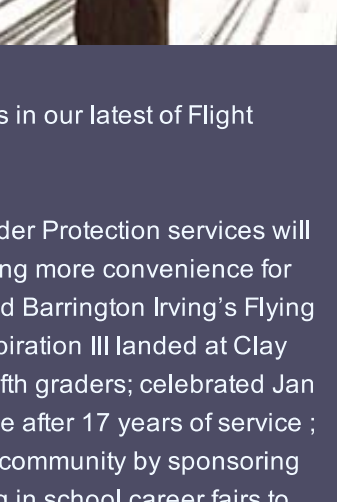


Upcoming Calendar

- CAC Meeting
 - Monthly
 - First Tuesday of the month, excluding holidays
- Friends of Van Nuys Airport Meeting
 - Second Thursday
- BOAC Meeting
 - 3 times per year
- Gault Holiday Celebration
 - December 18, 2014
- Economic Alliance: Executive Forecast Conference
 - January 23, 2015
- NBAA Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference
 - February 2 – 6, 2015
- Sherman Oaks Chambers of Commerce Inaugural Dinner
 - February 27, 2015
- Encino Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Dinner
 - February 28, 2015
- Economic Alliance Valley Business Expo
 - March 5, 2015
- United Chambers of Commerce Installation Dinner
 - March 5, 2015
- Aviation Career Day
 - March 20, 2015
- Condor Squadron Annual Dinner
 - March 21, 2015
- Economic Alliance Global Networking Breakfast
 - March 25, 2015
- Young Achievers/Teacher Mini-Grant Awards Ceremony
 - March 26, 2015
- Encino Chamber of Commerce Teacher Awards
 - March 26, 2015
- Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber Inaugural Dinner
 - March 27, 2015
- Encino Chamber of Commerce Bowling Tournament
 - Spring 2015
- Condor Squadron Annual Egg Hunt
 - April 5, 2015
- Economic Alliance Career and Health Fair
 - April 15, 2015
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day
 - April 25, 2015
- Greater Van Nuys Rotary Club Track Meet
 - April 25, 2015
- Valley Presbyterian Hospital Dinner
 - May 7, 2015
- Economic Alliance: Valley of the Stars
 - May 30, 2015
- Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber BASH
 - June 10, 2015
- Aviation Careers Education (ACE)
 - Middle School July 13 – 17, 2015
 - High School July 27 – 31, 2015
- Taste of Encino
 - October 11, 2015
- Sherman Oaks Street Fair
 - October 18, 2015

Greetings to all!

As the year draws to a close and we are ready to welcome 2015, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on how much has happened at our airport and in our community.



It's been very busy during the past six months and I am excited to share some of the most important developments and highlights of events in our latest of Flight Tracks.

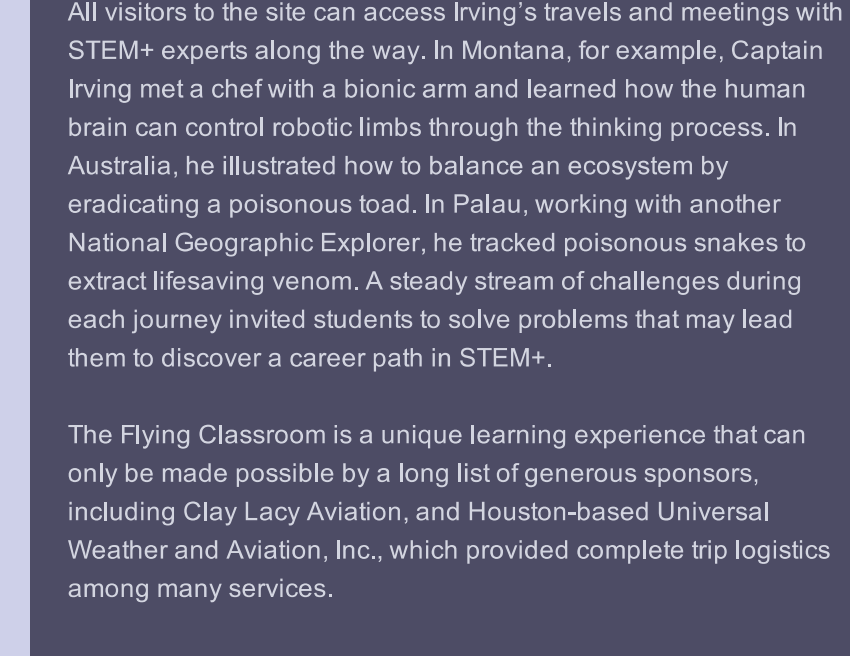
We announced that Customs and Border Protection services will be available at VNY next year, providing more convenience for travelers arriving in the U.S.; welcomed Barrington Irving's Flying Classroom to Van Nuys Airport as Inspiration III landed at Clay Lacy Aviation to a cheering crowd of fifth graders; celebrated Jan Goforth's retirement as an airport guide after 17 years of service; and continued our involvement in the community by sponsoring fundraisers for the YMCA, participating in school career fairs to educate youth on aviation careers and supporting our key business partners at events like A Taste of Encino and the Sherman Oaks Street Fair, among others.

