

The Red Baron Flyer

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STS Opens New Long-Term Parking Lot & Offers First 2-Hours FREE

More parking at STS! As the Airport has grown, so has the demand for safe, economical parking. Late this Summer, STS welcomed the opening of a new long-term parking lot on the South side of the terminal loop. The new parking lot was built to address the increased demand for parking. The new long-term lot improves parking at STS by adding 450 new spaces and includes an additional 15 Electrical Vehicle charging stations and related EV dedicated parking spaces. Modern designed bioswales are also included in the parking lot design to assist with a natural way to remove debris and pollution from surface runoff water. The new parking lot is surrounded by low-maintenance, drought tolerant foliage landscaping to give the parking lot a native, "always been there" look.

Visitors still only pay \$11 a day for parking. Plus, for visitors just dropping in to visit the Airport's many amenities or meeting family or friends, you can now park in all lots and enjoy the first 2-hours free!

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Alaska Airlines — Fly the People's Choice!

Just voted #1 Domestic Airline
in the 2018 Condé Nast Traveler
Readers' Choice Awards

It's no surprise to us that Alaska Airlines has been voted #1 Domestic Airline by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler. The Airline has an almost cult-like following, with some of the *happiest and most loyal* customers in the sky!

First, Alaska Airlines has a killer rewards program, which awards points based on how far you fly (*many airlines don't offer this anymore*) and those points can be redeemed to travel with multiple partner airlines that offer domestic and international travel — *so rack 'em up!*

As well, Alaska acquired Virgin America, Inc. and now has a competitive cross-country network of flights, which proves it's no longer just an airline just for West Coasters.

Best of all for Wine Country travelers? Sonoma County Wine Flies Free! Read more about the program on our website.

Fly Alaska from STS to Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange County. Book a Flight today!



Alaska
AIRLINES

The Alaska Airlines Embraer 175 aircraft is scheduled to replace all Q400's by January 2019, and will feature:

- 76 comfortable seats with premium and first-class
- Larger bins and windows compared to Q400's
- Inflight Wi-Fi with Alaska Beyond™ Entertainment



Get your Rocky Mountain High on — Starting March 2019

Fly STS to Denver, Colorado starting March 2019 on United Airlines

United Airlines service from STS to DEN (Denver International Airport) begins March 8, 2019. We're beyond excited to be partnering with United to offer the Denver flights, which has been a long time in the making.

Not only does this service take passengers to one of the most beautiful outdoor adventure destinations in the country, it also gives passengers hundreds of options to connect from Denver to eastbound destinations — *both nationally and internationally!*

Beyond Denver International Airport United features flights to 179 domestic destinations and features more nonstop flights to destinations than any other U.S. airport! Even more exciting news for east-bound travelers from STS! Book a flight today!

United's nonstop flights to Denver are 2 hrs. 42 minutes on its Bombardier CRJ 200 (CR2), featuring: Economy Plus® (with bonus width, legroom and further seat recline); and Economy (standard option).



United Airline's domestic destinations from STS and DEN.



Denver's downtown boasts an eclectic array of the city's top restaurants, bars, and hotels.





Discover the best spas in Arizona - Royal Palms in Phoenix is just one of many, and is featured above.

Baby, It's Cold Outside... Visit Phoenix this Winter!

American Airlines flies nonstop from STS to PHX daily. With winter on the horizon, why not plan a desert escape now? Average temperatures in Phoenix range from 68-77° throughout the winter months. It's the ideal mild climate for a little vitamin D —*Desert therapy*.

Phoenix and neighboring Scottsdale are your oasis for world-class golfing, spa days or hiking the Camelback Mountain! It's only an hour's drive to the high desert red rocks of Sedona — *although Sedona is a bit chillier than Phoenix in the winter months due to elevation, averaging 56-66°*.

To help plan your visit, download the new Visit Arizona app on your mobile device from the Apple App Store or Google Play. It will help you find places to stay, where to dine, events happening, and more.

Book Now on American Airlines!



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Customize your Arizona experience with recommendations hand-picked to match your travel interests and location.



Fly STS to Sin City — LIMITED TIME ONLY

**Fly Seasonal flights from STS to
Las Vegas Now Through December 2, 2018
on Sun Country Airlines®**

Now is the time to grab your crew, pack your bags and hit the ATM for a weekend-long trip to Las Vegas full of adult gaming fun and live entertainment galore, and some of the best culinary destinations in the country.

