



North Las Vegas Airport

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Bulletin

A NEWSLETTER FOR NORTH LAS VEGAS AIRPORT CUSTOMERS

BURNS' BULLETIN

The Department of Aviation wishes you and your family a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

I'm pleased to say the last 12 months have brought additional improvements to North Las Vegas Airport. Installation and compaction of asphalt chips on the east edge of Runway 12L was completed on December 23, 2015. This will reduce blowing dust, inhibit vegetation growth, and reduce erosion. This completes the installation of asphalt chips on all of the runway shoulders.

Runway Touchdown Markings were installed on Runway 12L. For landing operations, these markings identify the preferred touchdown zone on a precision runway. The markings consist of symmetrically arranged pairs of rectangular bars in groups of three along the runway centerline. Due to the length of the runway only one set is required to be installed.

In addition, we have also replaced 43 informational, location, directional and destination sign panels throughout the movement area.

Looking forward to 2016, we are in the beginning process of remodeling the terminal, where we plan to update and upgrade the entire look and feel of the terminal. In addition, we plan on refreshing many of the surface painted markings throughout the movement area. Please keep an eye out for tenant construction bulletins and NOTAMS.

NBAA CONVENTION 2015

was the premier annual meeting place for the business aviation community. The event brought

together business leaders, government officials, manufacturers, corporate aviation department personnel and all manner of people involved in nearly all aspects of business aviation. NBAA 2015 featured exhibits at the Las Vegas Convention Center, a Business Airplane Static Display at the Las Vegas Convention Center and a Static Display of Aircraft at the Henderson Executive Airport, and over 100 education sessions. Over 27,000 business aviation professionals attended to see and learn about all that is new in the world of business aviation. NBAA is the leading organization for companies that rely on general aviation aircraft to help make their businesses more efficient, productive and successful. Over a 7 day period VGT had a total of 3,040 operations which is an increase of 760 total operations, a 33% increase, with a single day peak increase of 258 operations.

FAA PART 139 CERTIFICATION INSPECTION

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires all U.S. airports providing commercial airline services to comply with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 139 at all times. FAR Part 139 serves to ensure safety in air transportation and defines the standards in which an airport must operate on a daily basis.

The FAA inspectors will be observing the operation, inspecting the movement area, reviewing the airport Master Record, Airport Certification Manual/Specifications (ACM/ACS), Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) and airfield self-inspection forms. The FAA will check the approach slopes of each runway end; inspect movement areas to find out condition of pavement, markings, lighting, signs, abutting shoulders, and safety areas; watch ground vehicle operations, ensure the public is protected against

inadvertent entry and jet or propeller blast; check for the presence of any wildlife; and check the traffic and wind direction indicators. The inspectors will review aircraft rescue and firefighting personnel training records, including, annual live-fire drill and documentation of basic emergency medical care training, check equipment and protective clothing for operation, condition, and availability. The FAA will inspect the fuel farm and mobile fuelers, check airport files for documentation of their quarterly inspections, review certification from each tenant fueling agent about completion of fire safety training. The inspectors will evaluate runway/taxiway and apron lighting and signage, pavement marking, airport beacon, wind cone, lighting, and obstruction lighting for compliance with Part 139 and the ACM/ACS. Compliance with Part 139 standards creates a safer airport environment and assists the DOA in securing FAA funding for safety enhancing projects. Our inspection will take place during the week of January 11, 2016.

FAA REGISTERING DRONES

- The FAA expected 400,000 drones to be registered following the Christmas rush. All aircraft weighing more than 0.55 pounds (250 grams) and less than 55 pounds (approx. 25 kilograms), including payloads such as on-board cameras, must be registered.

The FAA receives about 100 reports per month from aircraft pilots who said they spotted drones flying near them. Hobbyists are supposed to fly no higher than 400 feet during daylight hours, keeping the aircraft within sight of the operator and away from airports. Commercial drones are already registered with the FAA when they get **special permission to fly**. To report an incident involving a drone contact the Flight Standards District Office at www.FAA.gov.



VGT CONTROLLER TALK



All of the Controllers at North Las Vegas ATCT would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! 2015 was a great year and we are looking forward to an even better one in 2016. We would like to refresh on a couple of items to ensure that we all do our part to maintain a safe, orderly and expeditious operation at North Las Vegas Airport.

READBACKS

When reading back control instructions always use the call sign in every transmission. If we do not get the call sign in the readback, we have to make another transmission to verify. This can lead to unnecessary frequency congestion. Also, if something sounds off or is not right, do not hesitate to question us or ask as to verify. By doing this we can work together to ensure safety.

PATTERN ENTRIES

Pay attention to pattern entry instructions. How you enter the pattern affects the flow and spacing around the airport. Listen for base, midfield-downwind and straight-in entries. Sometimes we will also issue specific mileage entries. For example, an inbound aircraft from the northeast is sometimes issued a three-mile left base for Runway 12R. This entry is to avoid pattern traffic on Runway 12L. Other times overflying the field above traffic pattern altitude to join the downwind may be issued, especially while we are in the 30's. We try to always issue the most expeditiously entry, but remember, there is a reason for issuing the entry that we do, and when issued we are expecting the pilot to make that pattern entry.

As controllers we look forward to another great year working with all of the pilots at North Las Vegas Airport. We are all aviation enthusiasts and try our best to provide excellent service. We hope to talk to you "up there" soon.

CAMERON ALLEN, KVGT ATCS

Aviation Meetings

Grand Canyon Room

Conference Room

- 2nd Monday - CAP - Nellis Sr. Squadron
- 3rd Monday - US Coast Guard Auxiliary
- 4th Monday - CAP - Nellis Sr. Squadron
- 1st Tuesday - EAA Chapter 163
- 2nd Tuesday - 1/4 Scale Assoc - 6:45pm
- 1st Wednesday - Commemorative Air Force
- 2nd Wednesday - Clark County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol
- 2nd Wednesday - Rebel Squadron (In Modular Building)
- 4th Wednesday - Clark County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol
- 4th Thursday, FAA FFAST team Meeting

- 4th Monday - Dust Devils
- 1st Tuesday - CAP
- 2nd Tuesday - LV Eagles
- 3rd Tuesday - 99s - 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- 4th Tuesday - LV Balloon Club
- 3rd Wednesday - Commemorative Air Force
- 4th Wednesday - Prop - Nuts

(All meetings are at 7PM unless otherwise noted.)



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