



# Bulletin

A NEWSLETTER FOR NORTH LAS VEGAS AIRPORT CUSTOMERS

## BURNS' BULLETIN

### VGT 75th ANNIVERSARY

The North Las Vegas Airport is planning on celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Airport in December this year. North Las Vegas Airport was created by aviation enthusiasts Verald "Bud" Barrett and J.M. and Florence Murphy, who opened the airfield as Sky Haven Airport on December 7, 1941. The opening celebration was interrupted by news of the air raid at Pearl Harbor, and a scheduled flying demonstration was canceled.

The 75TH Anniversary festivities will include an open house, with a static display of vintage aircraft, guest speakers, a historic story board tour and a media day. Anyone with vintage aircraft that would like to participate, please contact Kelly Burns at 702-261-3804 or [kellybu@mccarran.com](mailto:kellybu@mccarran.com).

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Reminder the next Quarterly Commercial Operators Meeting will be November 7, 2016 at 1:p.m.

### POLLING PLACE

North Las Vegas Airport will once again be a polling place for the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS

The VGT Maintenance crew will be repainting Surface Painted Hold Position Signs, starting in November. Please pay careful attention to NOTAM's for detailed information for dates and times intersections will be closed.

## EMERGENCY TABLETOP

**EXERCISE** - VGT is planning an airport emergency tabletop exercise on November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Grand Canyon Room. This year's exercise presents a scenario that will test the ability of local firefighters and other agencies to effectively respond to a major accident. Participants will methodically discuss rescue efforts starting from initial notification until the situation is resolved and the airport has returned to normal operation.

This tabletop exercise will highlight airport communication procedures and the ability of local agencies to provide a coordinated response. It will allow us to assess the adequacy of each agency's response plan as well as the airport's ability to disseminate information to stakeholders and the general public in a timely manner. A post-incident critique will be held to evaluate the effectiveness of the exercise. Interested airport stakeholders are encouraged to attend the exercise.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires airports certified under 14 CFR Part 139 to hold emergency tabletop exercises. The exercises help to ensure that local agencies and airport personnel are able to respond effectively to aircraft incidents and accidents which enhance safety and benefits for all stakeholders.

## FAA PART 139 CERTIFICATION INSPECTION

- 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 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 17, 2017.



**VGT CONTROLLER TALK**



Hello from the tower!! As you may have noticed, we have been very busy lately!! Our daily average traffic counts have been double and triple what they were during the summer months. With this in mind please be alert and attentive on the frequency. Multiple calls to one aircraft can really congest the airwaves. Also, please remember to include your call sign with every read back.

We ask for your patience as tower staffing is very low right now due to retirees and transfers to other facilities. This low staffing will most definitely bring with it a lot of training as we work to fully train and certify new arrivals. The training process can take a year or more to become fully certified, so this training will be ongoing for the foreseeable future. At times we may be working multiple combined positions also so keep this in mind as we do our best to accommodate everyone!

We wish all the best to Tim as he enjoys his retirement and thank him for just shy of 30 years of service with the FAA! Big congratulations to Brian as he was promoted to supervisor here at North Las Vegas Tower! Cameron accepted a transfer to Denver ARTCC and will be leaving in December. Best of luck to these three employees as they embark on their new adventures!!

Happy and safe flying, we look forward to talking to you all "up there!"

**CAMERON ALLEN, KVGT ATCS**

**Aviation Meetings**

**Grand Canyon Room**

- 2nd Monday - CAP - Nellis Sr. Squadron
- 3rd Monday - US Coast Guard Auxiliary
- 4th Monday - CAP - Nellis Sr. Squadron
- 1st Tuesday - EAA Chapter 163
- 1st Wednesday - Commemorative Air Force
- 2nd Wednesday - Rebel Squadron (In Modular Building)
- 4th Thursday, FAA FAAST team Meeting

**Conference Room**

- 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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