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Fueling

The County is one-year into the exclusive sale of unleaded fuel at RHV and E16. The change has affected fuel sales at the two airports differently. At RHV, a majority of flights are operated by flight schools that have converted their fleet to operating on UL94. In E16, there is a much smaller percentage of flight school aircraft purchasing fuel. As a result, between 2021 and 2022, the

County saw an approximate 14% reduction in avgas sales at RHV and an approximate 50% reduction in avgas sales at E16. Operations numbers remained relatively flat over this same time frame.



Last year, airport staff completed a rigorous training program and began selling Swift Fuels UL94 avgas directly from two new fuel trucks. We are developing a marketing campaign and working with other partners to get the word out on the availability of truck delivered fuel. If you are in need of UL94, don't hesitate to give us a call at **408-918-7712** between 0900-1700 daily. We are excited to expand this service to all who would like it.

We understand that many fuel customers wish to have the County "keep a card on file" but County policies do not allow this practice and the current credit card processing contract vendor for the county does not provide that service. Staff is working to get a Point-of-Sale system that we expect to have this option.

There continues to be much discussion about GAMI's G100UL, a 100 octane unleaded avgas for which the FAA recently approved STC's for all general aviation (GA) airplanes and piston engines. GAMI continues to work on the logistics of producing and distributing the fuel. They expect to sell the fuel through the four large avgas fuel suppliers in the United States. We are in frequent discussions with GAMI about their progress and currently expect for it to arrive in the fourth quarter of this year. In addition, we are working on the contracting process to ensure we are able to take the fuel as soon as it is made available to us.

For those of you that have already made the transition to UL94, we are happy to inform you that we intend to carry both variety of fuel for the

RSAT Meeting

Each year personnel from the RHV Air Traffic Control Tower hold a Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting where we discuss the past year's incidents and other safety related topics. You are welcomed and encouraged to attend this public meeting via Zoom. The meeting is scheduled for this Friday **April 14th** from **1330 to 1530**.

Login Information:

<https://faavideo.zoomgov.com>

- or -

888-924-3239

Meeting ID: 160 2424 3726

Password: RHV

On the telephone mute & unmute yourself by pressing *6.

foreseeable future. In fact, Swift Fuels, the manufacturer of UL94 is working on their own 100 octane unleaded fuel, which they believe will be available for sale towards the end of this year. When it is available, the County intends to offer it for sale in place of UL94 under our existing contract with Swift Fuels.

The County also understands that Jet Fuel is a concern for many airport users. Currently, jet fuel is available at RHV through an FBO. Due to the changes in the fueling business, the FBO has expressed an interest in transitioning out of the jet fuel business but has been waiting for the County to start jet fuel service first. The avgas business has been airport staffs primary focus, but now that the program is operational, staff is working on the steps necessary to procure a jet fuel truck to expand the fueling services we provide. As we develop this program and obtain the necessary equipment, we will let you know.

SWIFT -

www.swiftfuelsavgas.com

GAMI -

www.g100ul.com/

Airport Operations Supervisor

With the resignation of our Airport Operations Supervisor, Airport Operations Workers Jihad Elmashni, has been filling the position on a temporary basis. We will be completing a recruitment for the position in the near future. Jihad can be reached at Jihad@CountyAirports.org or 408-918-7700 x27707.



Airport Operations Staff Changes

With Jihad working as the Airport Operations Supervisor, we have two vacant Airport Operations Worker positions. While we were able to fill one vacancy last month, the candidate quit before starting. We have gone through the recruitment process a second time and have a new candidate that should start around the end of this month. We are looking forward to the additional help at both airports

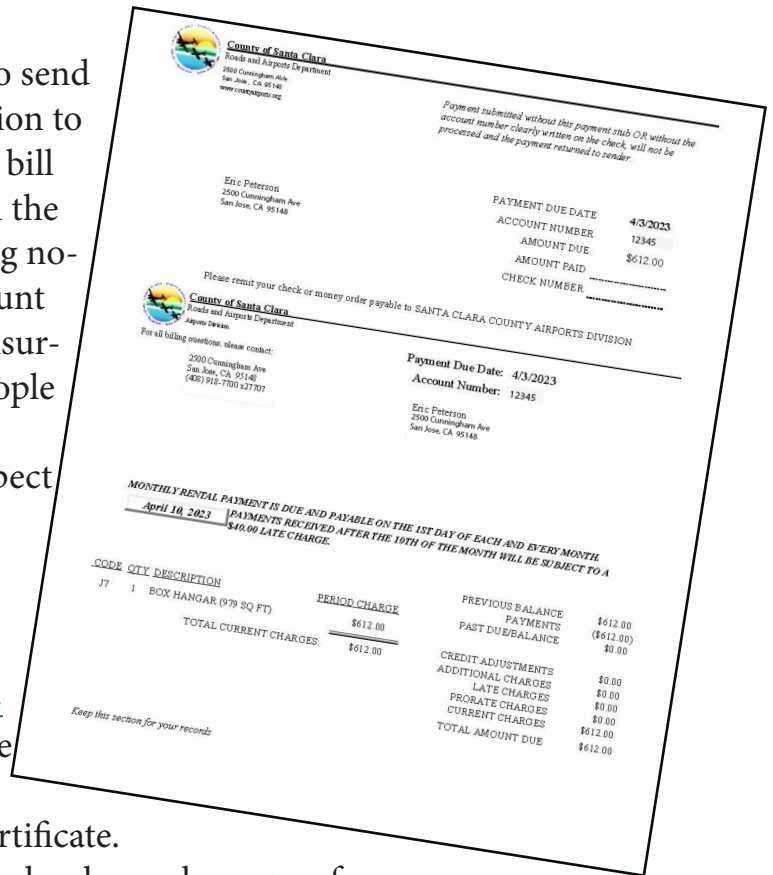
Business Manager

Many of you have already met Scott Riddle. He was hired last year to fill the new Business Manager position. In that role, Scott has spearheaded our efforts to get our fueling program operational while meeting all of the regulatory requirements. Scott's other primary responsibility lies in managing the various rental properties owned by the airports. He has a great deal of property management experience, which has been immensely helpful over the past several months.



