

## April 2016, Volume 7, Issue 1

## Upcoming Calendar

#### **Recurring Meetings**

**Citizens Advisory Council** First Tuesday of every month, excludes holidays

Friends of Van Nuys Airport Second Thursday of every other month

Board of Airport Commissioners Bi-Weekly at LAWA Headquarters

Van Nuys Airport Association First Tuesday of every other month

San Fernando Valley 99s Chapter First Monday of every month

#### April 2016

Aviation Career Day 4/1

Condor Squadron

Economic Alliance Career, Health and Disability Expo 4/13

Annual Dinner Holiday 4/9

Friends of Van Nuys Airport Meeting at Clay Lacy 4/14

YMCA Healthy Kids Day 4/30

#### May 2016

United Chambers Inspirational Women Luncheon 5/5

Valley Presbyterian Hospital Annual Dinner 5/12

Economic Alliance Valley of the Stars Gala 5/21

June 2016

Greater Van Nuys Rotary Annual Demotion Party

Team LAWA Endless Pancake YMCA Fundraiser Breakfast 6/4

NBAA Regional Conference 6/9

Valley Industry and Commerce Association's Hall of Fame Dinner 6/16

Van Nuys Prop Association Annual Meeting 6/16

#### July 2016

Aviation Careers Education (ACE) Academy Middle School 7/11-7/15 High School 7/25-7/29

## **Quick Links**

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#### **Tenant Corner**

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Dear Readers,

Happy 2016! The year has been off to a great start with completion of the Sherman Way tunnel lighting project, ongoing Prop Park development, and the addition of a second Van Nuys FlyAway® location. This month, we remember



Jim McNeil of Schaefer Ambulance who passed away a year ago but is still remembered for his significant contributions to the airport and his community.

We participated in the National Business Aviation Association's Schedulers and Dispatchers conference in Tampa, Florida, again this year. We also had a great turnout for the annual Job Shadow Day at the airport and are looking forward to Aviation Career Day. Our commitment to the community and the future of aviation are among the top priorities at VNY. We honor and congratulate Elliot Sanders on being named the recipient of the Laurence P. Sharples Award by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. This is highest honor given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of general aviation, and he definitely deserves the recognition. We look forward to keeping you updated on airport developments throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Jess Romo Airport Manager

## Meet Deborah Flint, Executive Director of LAWA



Deborah Flint was appointed Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in June 2015.

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One Year Anniversary: Remembering Jim McNeal of Schaefer Ambulance



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A year ago, Jim McNeal Jr. of Schaefer Ambulance passed away at age 83 on March 26, 2015.

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# Van Nuys Airport at the NBAA Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference



Van Nuys Airport hosted a booth at the annual National Business Aviation Association's Schedulers and Dispatchers Conference again this year.

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# Van Nuys High School Students Shadow VNY Aviation Experts



On February 18, 25 students from Van Nuys High School learned about various exciting aviation career paths through hands-on activities at Van Nuys Airport (VNY).

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## New FlyAway® Location in Van Nuys



Good news for travelers. The FlyAway® can now be accessed from the Orange Line.

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## Sherman Way Tunnel Work Completed



Work on the Sherman Way Tunnel has been underway for less

than a year, and we are pleased to announce that the work has been completed as scheduled.

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## VNY Airport Safety & Security Stand-Down



On February 29, 2016 Van Nuys Airport Operations staff conducted a Security and Safety Stand-Down Session hosted by AeroplexAerolease Group.

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Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Chair Receives Laurence P. Sharples Award from Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association



Elliot Sanders, Chair of the Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Citizens Advisory Council and 20-year VNY pilot, received the Laurence P. Sharples Award from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association on March 2.

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## 11th Annual Aviation Career Day "The Sky's the Limit" at VNY in April



VNY is looking forward to hosting the 11th annual The Sky's the Limit: Aviation Career Day held at Van Nuys Airport.

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## Spotlight on Neil Looy from Corporate Air Parts



Van Nuys, California native Neil Looy, has logged over 34 years of increasingly diverse flying experience.

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## Friends of Van Nuys Airport Get The Scoop on The Park VNY Update



The recent Friends of VNY meeting held at the newly completed Prop Park pilot lounge provided exciting construction updates.

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## Fan Photos: Take Them and Tag Them #ILoveVNY



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We love to see your photos featuring Van Nuys Airport! No matter where you share, be sure to tag your best shots of Van Nuys Airport with #ILoveVNY for a chance to be featured in our galleries! Thanks for helping us build an amazing collection of VNY memories.

Here are some of our recent favorites:



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#### About Van Nuys Airport:

VNY is one of three airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a selfsupporting branch of the City of Los Angeles, governed by a seven-member Board of Airport Commissioners who are appointed by the mayor and approved by the Los Angeles City Council. 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 noncommercial air travel, VNY had over 217,000 operations in 2015. More than 100 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including three 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 <u>lawa.org/VNY</u>, like us on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/VNYOfficial</u>, follow us on Twitter at <u>twitter.com/VanNuysAirport</u> and Instagram at <u>instagram.com/VanNuysAirport</u>.

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