave your way through an afternoon of smashing golf, kryptonite infused drinks, an energizing lunch and colossal raffle. Amazing trophies will be awarded for heroism and the most dastardly mastermind of the day.

Defeat sinister forces and be the hero that saved the day for beneficiaries like Bob Hope USO Ontario, Travelers Aid of the Inland Empire, and ONT's educational outreach programs for disadvantaged students.

Do you have what it takes to be a super sponsor, golfer, or both, please contact the ONT Community and Public Relations Office at (909) 544-5360 or by email at ONTAirportRep@lawa.org.