As a good neighbor to our surrounding communities, we try to ensure that the impact of airport operations is minimized on our neighborhoods where families live and work. We maintain an open door policy and always welcome and appreciate input from our partners, stakeholders and neighbors so we can respond and improve our ongoing operations.

Together, we have made great progress this year and I know that 2015 will bring many more opportunities to work collaboratively and productively. We wish you happy holidays and a wonderful New Year.

Jess L. Romo, A.A.E.
Airport Manager

Barrington Irving's Flying Classroom Lands at Van Nuys Airport



Barrington Irving and his Flying Classroom landed at Van Nuys Airport's (VNY) Clay Lacy Aviation to a cheering crowd of about sixty 5th grade students from nearby Gault Street Elementary School as the 11-Country STEM+ Learning Tour in the Hawker 400XP made its way back home.

First launched on September 23rd from Washington, D.C., Barrington's program is the first-ever interactive STEM+ learning adventure spanning 3 continents. Captain Irving, a National Geographic Emerging Explorer, holds the Guinness World Record as the youngest person to fly solo around the world. He is piloting Inspiration III, a business jet provided by Executive Air Services in Miami. Over the past two months Irving visited North America, Asia, Indonesia, and Australia, exploring real life applications of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, History, Geography and Humanities (STEM+) through 16 powerful ground, air, and sea expeditions.

"This isn't just an aircraft," said Captain Irving. "It's an exploration vehicle for learning that is engaging and teaching millions of kids in ways they've never been taught before."

Inspiration III is scheduled to travel to all seven continents over three consecutive school years. Throughout each flight, students will have virtual access to Irving's adventures through videos and a blog at www.flyingclassroom.com. Students in schools that utilize the Flying Classroom curriculum, which is aligned to the National Common Core Standards and Next Generation Science Standards, will also study STEM+ subjects relevant to each expedition as they track the Flying Classroom team.

All visitors to the site can access Irving's travels and meetings with STEM+ experts along the way. In Montana, for example, Captain Irving met a chef with a bionic arm and learned how the human brain can control robotic limbs through the thinking process. In Australia, he illustrated how to balance an ecosystem by eradicating a poisonous toad. In Palau, working with another National Geographic Explorer, he tracked poisonous snakes to extract life-saving venom. A steady stream of challenges during each journey invited students to solve problems that may lead them to discover a career path in STEM+.

The Flying Classroom is a unique learning experience that can only be made possible by a long list of generous sponsors, including Clay Lacy Aviation, and Houston-based Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc., which provided complete trip logistics among many services.

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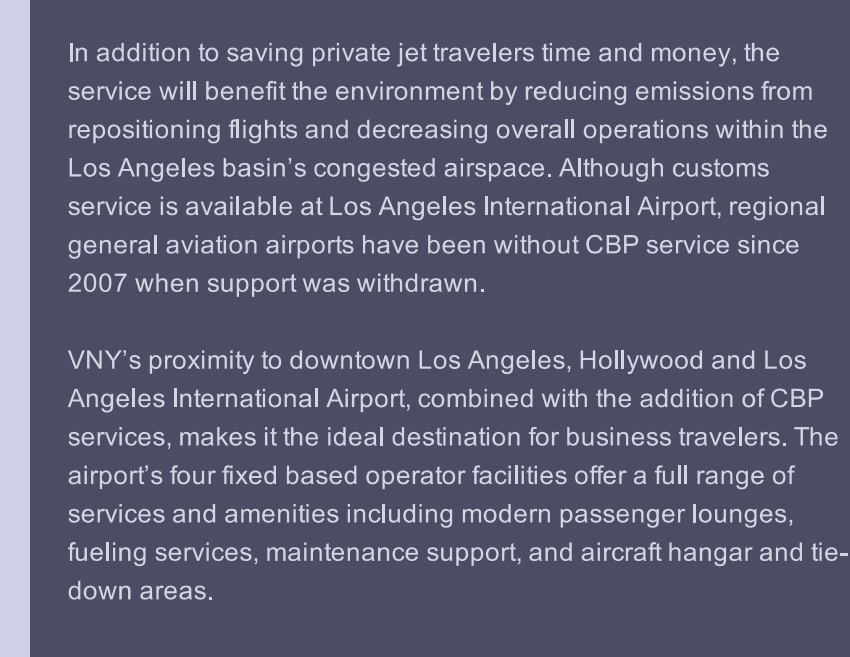
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U.S. Customs and Border Protection Services Coming to Van Nuys Airport



In a continuous effort to improve airport facilities at one of the world's busiest general aviation airports, VNY will be providing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) services in 2015 for international general aviation flights with a dedicated facility and staffing at Signature Flight Support, a BBA Aviation Company.