If you need a nudge to push you in a deserty direction: Time is running out to book a seasonal flight to Sin City from STS. Nonstop flights leave Thursday afternoons from STS. You'll be touching down in Vegas just in time to get ready for a fantastic evening out your first night. After three fun-filled nights (*hotel and entertainment options abound*), you'll be on a Sunday morning flight home to recoup for your work-week. *And you'll make your co-workers jealous with the wicked smile pasted on your face thinking about the fun you just had.*

What are you waiting for? Book STS to Las Vegas on Sun Country today!



Las Vegas Shows are endless! Cher returned to Las Vegas in 2018 for a residency at the Park Theater at Monte Carlo.

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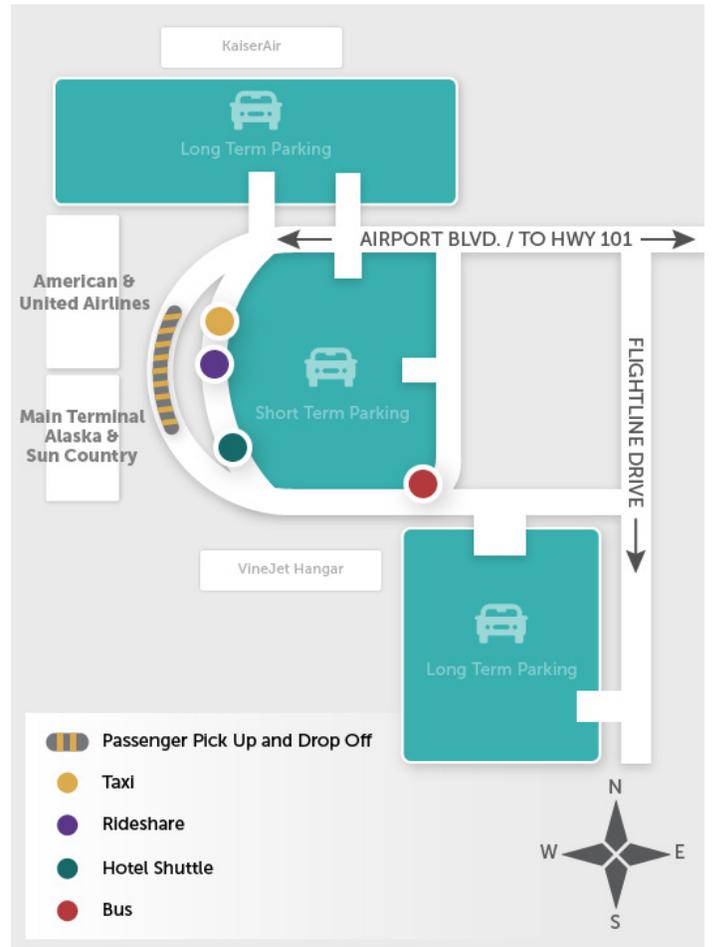
Give Me Shelter

Brand New Bus Transit Shelter a Nice Upgrade for Waiting Passengers

Transit users will be happy to know that we just installed a brand-new bus shelter located on the south side of the Airport loop — located next to the new parking lot. It’s a modern, sleek shelter designed to keep you dry or shaded while you wait for vital transit from the Airport.

Airport Express, Sonoma County Transit, Mendocino Transit Authority, and the SMART Shuttle will pick up passengers from this new location daily.

Updated ground transportation options can be seen here.



Sonoma Jet Center Announces Stage II IS-BAH Safety Certification

Sonoma Jet Center recently became the first FBO in Northern California and one of a handful in the United States to achieve successful implementation of Stage II of the International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling (IS-BAH). IS-BAH Stage II certification demonstrates Sonoma Jet Center's commitment to safety and innovation for customers, employees, and the public at large.

IS-BAH contains a set of global industry best practices for business aircraft ground handlers and features, at its core, a Safety Management System (SMS). IS-BAH Stage II Certification is the second of three levels of the highest possible safety standards that an FBO can have. This rigorous certification process demands time and dedication as well as a safety culture from top to bottom in the company.

Sonoma Jet Center is the leading fixed base operator (FBO) and the only IS-BAH accredited FBO at the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (STS) in Santa Rosa, California. In the heart of Northern California's wine country, Sonoma Jet Center is an independently owned and operated affiliate of Signature Flight Support with a reputation for safe and efficient operations, first-class VIP service for every customer, and a passion for aviation. Sonoma Jet Center offers an elegant executive terminal, Avfuel aviation fuels, airline ground handling, aircraft maintenance, aircraft parking and hangar space, aircraft detailing and concierge services.



