

VAN NUYS AIRPORT



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WELCOME TO VAN NUYS AIRPORT

At 80-plus years old, from its origins in the 1920s as a private airport favored by daring young aviators and Hollywood's famous faces, Van Nuys Airport (VNY) has grown into one of the world's busiest general aviation airports, averaging close to 400,000 takeoffs and landings annually. A facility dedicated to noncommercial air travel, VNY meets corporate, private and government aviation needs - in the process providing vital aviation services, enhancing efficiency at the region's commercial airports, creating jobs, promoting business, and serving as a valued San Fernando Valley community and educational resource.

Aviation Services

More than 700 aircraft are based at VNY, with major fixed-base operators (FBOs) and numerous aviation companies also calling the airport home. Some of the services provided include aircraft maintenance, fueling, aircraft parking/tiedown, charter service, flight and ground school instruction, aircraft manufacturing and avionics installation. In addition, VNY provides facilities for fire, police, air ambulance, search and rescue, and news media aircraft that serve the region.

Master Plan for the Future

Approved by various City of Los Angeles bodies and then signed by the Mayor in 2006, the Van Nuys Airport Master Plan includes goals, objectives, policies and measures that will direct land use at the airport for the next 20 years. Its primary purpose is to encourage orderly development of on-airport land use by establishing a long-term guide for the airport that reflects the most appropriate use of airport property, while also enhancing the environment and increasing compatibility between VNY and neighboring communities.

As part of the Master Plan, VNY is moving forward with the development of a 30-acre propeller park located from north to south between Roscoe Boulevard and Stagg Street and from west to east between Balboa Boulevard and Bull Creek Channel. This area will provide a permanent home for propeller aircraft displaced by other projects, and will help preserve the small aircraft community that has been part of the San Fernando Valley's rich history since the airport was founded in 1928. The new facility also will result in many improvements to the area, including additional landscaping, new sidewalks and enhanced street lighting.

Administration

Located on 730 acres in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, approximately 20 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, VNY is one of four airports owned by the City of Los Angeles, including Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), LA/Ontario International Airport and LA/Palmdale Regional Airport. A seven-member, policy-making Board of Airport Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of Los Angeles directs the Los Angeles World Airports system.



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ECONOMIC BENEFITS

With its close proximity to local communities, business centers, the entertainment industry and recreational facilities, VNY serves as a major economic engine in the San Fernando Valley and beyond. An economic impact study released in 2007 found that VNY:

- Contributes more than \$1.3 billion annually to the Southern California economy,
- Supports over 12,300 jobs, and
- Generates an annual earnings impact of about \$707 million.

VNY, as a tax generator rather than a tax user, also produces nearly \$80 million in state and local taxes annually by leasing space to a variety of tenants.

The airport creates, supports and attracts both aviation and non-aviation businesses in the San Fernando Valley and Southern California area. The airport property itself houses a major home improvement store, hotel, golf course complex and restaurants.

An estimated 320,000 visitors now utilize VNY every year, flying on corporate, private and charter aircraft. Travelers appreciate VNY's convenient location, and many spend money on local hotels, attractions and goods. These visitors spend approximately \$176 million annually in the area and are responsible for generating more than 3,100 direct, induced and indirect visitor industry jobs, which in turn generate almost \$93 million in personal income, wages and salaries.

The airport's positive economic benefits have increased despite a drop in total annual operations (takeoffs and landings), which decreased by nearly 104,000 since 2002 to close to 400,000 currently.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

As an important member of the greater San Fernando Valley community, VNY provides and supports a number of programs that benefit the region. These programs reflect the airport's commitment to balancing the needs of aviation interests with those of local residents and businesses, furthering effective two-way communication with various publics, and enhancing awareness of and understanding about the exciting world of general aviation.

Here's a look at what the airport has to offer:

Tours and Visits

During VNY's 90-minute guided tours, offered to groups of 15 or more, knowledgeable guides take you on a captivating journey through aviation past and present, providing a close-up look at a variety of aircraft and many activities of aviation companies and airport operations. Tours are available weekdays and select Saturdays by reservation.

Presentations

For those who don't have the opportunity to come to the airport, the airport will come to you. Expert speakers provide free presentations on a variety of airport-related topics to homeowners groups, business associations, service clubs, schools and other community organizations.

Exhibits

VNY supports numerous business expositions, career fairs, community festivals and public events. Exhibits provide you with information on airport history, operations, noise mitigation, careers in aviation and other current issues.