CBP will be available in 2015 by advance reservation under the federal User Fee Facility Program, making VNY the only general aviation airport in Los Angeles to offer on-site CBP inspection and clearance services, which also benefits business travelers, generates international airport activity and reduces airspace congestion.

"The addition of CBP services at VNY will add significant convenience for travelers entering the United States from abroad," said Curt Castagna, president of the Van Nuys Airport Association, an airport tenant organization that supported the launch of customs service. "Clients will be able to fly directly to VNY without an additional stop at another airport to clear customs."

In addition to saving private jet travelers time and money, the service will benefit the environment by reducing emissions from repositioning flights and decreasing overall operations within the Los Angeles basin's congested airspace. Although customs service is available at Los Angeles International Airport, regional general aviation airports have been without CBP service since 2007 when support was withdrawn.

VNY's proximity to downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood and Los Angeles International Airport, combined with the addition of CBP services, makes it the ideal destination for business travelers. The airport's four fixed based operator facilities offer a full range of services and amenities including modern passenger lounges, fueling services, maintenance support, and aircraft hangar and tie-down areas.

Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director for Los Angeles World Airports said, "Having U.S. Customs and Border Protection Services at Van Nuys Airport is a great example of how local support can produce improved services at airports across the country. Working with our partners, Signature Flight Support and the Van Nuys Airport Association, Los Angeles' business airport will now be even more appealing and convenient for international travelers."

Mid Valley Family YMCA Gala Fundraiser Honors Craig Walker with Castle & Cooke Aviation

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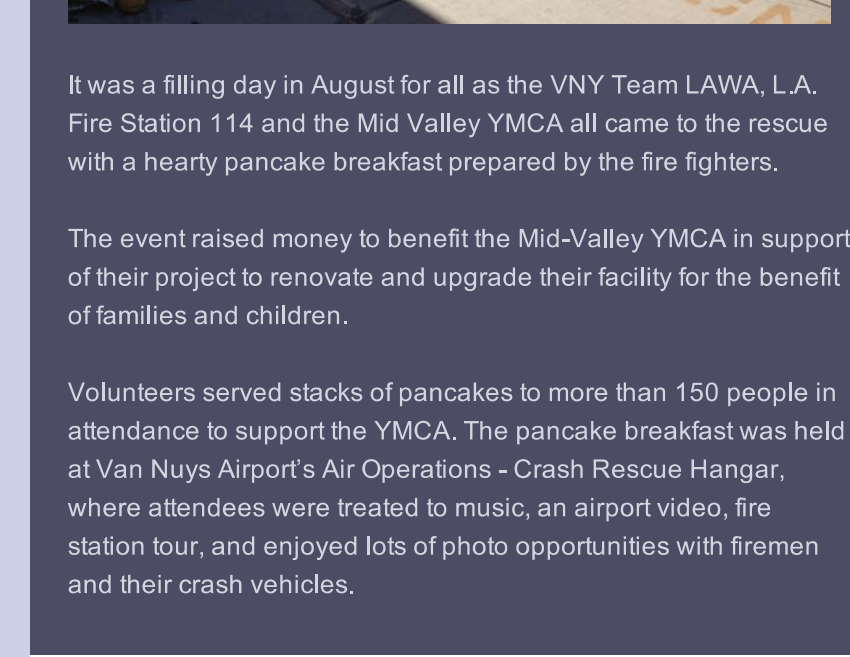


The Mid Valley Family YMCA and Event Chair Councilmember Nury Martinez honored Craig Walker of Castle & Cooke Aviation as this year's 2014 Philip "Flip" Smith "Pillar of the Community Award" at the 11th Annual Gala Fundraiser in October. Emcee Ana Garcia, journalist and TV host, presided over the evening of festivities that included music by the Tommy Reeves Trio Jazz band, creative performance by YMCA youth, gala dinner and event program, including the not-to-miss silent auction.