Josh Hochberg and Al Musetti receiving the Award

"This is a huge achievement by a dedicated team committed to safety. We are very proud of this endorsement of our FBO, safety culture, and processes. And, we want our customers to know that we are making an ongoing investment in safety that only a handful of other companies have done in North America thus far."

*- Josh Hochberg
President of Sonoma Jet Center*

Adventures with the Stearman

By Ted Miller

I was born in 1943 at Orangeburg, South Carolina where my Father was a civilian flight instructor at an Army Air Force Contract Primary Flight School teaching Army Cadets to fly in Stearmans. Growing up I always knew that someday I had to own a Stearman.

Stearman trainers were built by Boeing in Wichita, KS which had absorbed the Stearman Aircraft Company. 8525 were delivered to the Army and Navy, plus 3 to Parks Air College, making it the most produced biplane in the U.S.A. Army and Navy cadets trained in them, as did Free French, Chinese, and British pilots.

In November of 2000, 2 ½ years before I retired as a Boeing 747-400 Captain, I found my Stearman in Roanoke, TX and flew her home.

She was built in March 1943 for the Navy and served as a primary trainer at NAS Dallas, NAS New Orleans, and NALF Cabaniss (near Corpus Christi). In 1946 she was sold at Ponca City, OK to a private individual by the War Assets Administration for \$250, about what it costs to fill the fuel tank today. After 5 years in Elkhart, IN and Battle Creek, MI she went to Vicksburg, MS where she flew as a cotton duster 1951 through 1959 when she was put in storage. After several changes in ownership restoration was begun in 1996 and she finally flew again in June 2000.

Since retiring I have spent my summers living out of the Stearman while travelling around the country attending antique airplane fly-ins. The season actually starts with the Cactus Antique Airplane Fly-In at Casa Grande, AZ the first weekend in March. Almost every year I have made two transcontinental round trips in addition to attending a number of fly-ins on the west coast. In June it is a Stearman Fly-In at Benton, KS, The National Biplane Fly-In at Junction City, KS, The American Waco Club Fly-In at St. Louis, MO, and Sentimental Journey on the site of Piper Aircraft's former headquarters in Lock Haven, PA. In late August it is Seward, NE, the Antique Airplane Association Fly-In at Blakesburg, IA, (300 – 400 varied antique

airplanes), the National Stearman Fly-In at Galesburg, IL (130 – 140 Stearmans), the Grassroots Antique Fly-In at Brodhead, WI, the Waco Historical Society Fly-In at Troy, OH, and finally the End of The Season Stearman Fly-In at Jennings, LA in early October.

Travelling the country in a Stearman is always a grand adventure. It is similar to riding a Harley – it feels so good when you stop. Wind blows in your face, you get sun burned, and it can be brutally cold sometimes. Though on a warm day in the Midwest flying at 1000 above the ground in shirtsleeves is absolutely delightful. I try to take different routes as much as possible and visit many small airports. I still sleep under the wing in my sleeping bag, though not as often as in my younger days.

It is the people you meet that makes it the most interesting. The Stearman attracts attention wherever she goes. At some of the Stearman fly-ins the local school children are brought out and several of the pilots are asked to talk to them about the history of the airplane and it's role in World War Two. Most memorable are the times some old man in his nineties with tears in his eyes comes up to me standing by the Stearman and says "I learned to fly in one of these a long time ago". One hot afternoon in Watford City, ND years ago I was approached by the local cropduster and his 86 year old Dad. It turned out that the dad had flown my Stearman when he was a Navy flight instructor at NAS Dallas in 1943.

Over the past 18 years I have flown the Stearman 4800 hours, visited all 48 contiguous states, and made a lot of new interesting friends. It has been a blast.



Aircraft restoration complete - April 2018



Hillcrest Aircraft Co. 1962 - 1965

Douglas-26 Invader Restored!

By Steve Penning & Phil Gattuso

In the Vine Jet hangar there has been a 1945 Douglas B-26C Invader, N4313, s/n 44-34313 for 6 years. Steve Penning and Phil Gattuso bought the Invader in July 2011 in San Diego, CA. It hadn't flown in several years, but was in fairly good shape. After a week of working on it with the help of Dale Miller, Kent Long, Bruce Etchell, Joe Gattuso and Paul Penning we ferried the plane to Santa Rosa with the piloting being accomplished by Kevin Eldridge.