Public Observation Area

Open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset, this area offers you an opportunity to watch aircraft take off and land as you listen to a live broadcast of the air traffic control tower. Located off of Woodley Avenue at the east end of Waterman Drive, the area includes historical and educational exhibits, picnic benches and a children's activity area.

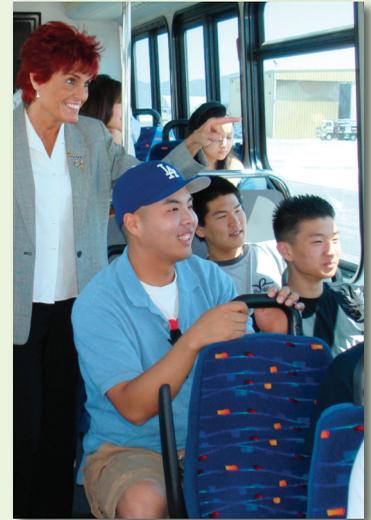
Citizens Advisory Council

Formed in 1985, the VNY Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) includes 18 members who meet regularly (usually the first Tuesday of each month) and are appointed by the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners, the Mayor and neighboring City Council members. The CAC provides a vital means of communication among the City of Los Angeles, the general aviation community and the public on airport-related issues affecting VNY and local residents.

The Newest Programs and Services

Programs and services introduced by VNY in the last few years showcase the airport's dedication to continuing to support the community. There's Airport Watch, which brings the Neighborhood Watch concept to VNY to enhance airport security and community protection. There's Team LAWA, which includes employees who volunteer their time for community improvement projects. And there's We Fly As One, through which local merchants give discounts to airport employees, which encourages employees to frequent nearby businesses and helps boost the economy.

It's all part of VNY's long-term commitment to serving as a partner for business and industry, and a partner for the community.



To help benefit the region, further effective two-way communication with airport neighbors and educate the public about the exciting world of aviation, VNY offers free tours, presentations and exhibits; works with local residents on the Citizens Advisory Council; and encourages employees to volunteer for community improvement projects.

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EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

As part of a longstanding commitment to the science education of future leaders, VNY supports a number of educational initiatives, while also encouraging aviation-related career and training opportunities. The airport hopes these efforts will lay the foundation for a bright future for today's youth and enhance the development of an educated, dedicated workforce in decades to come.

ACE (Aviation Careers Education) Academy

This free annual weeklong motivational program provides San Fernando Valley middle and high school students selected through an application process with the opportunity to explore the world of aviation. As part of the program, students learn about operations at VNY and Los Angeles International Airport and about career opportunities in aviation and aerospace.

Job Shadowing

Helping shape the workforce of tomorrow, VNY participates in national Job Shadow Day. The program enables local high school students to "shadow" adult mentors on the job and see firsthand how the skills learned in school relate to the workplace.

Los Angeles Unified School District Adopt-A-School Program

VNY supports its "adopted" school - Gault Street Elementary School in Van Nuys - through after-school programs, speaking engagements, participation in student career days, involvement in school functions and more.

Los Angeles Unified School District Aircraft Mechanics School

Housed at VNY, this branch of the North Valley Occupational Center enables students to earn certification in general airframe and power plant mechanics. The program curriculum, approved and certified by the Federal Aviation Administration, consists of 45 subject areas to prepare students for a wide array of jobs in the aviation-aerospace industry.

VNY's Young Achievers Program

Each year, VNY recognizes and rewards exceptional area middle school students who excel in academics, athletics, the arts and community service/leadership. Parents, teachers and administrators are invited to celebrate their students' success at a luncheon near the end of the school year.

VNY also sponsors other educational initiatives, such as publications, reading programs, aviation career days and workshops for students and education professionals. It's all part of VNY's commitment to continue offering a wide array of opportunities for local youth to learn about the exciting field of aviation - *giving wings to students' dreams.*



VNY aims to give wings to students' dreams by offering educational programs, along with aviation career and training opportunities, to help develop an educated, dedicated workforce in the future.

