

# Bakersfield Municipal Airport—L45

The Sky's The Limit

## MESSAGE FROM AIRPORT MANAGER STEVE HOLLINGSWORTH — SUMMER 2009

I'm proud to say there have been a multitude of accomplishments at the airport. Some, you as pilots and tenants, might not be familiar with and some have direct impact on most of you.

**North Property:** We were able, with the help of our Streets Division, to install some paving on the airport property north of Watts Drive and fence in the entire property. Because some of this area is part of our runway protection zone (RPZ), it had to remain basically unobstructed so we decided to let the police motorcycle officers do their training in that new paved area. Thus, you should not be dodging any motorcycles anymore.

**Union Ave. Entrance:** The Streets Division was also able to install new pavement around the front hangars, finishing off what we started when the restaurant first opened. It was paved and re-stripped in time for the EAA Fly-in last June.

**EAA Hangar:** The City was able to make major improvements to the restrooms in the EAA Hangar, much to the delight of all members who use the building.

**Runway Safety Area (RSA):** The annual audit by the Cal Trans Division of Aeronautics required an additional smooth flat surface be installed around the runways, 16/34. It required an additional 15' on each side of the runway and lengthening the RSA by 150' on each end. This was accomplished during a week in June. The RSA is required by the Airport Layout Plan to be 150' wide, including the runway pavement and it extends 300' from each end strip.

**Airport Markings:** Bakersfield Chapter of the 99's completed their air marking project on May 3rd. It's a great addition to our airport.

**Airport Expansion:** The future expansion of the SW taxiway area is proceeding slowly. Working with government agencies, including our own, is tedious. We got delayed by the environmental report requirements for FAA funding until the next Federal Fiscal Year which starts in October. We will go out to bid late this fall for the earthwork and infrastructure improvements with the hope of receiving the funding next spring.

**Airport Landscaping:** The contract has been awarded to install landscaping with irrigation along Watts Drive and Madison. It will be a great addition to the appearance of the Airport.

### EMPLOYEE NEWS

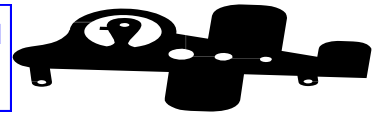


Our Staff remains dedicated to serving the needs of the General Aviation public and in particular the needs of our valued tenants. We are trying hard to update our database to include email addresses which will help us communicate better. If you have not updated your information, please contact Esther who will get the new form to you. Remember to also send in a copy of your aircraft liability insurance whenever it's renewed. You can fax it to (661) 852-2113 or email it to: [Eparra@bakersfieldcity.us](mailto:Eparra@bakersfieldcity.us). You can reach her at (661) 326-3781 if you have any questions.

Lou Formano is continuing his efforts in cleaning up the airport and will be doing maintenance, safety checks, hangar inspections and plane inventory, among other things. He is a very good advocate for the airport, the pilots, and the future. Stop by the Airport Office when he is there to say hello.

*Steve Hollingsworth*

### THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING.....



Please review your copy of the Bakersfield Municipal Airport Regulations. The regulations are City Law and will be strictly enforced. Remember that the airport is for aviation use. It is not a storage facility. Hangars are for storing planes and shall have at least one plane in them. Good housekeeping benefits us all. Monthly rents are due the 1st of each month. Please be timely in making your rent payment.

#### Space Availability:

We have Unit 102 available. It is 20' x 24'. Usage must be airport related. Our Tower is also available as well as 2 Quad Shade Ports. See Lou or Esther for additional details and information.