The night's honoree, Craig Walker has been a well-respected leader in the aviation industry for more than 35 years. Humility, selflessness and fairness are three pillars by which Craig lives by each and every day. Through his work with Castle & Cooke Aviation, Craig has been a leader in providing gateway educational opportunities for youth and adults seeking a career in the aviation industry. Craig sees a greater vision for the Van Nuys community where businesses and organizations can partner together in collaboration to fulfill our neighbors' unmet needs.

The exciting program and evening culminated with resounding applause for a wonderful gala event honoring a great man. Funds raised from the event benefit the Mid Valley Family YMCA, enabling them to continue providing services to children and their families.

Wildlife Abatement at Van Nuys Airport



Airplanes and wildlife create hazardous conditions at airports if not managed properly. To reduce environmental hazards and ensure safe and secure airport environment, the FAA's wildlife hazard management program has focused on abating wildlife hazards at or near airports.

"The Van Nuys Airport in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) developed a Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) to assist in the prevention of aircraft damage caused from wildlife strikes in the vicinity of the airport," explained Wayne R. Britton, VNY Airport Operations.

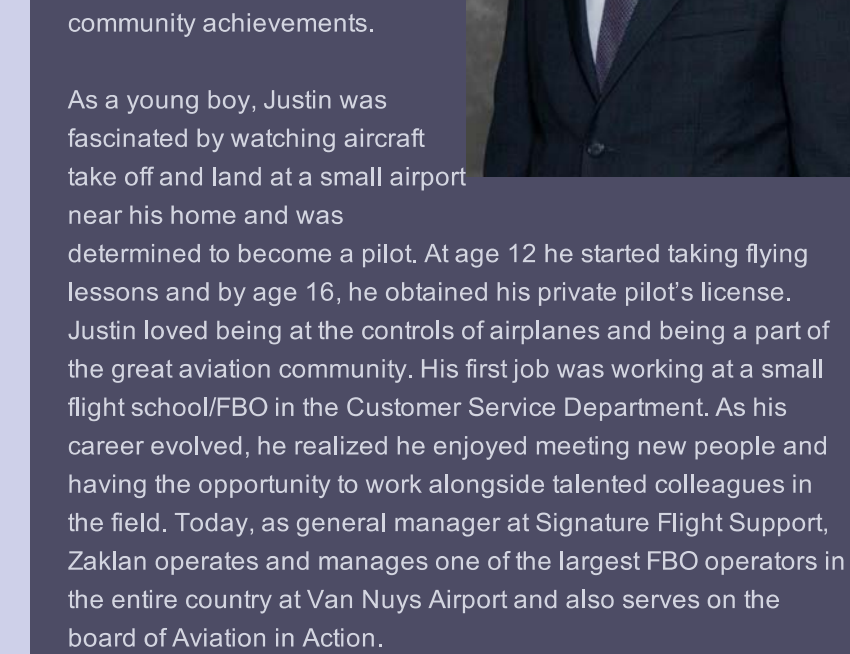
"Local pilots are encouraged to report witnessing wildlife strikes on or near the airport which could present a hazard to aircraft operations. Airport Operations personnel can be reached by calling our 24-hour operations duty phone at 818.442.6506," he added.

Pilots involved in wildlife strikes must report the strike as soon as possible so the remains can be collected and identified. Even if pilots don't witness a strike, the FAA asks that aircraft damage caused by a strike be reported. If anyone sees involved wildlife within 250 feet of the runway centerline or in the runway safety area, they should file a wildlife strike online at <http://wildlife.faa.gov/strikenew.aspx/>

To facilitate reporting, the FAA has optimized its website to make strike reporting easier with mobile devices. Now, anyone can report a wildlife strike via the web or their personal data device at <http://wildlife.faa.gov>

Bird and other wildlife strikes to aircraft annually cause well over \$700 million in damage to U.S. civil and military aviation in addition to endangering the lives of crew members and passengers. We need to do everything we can to ensure a safe operating environment.

Van Nuys Airport Guide, Jan Goforth, Retires



After 17 wonderful years, Jan Goforth, one of our very special and talented Airport Guides, is embarking on her newest adventure – retirement. Jan doesn't plan to live a sedentary lifestyle as she is going to continue to fly and travel, and volunteer in the Public and Community Relations office when she has a free moment.

Jan has been interested in aviation ever since she was a young child and credits her parents for introducing her to this exciting industry. Jan recalls her parents taking her to watch the airplanes take off and land at Van Nuys Airport off of Roscoe Boulevard. At first, she wanted to become a helicopter pilot, but the training was very costly. However, she earned her single engine private pilot's license in 1981 and has enjoyed the thrill of flying ever since!