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NOISE MANAGEMENT

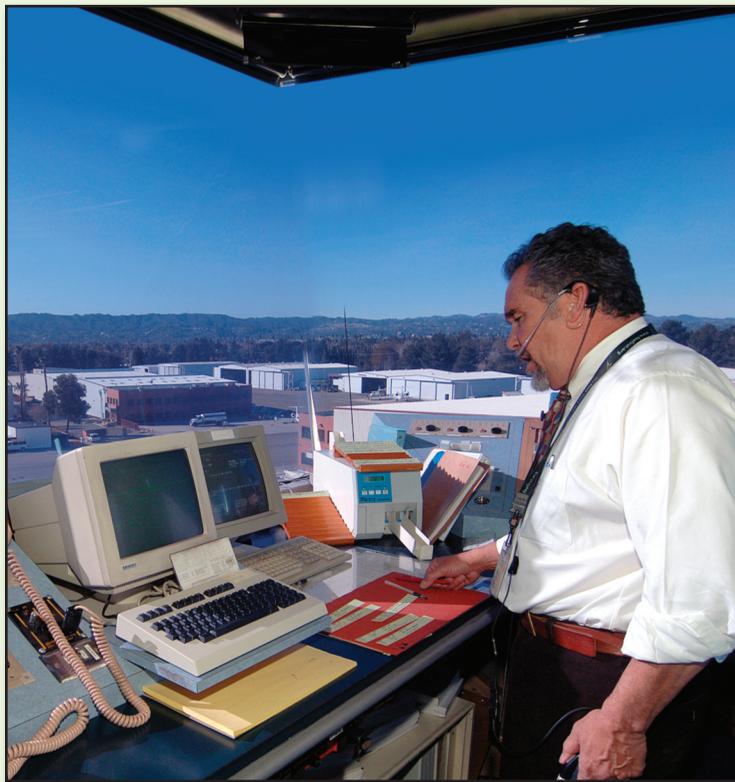
Today, VNY devotes more resources than ever to its noise management program, which is designed to minimize noise impacts associated with airport operations and to provide meaningful response to the community on noise-related issues.

The airport's noise management program includes:

- Regulations that restrict certain jet departures during the airport's nighttime curfew hours and that prohibit any additional older, noisier Stage II aircraft from being based at VNY (subject to certain exceptions allowed through 2010 for aircraft replaced under a "grandfathering clause");
- Voluntary use of predetermined, recommended procedures by pilots to reduce jet departure noise;
- A 24-hour monitoring program to detect pilots who do not comply with the airport's mandatory and voluntary noise mitigation procedures, including those pilots who turn too early after departure and subsequently fly over adjacent residential areas; and
- Notification for helicopter owners/operators of arrival and departure operations that deviate from established Federal Aviation Administration routes.

VNY continues to work with pilots and aircraft operators to increase awareness of the airport's noise management program, and to enhance the airport's noise abatement and monitoring tools to best serve the needs of the community. In 2008, VNY put into operation updated noise monitoring equipment with 14 new monitors, doubling the number in use.

In addition, VNY helps those residents who live within certain decibel noise level areas through its residential soundproofing program, which uses modifications such as insulation and double-paned windows to significantly reduce noise levels at residences. The five-phase, \$15 million program covers approximately 1,050 dwelling units, with participation strictly voluntary and at no cost to property owners. All of the eligible units have received notification about this noise-reduction opportunity.



The airport also makes available the Internet Flight Tracking System, which allows the public to watch the movement of flights and traffic patterns near VNY. Individuals with a noise concern can submit it through VNY's online noise complaint form or 24-hour community response line. VNY investigates and responds to complaints (up to five per month per household) with letters that include data on the specific aircraft operation and information about whether the pilot involved deviated from any voluntary or mandatory noise abatement program.

Additional upgrades to VNY's noise monitoring system will be enabled in 2009, including a replacement of the existing Internet Flight Tracking System, as well as new complaint self-investigation tools.

VNY's extensive noise management program includes mandatory and voluntary regulations and procedures to reduce noise at the source; a free soundproofing program for dwelling units near the airport; and meaningful response to the community about noise-related concerns.

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VNY FEATURES

Two Parallel Runways

One 8,000-foot runway with a full instrument landing system, and one 4,000-foot training runway.

Federal Aviation Administration Control Tower

Open daily from 6 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Public Observation Deck

Open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. Located off of Woodley Avenue at the end of Waterman Drive, adjacent to the east side of the airfield.

Airport Police Bureau

Provides dedicated 24-hour patrols and other services to ensure airfield security. This includes oversight of VNY's Airport Watch Program, which offers pilots, airport personnel and airport neighbors a dedicated toll-free number to report any suspicious activity.



Los Angeles Fire Department

Provides fire and rescue service for airport and community emergencies, with permanently assigned firefighters and dedicated crash apparatus. New state-of-the-art permanent Fire Department Station 114 and General Services Department air operations and maintenance facilities opened in 2008 to further improve the airport's vital fire protection and rescue operations, while enhancing the Fire Department's ability to conduct life-saving missions in the area.