Over the next 7 years the plane was taken apart and repaired as necessary and some areas restored to original condition. The work was pretty extensive but the end result was well worth it. The plane is restored in it's 1951/52 Korean War time paint scheme. This is a very special B-26 Invader (it was built as an A-26B, but converted to a B-26C for the Korean War). It was delivered to the US Army Air Forces on April 9, 1945 and was sent to storage at McClellan AAF in Sacramento. In 1951 it was put into active duty and based in Long Beach, CA. When the war started in Korea, it went thru some upgrades and then was flown to Korea where it flew over 1500 hours of combat time with the 452nd Bomb Wing, 730th Squadron (Rebels) and with the 17th Bomb Wing, 95th Squadron (Kicking Mules).

It was hit by ground fire and anti-aircraft fire several times in Korea. The worst damage happened when it was hit by AAA on December 27, 1951. The radio operator in the tail compartment, Lt. Koch was severely wounded, a fire broke out in the bomb bay full of bombs and the electrical and hydraulic systems were shot out. The pilot made a successful emergency landing at K-46 field. Lt. Koch survived but was thought to have lost both his hands. You can still see repairs and areas of shrapnel damage in the rear of the plane.

We have quite a few photos of the plane in Korea in 3 different paint jobs and nose art. It was called "Sweet Eloise II" after the squadron commander's wife; "Junio" with some sort of wagon wheel on the nose and then finally it was painted all black with hundreds of mission (bomb) markings on the side. It was named "The Magnet" it's last year in Korea due to its attractiveness to flak.



Steve, Phil and Ronnie receiving type ratings

The plane was flown on the last day of the war on July 27, 1953 and we have a photo of the "Ops" board listing the plane and pilot.

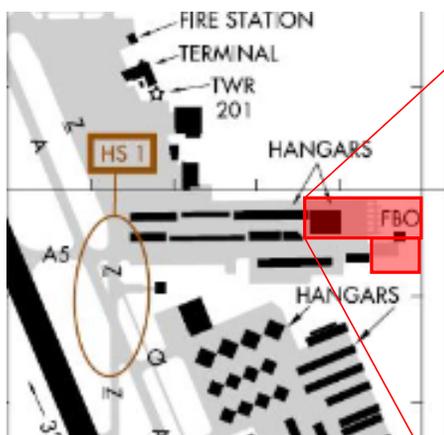
We have all these photos and information on the plane due to one of the crew chiefs, who is still living in Tucson, AZ - Byron "Curly" Davis and from the previous owner David Lane.

After the war in Korea, the plane was retired to Davis Monthan AFB and was purchased by an upstart fire bomber operator in Red Bluff, CA, making it the first B-26 to ever be converted into a fire bomber in 1960. It bounced around to several operators fighting fires until 1985 when Conair in Canada retired her.

The first flight after our restoration was in late April of this year. We had only a few minor issues on the test flight and we moved right into training and type ratings for both Steve and Phil. Since April, we have put about 20 hours on the plane and recently flew it during the Pacific Coast Air Museums Air Show in September.

We have a website with lots of photos, videos and history of the plane - A-26 Invader.com

In addition to the people listed above that helped during the recovery in San Diego, Steve and Phil would like to further thank: Dave DeWitt, Jack Bazler, Tom Whitmore, Clay Gattuso, Sam Penning, Rick Sharpe, Ronnie Gardner, Lynn Hunt, Carol Lawson, Don Ricci, Chuck Sweeney, the Pacific Coast Air Museum, Sonoma Jet Center, Vine Jet and lastly Steve and Phil's wives - Lori Penning and Gina Gattuso.



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Pacific Coast Air Museum Moves to New Base on Airport

The Airport and the Pacific Coast Museum (PCAM) successfully negotiated a new long-term lease agreement this year to increase PCAM's size and add some very important assets to their portfolio. The Butler Hangar is now located within their new leasehold and according to PCAM is celebrating its 25th birthday next year. In addition to the Butler Hangar, PCAM also acquired a small hangar and the "Dragonfly" building. Plans indicate that the old "Dragonfly" will be removed and a brand new building and gift shop will attract all visitors – new and revisiting to their new headquarters.

PCAM is close to completing their move to their new location and expect to be completed by the end of the year. Their new leasehold, as indicated above has revised the traffic flows on the taxilanes on Apron D and please note that the new leasehold is surrounded with a six-foot fence.



Alaska Airlines presents Community Service Award to KaiserAir Santa Rosa

In 2017, much of the region around Santa Rosa was engulfed by massive wildfires that lasted for many days. During that time, they had never known the fires to ravage densely populated neighborhoods.

