

THE STOCKTON FLYER

News from the Central Valley's convenient airport



Allegiant to Serve Phoenix Out of Stockton

Las Vegas-based airline, Allegiant Air, inaugurated service from Stockton Metropolitan Airport to McCarran International Airport (Las Vegas) June 16, 2006. During its first year of service, the leisure airline carried more than 41,000 customers to and from Las Vegas. According to Allegiant, since initiating service, the average fare paid by Stockton customers has decreased more than 30 percent.

Over the course of the year, Allegiant saw large success with its service between Stockton and Las Vegas, subsequently adding more flights to its original schedule. Further, due to its convenient location and hassle-free amenities, residents were anxious to see additional scheduled service out of Stockton Metro. As a result, Allegiant Air will begin new non-stop service from Stockton Metropolitan Airport (SCK) to Phoenix, Arizona via Phoenix-Mesa Airport (IWA) on October 26, 2007.

Flights will depart Stockton Metro on Mondays and Fridays at 9:05am and will arrive at Phoenix-Mesa at 11:55am. Flights leaving Phoenix-Mesa will depart at 7:40am arriving



in Stockton at 8:30am. Allegiant will be using MD-80 jet aircraft, which are quiet, fuel-efficient aircraft seating approximately 130 people. The aircraft feature Pratt & Whitney JT8D-200 engines and an aerodynamic design, allowing them to meet all current noise regulations.

Phoenix is a prime destination for both leisure and business. Overall, Arizona is the number 2 location for job growth, according to the blue chip job growth update. Further, high-tech, aerospace, and service industries comprise the



economic base with major employers such as Honeywell, Wells Fargo, and Target present in Phoenix, specifically. Those visiting Phoenix can indulge in world-class attractions: nearly 50 golf courses and country clubs, over 20 spas, extensive shopping, and dining for any taste. Phoenix is also home to popular sporting teams including the Arizona Cardinals, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Coyotes, Arizona Rattlers, Phoenix International Raceway, and the spring training home for the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics.



Allegiant will be offering \$59 one-way introductory fares through September 15, 2007 for travel through February 10, 2008. After the introductory fare period, regular one-way fares on the route start as low as \$79. Allegiant will also be partnering with more than 20 resorts in Arizona, with air/hotel packages available for as low as \$265 per person. To book your trip, visit www.allegiantair.com. ■

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Director's Message



The Summer of 2007 is making a strong bid to become one of the most exciting growth periods at Stockton Metro. Since June 2006, Allegiant Air has been providing non-stop jet service from Stockton to Las Vegas. The Las Vegas-based airline carried nearly 3,000 passengers in July and over 2,500 passengers in August; marking the top 2 most successful periods to date for the service. As you read in this issue's cover story, beginning October 26, Allegiant will be offering non-stop service to Phoenix-Mesa Airport. We expect this destination to be a popular choice for local residents and we anticipate continued success from the partnership with Allegiant.

With Bay Area hubs nearly at capacity, Valley residents will soon require additional air travel options in smaller markets like Stockton. The expansion of additional scheduled service has made travel directly out of Stockton more convenient. Stockton Metro prides itself on its reputation as the Valley's convenient airport. While we have been able to embrace recent growth, we anticipate a surge in demand, both from Valley and Bay Area residents. As a result, we expect the addition of other air carriers and destinations to be eminent. Keeping this in mind, Stockton Metro has incorporated future growth plans into its upcoming Master Plan effort.

I would also like to take a moment to welcome our new Deputy Airport Director, Steven Hicks, to the Stockton Metro team. To ensure everyone gets to know Steve, we have included a brief bio; be sure to check it out! This is an exciting time to be at Stockton Metro, and we're glad you're along for the ride! ■

SCK Welcomes Steven Hicks

The staff here at Stockton Metropolitan Airport is pleased to welcome its new Deputy Airport Director, Steven Hicks. Mr. Hicks received his B.S. in Business Management and a Masters in Business Administration in Aviation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. His experience encompasses airport operations/management at headquarters, regional, and field unit levels.

Mr. Hicks enjoyed a long career in the U.S. Air Force and was last stationed at Hickam AFB, Honolulu, Hawaii. Over the past 23 years, he has held positions at prominent hubs across the world, including Airport Manager at Vandenberg Air Base in Vandenberg, California and Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan.



Most recently, Mr. Hicks was Division Manager for the Pacific Region Airports, where he was responsible for providing headquarters guidance on airport management and operations issues for nine medium to large-hub DOD airports and numerous international/shared-use civil airports throughout the Pacific region. Mr. Hicks brings a wealth of knowledge, as well as a fresh perspective, to Stockton Metro and we welcome him to the family. ■

Venture Aviation Charter School to Open in August

Since we originally reported in our Spring 2004 issue, Venture Academy, a charter school sponsored by the San Joaquin County Office of Education, has been working towards establishing a new aviation campus near Stockton Metro. After much anticipation, the Aviation Academy opened its doors August 20.

The school is utilizing an integrated curriculum approach, combining traditional studies with aviation themes. Further, students will be exposed to both classroom lectures, as well as hands-on airfield experience.

Currently, enrollment is at capacity with 40 student spots filled. Due to high interest in this industry, competition was stiff and applicants were evaluated based on a written essay and interview. Only those students demonstrating the greatest interest in the program were admitted. Freshman and sophomore classes were filled for this year, but over the course of the next few years, the school will add two additional grade levels and maintain an enrollment of approximately 100 students across four classes.



The opening of the aviation campus is sure to further the expansion of occupational training in the San Joaquin Valley. There are over 60 career paths in the aviation industry and the Academy sees itself as a first-step training ground for career development. Venture Academy is open to any San Joaquin County student in grades K-12. Space is limited and enrollment for the Fall semester has already begun. For more information, call (209) 468-9530, or visit the Venture Academy website at www.ventureacademyca.org. ■



Congratulations Steve Young!

As many of you may already know, Stockton Metro will be losing one of its key players when Steve Young starts his retirement. With his departure coming up, we would like to utilize this space to formally congratulate and thank Mr. Young for his contributions and dedication to Stockton Metro, as well as the aviation industry as a whole.

Mr. Young has been with Stockton Metro for 27 years and boasts an impressive resume. His experiences encompass a wide range of activities, including aviation crime solving, crash site rescue, heading a computer badging program, and even coordinating President Bush's visit in 2006, as well as in 2002 when he was one of three people allowed on the ramp when Airforce One arrived. As a child, Mr. Young aspired to become a police officer or fireman; his experiences in aviation allowed him the opportunity to be both. As an Airport Operations Deputy, he learned about running an airport according to FAA and TSA standards. This position supplied him with the knowledge for updating Security, Certification, and Emergency Plan manuals. His experience and expertise has made him a valuable asset to Stockton Metro.



We thank Steve for his hard work at Stockton Metro and wish him good luck in all his future endeavors. ■



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Stockton Metropolitan Airport is strategically-located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. The airport possesses two main runways: a 4,458-foot long, 75-foot wide general aviation runway, and a 10,650-foot long, 150-foot wide primary ILS runway which is proudly one of the longest in the region.

The Airport offers the convenience of free parking and four carrier gates, with rental car and limousine services operating to and from the Airport.

Low landing fees, close proximity to Sacramento and the Bay Area, and easy access to Highway 99 and Interstate 5 make Stockton Metropolitan Airport a popular and convenient hub.

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