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CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

A Newsletter for Henderson Executive and Jean Airport Customers

BRUCE'S BULLETIN

FAA IMPROVES RUNWAY CONDITIONS REPORTING

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has developed new standards to improve safety at U.S. airports during inclement weather. On October 1, 2016, U.S. airports, airline flight crews, dispatchers, general aviation pilots, and air traffic controllers began using new Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) standards to reduce the risk of runway overrun accidents and incidents due to runway contamination caused by weather and other factors.

The FAA has developed a new method for airports and air traffic controllers to communicate actual runway conditions to pilots in terms that directly relate to the way a particular aircraft is expected to perform. TALPA improves the way the aviation community assesses runway conditions, based on contaminant type and depth, which provides an aircraft operator with effective information to anticipate airplane braking performance.

Pilot braking action reports will continue to be used to assess braking performance, however, effective October 1, 2016, the terminology "Fair" will be replaced by "Medium." It will no longer be acceptable for an airport to report a NIL braking action condition.

For more information, please refer to: <https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/talpa/>.

VEHICLE/PEDESTRIAN DEVIATIONS (V/PD)

A vehicle/pedestrian deviation occurs any time a pedestrian or vehicle enters any portion of the airport movement areas (runways/taxiways) without authorization from air traffic control.

Please remember that you must receive clearance from the tower prior to entering the movement area. The tower will not grant clearance to a private or commercial vehicle unless they are properly escorted by a HND Executive Airport escort.

Bottom Line: If you are driving on the airfield, remain in the non-movement area at all times. Violators are subject to airfield access card revocation and possible fines.

HND SOUTH TERMINAL RAMP REHABILITATION PROJECT

Update: We are pleased to report that the South Terminal Apron Rehabilitation (STAR) construction project is well under way and is scheduled to be completed in early December, 2016.

The asphalt surface has been removed and replaced with new material in the transient piston aircraft tie-down area that spans from the self-service fuel island south through the Shade 1 parking row. In addition, the crack-seal work is complete in the transient jet and the north ramp parking areas in preparation for the GBS-88 surface coat that will be applied to extend the life of the pavement in that area.

VGT 75th ANNIVERSARY



The North Las Vegas Airport will celebrate its 75th anniversary in December of this year. North Las Vegas Airport was created by aviation enthusiasts Verald "Bud" Barrett, J.M. Murphy, and Florence Murphy, who opened the airfield as Sky Haven Airport on December 07, 1941. The opening celebration was interrupted by news of the air raid at Pearl Harbor.

Planned festivities include an open house on December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., featuring a static display of vintage aircraft, guest speakers, a historic story board and a media day. Anyone with vintage aircraft that would like to participate should contact Kelly Burns at 702-261-3804 or via email kellybu@mccarran.com.

FAA SAFETY BRIEFING

The November/December 2016 issue of FAA Safety Briefing focuses on many of the questions the FAA commonly receives from the public, as well as how to interact more effectively with the agency. Areas of discussion include aviation rulemaking, airman rules and regulations, and pilot resources. For more information, please visit the website: http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/.



TOWER TALK
Greetings From The Tower
From the Tower Manager, Tim Shields

Let me wish everyone a safe holiday season. A reminder: Airfield construction projects typically cause temporary disruptions in the normal aircraft flow on the taxiways and ramp areas, often requiring that aircraft and vehicle operators make detours from what they may be accustomed to. Please follow the standard hold line rules at all times. Access to taxiways and runways is granted by communicating with the tower and asking for clearance. No clearance? No access!

We have received a couple of complaints from residents to the east of the airfield about low-flying aircraft. Please ensure that you maintain the local pattern altitudes while in the Class Delta surface area. Be alert and fly safely!

NOV & DEC 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EAA CHAPTER 1300

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 09, 2016 and Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Check the EAA website at www.EAA1300.org for more information.

CIVIL AIR PATROL

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 01, 08, 15, 22, 29, 2016, and Tuesday, December 06, 13, 20, 27, 2016.

FAA SAFETY MEETING

7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2016 & Thursday, December 08, 2016.

LAS VEGAS VALLEY SOARING ASSOCIATION - JEAN AIRPORT

10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2016 & Saturday, December 10, 2016.

ROCKET CLUB LAUNCH - JEAN DRY LAKE BED

8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2016 and Saturday, December 17, 2016. Contact Curt Beasley at (702) 354-7911 or check the website at www.tripolivegas.com for more information about the launches, dates & times.

Please contact Kristy Benavidez at (702) 261-4804 for corrections, additions, or deletions to the Henderson Executive Airport calendar.



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