

# FRIENDS OF ONT

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

## PHOTO SPOTLIGHT



Ontario Fire Department responds to a simulated plane crash during ONT AirEx on May 15, 2024.

## Message from the President, Myron Saulpaugh



Hello Friends, it's time for another meeting and the year is almost half over. ONT AirEx, the triannual exercise to test the Airport Emergency Plan, has been completed. There is always something happening at the airport. I hope you can be at the June meeting and share in the excitement.

The August field trip is coming up soon on August 15, 2024! This year we'll be visiting the Yanks Air Museum at the Chino Airport. More details to follow... You won't want to miss it!

I'll see you at the June meeting in the ONT Museum.

## THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS

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## COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS?

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## ONT Teams Up With LAFC!

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Get your Black & Gold gear ready...

ONT is now the Official Airport of Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC)! We've got big plans to celebrate this innovative partnership with Southern California's championship-winning Major League Soccer team — and you're invited! Be on the lookout for news about community events, watch parties at the airport, ticket giveaways and more coming soon.

Heading to an LAFC home game? Look for ONT signs at BMO Stadium, then share your pics and tag us on social media!

Want to catch an LAFC game on the road? ONT already provides nonstop flights to and from 13 Major League Soccer cities. We'll even be offering exclusive LAFC luggage tags that travelers can use to access discounts at ONT!

If you can't make it to an away game, consider Brewery X at ONT your official LAFC viewing headquarters! On July 20, when LAFC plays Seattle Sounders FC, we're hosting a watch party with exclusive giveaways.

"It's going to be a full-on fan fest!" said Patricia Delatorre, Partnership/Advertising Manager.

[Learn More](#)

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## Summer Saver at ONT: 20% Off Parking All Summer Long!

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Planning a summer getaway? Temperatures may be rising, but the cost of parking at ONT is falling!

Pre-book your airport parking for summer travel from now through August 31, 2024 to get a 20% discount! Visit [Booking.FlyOntario.com](https://Booking.FlyOntario.com) and be sure to use this promo code when you start your booking to snag our limited-time deal: SUMMER24.

[Save on Summer Parking](#)

## Numbers Continue to Soar in 2024

ONT continues to push toward record passenger volumes, up 9.4% year-over-year through the first four months of 2024. At the current pace, ONT will approach or surpass 7 million passengers for the full year — just under the record 7.2 million that was set in 2007, right before the Great Recession.

April's performance, which included more than 537,000 domestic passengers and 36,000 international travelers, marked the 36th straight month that ONT had outperformed the prior year.

Meanwhile, total cargo shipments rebounded in April, growing to almost 61,000 tons — a 4.1% increase over the same month last year. Air freight increased 8.8% year-over-year to more than 58,500 tons.

Over the first four months of 2024, freight shipments were 1.3% higher while total cargo of freight and mail combined decreased slightly by 2.3%.

[Learn More](#)

## Supporting Our Troops



Thanks to all who helped raise funds for our troops at our 5K at the Runway! During our April board meeting, we presented the USO at ONT with a check for \$32,000 to support the thousands of troops who rely on the organization's ONT facility each year.

[Learn More](#)

## Bienvenida, Mi Casa!



We've got another new restaurant in Terminal 4, and we pulled out all the stops to welcome Mi Casa Cantina to ONT. This celebration had everything, from a mariachi band to a giant burrito to free ONT swag.

[Event Recap](#)





## New Nonstop Routes Landing at ONT

Nearly 2.2 million people are expected to fly through ONT this summer. But rest assured, CEO Atif Elkadi said your airport is ready for the surge in passengers. "We are eagerly anticipating the hustle and bustle of summer travel given high customer satisfaction for our gateway airport," he said.

Want to catch a Mariners game, eat some authentic TexMex, tour our state capital or do some boot scootin' in Music City during this peak travel season?

- Southwest Airlines just launched daily nonstop service to Nashville.
- Frontier Airlines kicked off daily nonstop flights to Seattle.
- Frontier now offers four nonstops a week to Houston.
- Frontier also operates three nonstops a week to El Paso.
- Starting July 11, Frontier will launch daily nonstop service to Sacramento!

[View Nonstop Routes](#)

## ONT in the Community!

*Ontario International Airport's Community Engagement 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 ONT in our region, nation and the globe!*



Our recently expanded CE team has been busy throughout Southern California in recent months.

Along with attending dozens of chambers of commerce events (thanks to the Temecula Chamber for making ONT a Platinum Business of the Year nominee!), we also got to share airport news and give away goodies during the SCAG General Conference & Assembly, at the San Bernardino County Museum's "On the Move: All Things That Go" event and during the San Bernardino County Job Fair at ONT.

On May 18, we hosted a booth for the first time at the LA County Fair where we got to give away tons of free ONT swag. If you missed us there, look for our prize wheel at the OC Fair on August 3!

Closer to home, our team has been helping celebrate new airline routes and restaurants open at ONT. Surprised passengers stumbled on free food, mariachi bands and more as we marked the launch of Frontier flights to Salt Lake City, Portland, El Paso and Houston along with Volaris' 10-year anniversary. Hope to see our Friends at an upcoming event soon!

[Contact CE Team](#)



## Breaking New Ground



ONT representatives traveled to Las Vegas in April to mark the groundbreaking of Brightline West, an all-electric train that will let passengers travel between Vegas and Southern California in just over two hours. Once completed, the train will stop in Rancho Cucamonga, then connect to ONT through an underground tunnel.

[Learn More](#)

*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***



Passengers wait to board a flight at Terminal 1 in this historical photo from the 1970s.

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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.

## Schedule of Events

### Members Meeting

6/20/24  
4:00 p.m.  
ONT Museum

### Field Trip

8/15/24  
11:00 a.m.  
- 2:00 p.m.  
Yanks Air Museum

### Members Meeting

10/17/24  
4:00 p.m.  
ONT Museum

### Holiday Party

12/19/24  
*More details to come*