The fires blazed through their hometown with very little warning. Power was completely out at the airport. This meant they wouldn't be able to pump fuel into the trucks and it was only a matter of time before they ran out. With that concern, Bronwyn connected with the fuel provider to supply the next closest base in the event they could never get the fuel farm working. This would add another 40 minutes or more between retardant drops. One of her lead line service technicians, Christopher Campbell, showed up with his father, who happened to be an electrician. Bronwyn was told that they would need phase-3 generators to get the fuel farm powered. With the entire city in complete chaos, they thought it was impossible. With the help of Facebook and an amazing community, she had three generators dropped off to the airport within a few hours. With everything in place, they were able to start pumping fuel non-stop. Most of the KaiserAir employees had been evacuated with their families. Those that were not evacuated were onsite and working hard. The week that followed was consumed with CalFire tankers, spotters, helicopters, government blackhawks, military fuel trucks, etc. Everyone made it to work each day to keep those tankers flying. According to Bronwyn "I've never been so proud of the people I work with and their commitment during this crisis."

During that time, the staff at KaiserAir not only kept their operation running safely while trying not to worry about their own homes in the path of the fires, but they also provided critical refueling services to the firefighting teams and aircraft desperately fighting the fires across the region. Without their dedication and safe service to that efforts, far more damage may be done by the fires.



Aviation Commission Meetings

Meetings are held at 8:00 a.m. in the Airport Manager's office at 2290 Airport Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are scheduled for October 18, November 15, and December 20, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact the main office at 707.565.7243 for details.

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Airport Dumpsters, Recycling & Oil Recycling

The Airport provides dumpsters, recycling bins and oil recycling for the use of Airport hangar and tiedown tenants for waste generated on the Airport. The Airport Manager's office has been receiving complaints that vehicles are entering from outside the Airport and dumping large amounts of trash from off the Airport and overflowing the dumpsters.

Per County Ordinance No. 6090, Sec. 3-4 General rules of conduct (e) No person shall place, dump or abandon any waste, refuse, personal belongings, or any other material anywhere on the Airport premises. Signs posted by the dumpsters also prohibit dumping of any items from outside the Airport. Violations of the Ordinance may result in an Administrative Penalty in the amount of \$100 for the first offense and \$500 for each additional offense.

Hangars for Rent

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gloria.cote@sonoma-county.org

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lori.schandel@sonoma-county.org

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Sun Country Airlines	Commercial Airline	Terminal	651.905.2737
United Airlines	Commercial Airline	Ticket Office	800.864.8331

Aeronautical

Barron Air Maintenance	Aircraft Maintenance	2290 Becker Blvd	707.284.9786
Helico Sonoma	Helicopter Instruction/Tours	5000 Flightline Drive	707.526.8949
J & R Electronics	Avionics	6000 Flightline Blvd	707.583.3973
KaiserAir/Santa Rosa Jet Center	Full Service FBO	2240 Airport Blvd	707.528.7400
North Coast Air	Rentals/Instruction/Tours	5000 Flightline Drive	707.542.8687
PropJet Aviation	Aircraft Maintenance	2282 Becker Blvd	707.284.9777
RAM Aviation	Rentals/Instruction/Tours	2240 Airport Blvd	707.479.5969
REACH Air Medical Services	Air Ambulance	451 Aviation Blvd #101	707.324.2400
Santa Rosa Hangar Assoc.	Aeronautical Operator	3742 Becker Blvd	707.775.2796
Sonoma Jet Center	Full Service FBO	6000 Flightline Drive	707.523.2800
Vine Jet	Aircraft Charter, Sales & Mgmt	7400 Flightline Drive	707.542.8001

Rental Car Agencies

Avis Rent a Car	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.571.0465
Budget Rent a Car	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.528.2195
Enterprise Rent a Car	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.570-3600
Hertz Corporation	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.528.0834
National Car Rental	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.570.3600
Sixt Rent a Car	Car Rental Agency	Terminal	707.595.3960

Service Organizations/Government

CAFE Foundation	Aeronautical Non-Profit	5800 Windsor Road	707.978.3919
Cal Fire	Govt Agency	2235 Airport Blvd	707.576.2586
Civil Air Patrol	US Air Force Auxillary	5 Air Museum Way	707.545.7488
Experimental Aircraft Assoc.	Aeronautical Association	5550 Windsor Road	707.539.5188
Federal Aviation Admin - Tower	Government Agency	2245 Airport Blvd	707.546.4294
Pacific Coast Air Museum	Aviation Museum	1 Air Museum Way	707.575.7900
Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines	Woman Pilots Organization	sr99s@sonic.net	

Parking

Republic Parking	Parking Lot Management	2200 Airport Blvd	707.583.5130
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Restaurant

Sky Lounge Restaurant	Restaurant	Terminal	707.542.9400
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