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#### A Message from the Airport Manager

Dear Neighbors,

As winter begins, activity has calmed down in the future propeller park area. That's because the action has shifted to finishing the business paperwork involving the lease of the property. Once the lease is finalized the new tenant can begin preparing the site.

The land is clear and ready for the next steps of building aircraft hangars, tie-down aircraft parking areas, and maintenance and fueling facilities for the use of propeller aircraft.

This past summer LAWA's Noise Management Division replaced their aircraft monitoring system. This new system has a few extra features that make its use more valuable. One of those features is the ability for you to tap into the ambient sound levels measured by our airport's sound monitoring system. Another feature allows communities surrounding the airport to center the map around their neighborhood to track aircraft.

The new system, WebTrak, can be found on the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) home page at **www.lawa.aero/vny**. Look for the WebTrak icon located near the middle of the page.

I would also like to remind residents that there is a public airport viewing and small picnic area on the east side of the airfield accessed using Waterman Drive off of Woodley Avenue. This is a nice way for you to spend a lunch break or watch the sunset while viewing airplanes.

Sincerely,

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Selena Birk

Selena Birk Van Nuys Airport Manager



#### Get a Behind-the-Scenes Look at the World's Busiest General Aviation Airport

VNY invites your group to participate in our award winning airfield tour program. Join our experienced airport guides for a journey through aviation past and present to discover the airport's rich history, witness daily operations and view a variety of aircraft. Group tours are available by reservation for our younger aviation enthusiasts (ages 6 and up) and adults on weekdays and select Saturdays.

If you can't come to the airport, we'll bring the airport to you! School, civic and community groups are welcome to take a virtual tour of the airport by requesting a free DVD presentation. Expert speakers are available to address a wide variety of airport-related topics, from safety and security to noise management and careers. Presentations and speaking engagements are tailored to meet your group's interest and needs.

To schedule a tour, a DVD presentation or an expert speaker please call our VNY Public and Community Relations office at (818) 909-3529. We hope to see you soon!



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#### Did you know?

An additional voluntary measure to reduce noise is the Aircraft Stop and Tow area on Taxilane A3. All jet-powered aircraft are required to shut down engines and have a tow into and out of ramp and hangar areas. Airport management established this procedure back in the 1990s to proactively address concerns about noise along the taxilane on the west side of the airport.



# Van Nuys Airport Offers Speakers Bureau to Local Community

Van Nuys Airport (VNY) is making aviation and airport professionals available to speak to your group on a large variety of aviation-related topics.

Experienced personnel from all areas of the airport are available to make timely and informative presentations on a wide range of categories, including airport history, airport security and safety, airfield operations, noise management programs, aviation careers and community outreach programs.

Speaking engagements are free and available to homeowner groups, business associations, service clubs, schools and other community organizations.

For more information or to schedule a speaking engagement, call VNY Public and Community Relations at (818) 909-3529. Information is also available through the airport's Web site at www.lawa.aero/vny.

#### TWC Aviation Marks First Anniversary at Van Nuys Airport

TWC Aviation recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of its move into their new custom-built office and hangar complex at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) after outgrowing its previous headquarters at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank.

Their new offices feature state-of-the-art technologies and a 45,000-square-foot hangar. TWC Aviation's Van Nuys headquarters is designed to support 24-hour worldwide operations while providing world-class amenities to aircraft owners and charter clients. Since the August 2008 move, the company has added nine aircraft including a Gulfstream G550 ultra-long range jet.

"The move to Van Nuys Airport was part of our long-term growth strategy and an investment in our future that is already paying off," says Andrew Richmond, president of TWC Aviation. "With 26 jets now in our managed fleet, and our successful worldwide jet charter business, we're perfectly positioned to continue our expansion and provide unsurpassed service to our customers."



Gulfstream's G550 ultra-long range business jets have flown nonstop from Seoul, South Korea, to Orlando, Fla., covering the 7,301 nautical-mile distance in 14.5 hours and setting a city pair record.

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# Easy-to-Use Internet Flight Tracking and Noise Complaint System Goes On-Line

The Van Nuys Airport (VNY) public Internet Flight Tracking System, called WebTrak, also serves as the online noise complaint entry system. It is located on the airport's web page at http://www. lawa.org/vny.

This system allows us to view movement of air traffic around VNY and allows viewers access to information about flight identification, aircraft type, altitude, and origin/destination airports of many of the aircraft flying over their communities. The system saves data for 90 days. This stored data can be easily viewed in replay mode.

Two features of the system are an address locator and the display of remote-monitored noise levels. The user can type in an address and a house icon will automatically be assigned to that location. The user can also see the noise levels from the numerous noise monitoring sites located in the vicinity of VNY.

WebTrak's integrated noise complaint feature will allow residents disturbed by airport noise to view aircraft flight tracks, select an operation that may be the cause, and submit a complaint with the operation information automatically filled in. It will also allow users to go directly to the noise complaint form if they prefer.

"The improved features of our WebTrak system provide the public with additional user-friendly tools to understand how aircraft operate in the airspace, and the noise from those operations," said LAWA Environmental Services Division manager Robert Freeman. "It demonstrates LAWA's continuing commitment to provide residents in neighboring communities with the means to quickly identify and report aircraft operations that cause them concern."

Concerns about noise can also be communicated by calling (800) 560-0010.



**VNY Voted Favorite Airport** 

Readers of the Los Angeles Daily News have voted Van Nuys Airport as their favorite airport for 2009.

### 2009 Robb Report Gives National Recognition to Clay Lacy Aviation

Clay Lacy Aviation (CLA) was awarded recognition in the 21st Annual Robb Report: Best of the Best special edition by being selected as the best Aviation Management Company for 2009.

"I want to give special recognition and thanks to all you who proudly participate as Team CLA," said Brian Kirkdoffer, president of Clay Lacy Aviation. "Your efforts and extra attention to duty have made this prestigious award possible. You are all to be congratulated for making CLA the premiere organization of our aviation industry."

While Clay Lacy Aviation has previously been recognized by the Robb Report, this year's award is more than just a special accolade for consistent aviation business excellence. This is the first time this award has been given to any Aviation Management company.

Keith G. Swirsky, Chairman of the Robb Reports Business Aviation Group, stated in the July Special Issue; "This year we recognize Clay Lacy Aviation for excelling in ways that are beneficial to their customers-and for doing so consistently over many years."

"Clay Lacy Aviation boasts a long list of customers for whom it has provided aircraft management and charter services during the past four decades. Private air travelers have come to expect consistently high levels of service, flexibility, reliability, and safety from this Van Nuys based premier company!"



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**January 2010** Happy New Year welcome packs for teachers at Cohasset Elementary School will include coloring books, pencils, and balsa wood airplanes for all of the students.

**February 3, 2010** Groundhog Job Shadow Day will bring local high school students to Van Nuys Airport for a day of learning about jobs and careers in aviation.

**April 20, 2010** Young Achievers Program awards ceremony for middle school students who excel in academics, athletics, the arts and leadership.

**April 23, 2010** Aviation Career Day providing over 1,400 area high school students information and resources for careers in aviation and aerospace.



While on the ground, the Super Scooper Firefighting Aircraft became a popular stop during airport tours. In the air, the Super Scoopers responded to 55 fires, dropping 213,000 gallons of water and 238 gallons of foam during the fall 2009 fire season.





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