Flyaway Bus Service

This facility, located at 7610 Woodley Ave. (at the corner of Saticoy Street) in Van Nuys, provides convenient, nonstop bus service to and from Los Angeles International Airport, with low-cost fares and long-term parking.



Medical Flights

VNY serves as a home base for both routine and emergency services, providing ramp, hangar space and maintenance facilities for police, fire and other City of Los Angeles helicopters. Specially equipped aircraft provide medical transport for relief to accident victims, hospital patients and those in need of life-saving transplant organs across the country.

VNY: Then and Now

	1928	Current
Airport Name	Metropolitan Airport	Van Nuys Airport
Size	80 acres	730 acres
Ownership	Private corporation	City of Los Angeles
San Fernando Valley Population	About 51,000 (circa 1930)*	Nearly 1.8 million**

* Source: AmericasSuburb.com: History and Lore of the San Fernando Valley, based on the book by Kevin Roderick titled *The San Fernando Valley: America's Suburb*

** Source: The Census Bureau's 2006 American Community Survey, via the San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center at California State University, Northridge

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VAN NUYS AIRPORT THROUGH THE YEARS

Take a trip down memory lane, from the early days of Van Nuys Airport (VNY) as a private airport in a still-rustic area, to today, when VNY supports the vibrant San Fernando Valley as one of the busiest general aviation airports in the world.

The '20s and '30s

In 1928, through the establishment of a corporation by a small group of citizens, VNY was born as Metropolitan Airport. Located amid 80 acres of trees and farmland, with initial landing fees of 50 cents, it was a place where pioneering pilots who had faith in the future of aviation could fly their “new-fangled flying machines.”

Although the Great Depression put an end to the corporation that established the airport, Hollywood film production – which had found a home at the airport and continues to use VNY to this day – helped to save it.



VNY serves as the base for many early record-breaking flights, including:

- A men's solo endurance record of 37 hours, by Herbert Fahy, in 1929.
- A women's endurance record of 42 hours, by Elinor Smith and Bobbi Trout, in 1929.
- A women's speed record of 196 mph, by Florence “Pancho” Barnes, in 1930.



Another day of filming takes place at VNY. A few of the famous movies over the years with scenes filmed at VNY include *Hell's Angels*, *Lost Horizon*, *Casablanca*, *The Presidio*, *Patriot Games*, *In the Line of Fire*, *Forever Young*, *True Lies*, *Air Force One*, *Lethal Weapon*, *American Beauty* and *Pearl Harbor*.

The '40s

With the outbreak of World War II, in 1942 the U.S. government purchased the airport and converted it into a military base to help protect the West Coast. The military also bought an additional 163 acres of land for the construction of the Van Nuys Army Airfield.

In 1949, the City of Los Angeles purchased the airport from the U.S. War Assets Administration for the token fee of \$1, with the stipulation that the Air National Guard base continue to operate at the site.



Fighter aircraft park in front of VNY's Lockheed facility in the 1940s. A 1944 joint venture between the U.S. Navy and Lockheed Corporation created an aircraft modification facility known as the Navy Lockheed Plant.



Metropolitan Airport, now 400 acres, gets renamed the San Fernando Valley Airport in 1949.

The '50s and '60s

VNY experienced its final name change (to Van Nuys Airport) in 1957, the same year completion of the Sherman Way underpass enabled extension of the main runway from 6,000 to 8,000 feet.

During the 1960s, development of airport land continued, culminating in the completion of the Van Nuys Golf Course on the clear zone at the south end of the airport in

1968. The control tower still in use today also was constructed that year.



Visitors look at aircraft on display at a 1960s air show at VNY, learning about the airport and the military and civilian aircraft of the time.



Several F-86s from the California Air National Guard's 146th Tactical Airlift Wing, then stationed at VNY, wait on the ramp in 1955. The 146th began providing military air transport service in response to the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

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The '70s and '80s

By 1971, VNY had become the busiest general aviation airport in the nation. In 1975, the FlyAway Bus Terminal opened, providing nonstop bus service between the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles International Airport, and helping to alleviate parking congestion at LAX.

Several activities in the 1980s showcased VNY's commitment to working closely with the community. These included the implementation of a Noise Abatement and Curfew Ordinance governing aircraft operations, and the formation of the VNY Citizens Advisory Council to facilitate and promote closer, more direct interaction with community representatives on a variety of airport-related issues.