Billing Notices

For the past two months, we have run a test to send the monthly billing notices via email in addition to sending them through the mail. The emailed bill has more detail than we are able to provide in the printed billing notice. Our last emailed billing notice included a list of all aircraft on your account and the expiration of their registration and insurance. It also included the names of all the people you have authorized airport access for and the expiration of their card keys. We expect these two additional data points will make it easier to recognize when the registration, insurance or card keys need to be updated. If you have insurance or an aircraft registration update to submit, please email them to Insurance@CountyAirports.org. You may also give the address to your insurance company and ask them to submit the required insurance certificate. To update your card key expiration, please send a clear color copy of your current driver license to KeyCard@CountyAirports.org.



We expect to transition to email only delivery of the monthly billing invoices beginning with the July notice. If you have not received the past emails, then it is likely we do not have your correct email address, or you need to **configure your spam filter to allow email from @rda.sccgov.org**. To facilitate communication we are able to maintain two email addresses for each tenant of record. One for billing purposes and second email for all other communication. This allows you to designate a person other than the tenant of record to receive the billing notice. It is important to note that we will only send the invoice to one email address. If you would like to update your email address with us, please come by the RHV office or send an email to Operations@CountyAirports.org. Make sure to include your name and account number on any correspondence.

Reid-Hillview Airfield Signage Replacement and Electrical Upgrades Project

Plans for the signage and markings upgrade at RHV have been preliminary reviewed by the FAA resulting in additional changes. The final plans have been generated and

will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their April 18th meeting for authorization to go out for bid. We currently expect to have

the project completed this calendar year.

The plans address several perceived safety issues for the FAA including wide paved

intersections, direct access routes from the parking ramp onto the runways, and congestion in the runup area. The project will result in significant changes to the runup areas and the renaming and layout of taxiway A and E. We will share more information on these changes in the near future.

Reid-Hillview Paving

Staff continues to make progress on a paving project to address the aircraft parking ramp at RHV. The project scope has been increased to include crack sealing the runways and taxiways. Engineers from the Roads & Airports Department have been designing this project. Unfortunately, all of the road damage from this past winter's weather has delayed completion of the project plans as the engineering team has had to focus on immediate road and bridge repairs. While we do not have a construction date for this project yet, we will keep you informed as the plans progress.

RHV FBO Property

In January 2022 the County took over operation and leasing of several commercial properties on the northeast corner of the airport. There are currently several vacant commercial spaces in this section of the airport including offices and hangars. The rental process for these spaces are different than the airports typical general aviation hangars, tie downs and parking ramp, which have established rates and charges as well as policies on how to rent them. There has been significant interest by several parties to lease the larger commercial hangars and the County is working on a leasing policy and competitive bid process to be able to fill the spaces. The policy will allow for a transparent and fair system for commercial related interested parties to compete for these vacant spaces.

If you have an aviation related commercial interest in these hangars, please reach out to Scott Riddle to get on the interest list. (Scott@CountyAirports.org)

You may have noticed that we have been moving aircraft out of these former commercial space. Those aircraft have been relocated to the south parking ramp in traditional tie down spaces that are in better condition and more efficient to maintain by county staff.

Mark Your Calendar

04/23/23 RHV SJSU Open House at RHV
05/13/23 Statewide DART exercise
05/20/23 RHV Young Eagles Event
05/20/23 E16 Young Eagles Event
06/17/23 RHV Young Eagles Event
07/15/23 RHV Young Eagles Event
09/16/23 RHV Young Eagles Event
09/23/23 RHV Open House
10/15/23 E16 Open House



Garbage

The dumpsters at our airports are intended for airport generated waste only. They are not for personal waste from home or work. When inappropriate items are left at the dumpsters, airport staff must spend valuable time and resource to clean it up. We have recently experienced some egregious abuse of the RHV dumpsters. To address this ongoing issue, we will be restricting access to the dumpsters. If you have garbage to dispose of, please come into the operations office between 0900-1700 where you can check out key to access the dumpsters. You will need to leave your driver license which will be returned to you when the key is returned.

Please only place recyclable material in the white recycling dumpster and flatten all boxes.

The following items may not be deposited in the dumpster but may be given to airport operations for disposal:

- * Used aircraft oil
- * Empty oil containers
- * Used oil filters
- * Aircraft batteries
- * Aircraft tires

New Email Addresses

Billing@CountyAirports.org use for any billing related questions.
Insurance@countyairports.org submit updated insurance or registration.
KeyCard@CountyAirports.org gate access issues and to submit updated driver license
Noise@CountyAirports.org submit a noise or unusual aircraft operation concern.
AirportOps@CountyAirports.org Any airport operational issues.