Prior to becoming an airport guide, Jan's first job in the aviation industry was as a dispatcher for Green Hornets Flight School, here at Van Nuys Airport. As the receptionist/dispatcher, she was the first face that greeted you as you entered the flight school.

In March of 1997, Jan started working at VNY as an Airport Guide. She exudes a passion for aviation that she loves to share with our participants and members of the community. One of her treasured memories was seeing the wide smiles and genuine sparks of excitement from students on her tours as they listened intently and were eager to learn more about the airport. On one tour, she recalls an entire bus load of second graders breaking into song, singing John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane."

"I just love aviation and this industry," said Jan. "There is nothing in the world that comes close to the freedom of flying, and ever since I learned to fly, I find myself longing to be back in the sky. There's something about the freedom of flying that can't be understated."

After 17 years of dedicated service to VNY, we all wish Jan a wonderful retirement that is filled with lots of exciting adventures. We had the pleasure of working closely with Jan in the Public and Community Relations department and all of us will miss seeing her regularly.

'Pancakes to the Rescue' Fundraiser for Mid Valley Family YMCA

It was a filling day in August for all as the VNY Team LAWLA, L.A. Fire Station 114 and the Mid Valley YMCA all came to the rescue with a hearty pancake breakfast prepared by the fire fighters.

The event raised money to benefit the Mid-Valley YMCA in support of their project to renovate and upgrade their facility for the benefit of families and children.

Volunteers served stacks of pancakes to more than 150 people in attendance to support the YMCA. The pancake breakfast was held at Van Nuys Airport's Air Operations - Crash Rescue Hangar, where attendees were treated to music, an airport video, fire station tour, and enjoyed lots of photo opportunities with firemen and their crash vehicles.

LAX Flyaway Adds New Routes

It's now easier than before to get to and from LAX with FlyAway buses that offer convenient, affordable, regularly scheduled round-trips between LAX and the locations throughout the city of Los Angeles.

In addition to the existing Expo/LaBrea, Union Station, Van Nuys and Westwood locations, two new FlyAway bus routes were launched in Santa Monica and Hollywood in the latest expansion. One-way fares for the two newest routes are priced at \$8. For more information, call 866.435.9529, or visit www.lawa.aero/flyaway.

Industry Leadership: 2015 NBAA Conference

Van Nuys Airport will again be an exhibitor at the upcoming NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference on February 3 – 6, 2015 in San Jose, California.

The conference provides a wide variety of educational and professional development programs, as well as hundreds of exhibitors showcasing the latest in products and services. It is one of the most important industry events for building awareness and growing business opportunities for Van Nuys Airport.

Community Involvement

Van Nuys Airport continues to lead the way in developing close relationships within the community, demonstrating the importance of collaborating with our neighbors.

VNY actively regularly attends and participates in important events and activities to build strong relationships with schools, local businesses and organizations that benefit everyone in the community. Our mission is to be your good neighbor!

There was no shortage of delicious offerings and fun activities at both the Taste of Encino and Sherman Oaks Street Fair. Both events took place in October and had something for the entire family! Exhibits ranged from business booths, including our Van Nuys Airport exhibit, wellness pavilions, arts and crafts vendors, kid's activities, school booths, lots of food tastings, and live entertainment.

Reaching students at career fairs is one of the most important outreach activities at VNY. This is our opportunity to introduce students to the airport and aviation careers by bringing airport professionals into the school to discuss how students can better prepare themselves for these careers. We recently participated in the Granada Hills and Simi Valley Career Fairs. Our goal is to reach a wide cross-section of students in the San Fernando Valley to inform and educate them about the exciting career opportunities that exist in aviation and how they can get involved. We talk about the ACE Academy, Team LAWLA, Young Achievers/Teacher Mini-Grant, highlight airport tenants, provide some brief history and background on Van Nuys Airport.

If you're interested in participating in future Team LAWLA events or would like VNY at your next career fair, don't hesitate to contact the Van Nuys Airport Public and Community Relations office via email, VNYPR@LAWA.org or by calling (818) 442-6526.

Airport Business Magazine honors Justin Zaklan of Signature Flight Support with "Top 40 Under 40" Award

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One of the world's busiest general aviation airports, VNY serves as a valued San Fernando Valley resource, providing ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community service. Dedicated to non-commercial air travel, VNY had over 270,000 operations in 2013. More than 100 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including four major fixed-base operators and numerous aviation service companies.

Annually, the airport contributes approximately \$1.3 billion to the Southern California economy and supports over 12,000 jobs. In addition, VNY provides programs to benefit local residents, along with educational initiatives and aviation-related career and training opportunities. For more information, visit www.lawa.org/vny, follow us at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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