The public gets a close-up look at a U.S. Air Force rescue and recovery helicopter at a 1978 event commemorating the 50th anniversary of VNY.



The FlyAway Bus Terminal opens in the mid-1970s, offering passengers using Los Angeles International Airport nonstop bus service from and to the San Fernando Valley.



Legendary performer Bob Hope embarks on one of his last USO tours from VNY in 1987.



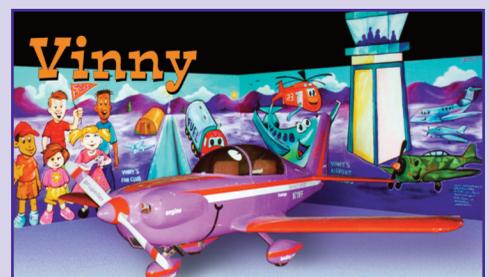
VNY is used as a military staging area in 1992 during the period of social unrest in Los Angeles.

The '90s

The 1990s brought many more changes and developments to VNY, which continued to serve a vital role in Los Angeles. In 1990, the 146th Airlift Wing of the California Air National Guard relocated from VNY to the Channel Islands. In 1994, the area formerly occupied by the Air National Guard served as a critical operating site for the American Red Cross as it prepared thousands of meals to aid victims of the devastating Northridge earthquake.

The renowned B-2 Stealth Bomber made its first public appearance over Los Angeles in 1996, before nearly 350,000 spectators at the VNY Aviation Expo.

Business activity at the airport continued to grow, and by the end of the decade, the airport was contributing about \$1.2 billion annually to the Southern California economy and supporting more than 10,000 jobs.



Vinny, VNY's kid-friendly airplane and mascot, is launched in 1998 to give children a hands-on aviation learning experience.

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2000 and Beyond

Los Angeles World Airports took a major step forward to further address noise concerns related to VNY when it initiated a \$15 million residential soundproofing program in 2000. The new millennium also saw the completion of the FlyAway Bus Terminal improvement project, and of work performed through a \$30 million bond project by the Los Angeles Fire Department to better serve and protect local communities by constructing permanent air operations and helicopter maintenance facilities at VNY.

In 2007, VNY received the results of an economic impact study that demonstrated its ongoing role as a major economic engine in the San Fernando Valley and beyond. The study showed the airport contributes more than \$1.3 billion annually to the Southern California economy and supports over 12,300 jobs.

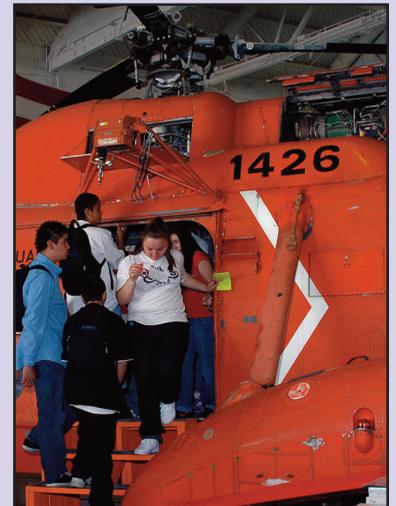


State-of-the-art permanent air operations and maintenance facilities opened at the airport in 2008, providing VNY with a nearly unparalleled level of Fire Department support among general aviation airports.

Although this will remove the available space previously used by VNY's exciting air shows, it will help achieve the long-term goal of preserving the small aircraft community that has been part of the San Fernando Valley since the airport's founding in 1928.

As the years pass, VNY - through its ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community service - will continue to play a crucial role in the Southern California economy, the regional approach to meeting passenger demand, and the entire nation's air transportation system. And the airport that for more than 80 years has contributed to the rich history and economic vitality of the San Fernando Valley will continue its pioneering legacy toward a soaring future.

In 2008, VNY began abatement and demolition at the former Air National Guard site to prepare for development of a new 30-acre site to house propeller aircraft, part of the airport's implementation of its Master



To mark its 80th anniversary, in 2008 VNY hosted a series of Aviation Week events, including an Aviation Career Day to introduce more high school students to the fascinating world of aviation, and a Community Day that gave visitors an insider's glimpse of VNY's legacy of courage, craftsmanship and community.



One of the world's busiest general aviation airports, VNY today serves as a leader in aviation, business and community service in the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

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CONTACT US

For more information about VNY, visit us online at www.lawa.aero/vny.

To schedule a tour or a presentation, or find out additional information about VNY community and educational programs, call 818-909-3529.

To reach the 24-hour community response line on noise issues, call 800-560-0010.



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