



COMMUNITY NEWS

KTRK Going Green

BY LAUREL LIPPERT



▲ Ops & Maintenance Supervisor Mike Ketron fueling an aircraft with one of the Airport's first loads of SAF.

(GHG) Inventory Plan and, in 2017, a GHG Management Plan, both prepared by First Environment, Inc. A GHG Reduction Plan followed in 2018 to direct the District in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and begin reduction measures with specific projects, called GHG Reduction Action Descriptions, and a goal of reducing certain emissions at least 50 percent by 2025.

"We concentrate on every piece of equipment, building, internal combustion engine, and light fixture that has a carbon footprint," says Smith. "We measure and inventory it, so we know how much it's emitting and what the source is. Then we take that inventory and build a reduction plan to replace those things."

The Airport District also has a role to play to mitigate some aircraft emissions, and Kevin Smith credits additional navigation and tower services that now lessen the need for pilots to circle over the airport burning

more fuel than is necessary. In another positive effort, the EPA and FAA are acting together to offset emissions including adopting the International Civil Aviation Organization's fuel-efficiency based standards, which regulate greenhouse gas emissions from airplane engines.

Hardy Bullock, Director of Aviation and Community Services, says, "Greenhouse gas reduction started when we bought the 1,462-acre Waddle Ranch in 2009 and thinned the forest, which helps prevent wildfires," noting that, in California, the biggest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and environmental degradation is wildfire.

Dave Hoffman, Director of Operations and Maintenance, with 19 years on the Airport staff, is proud of the efforts the Airport is making, including its first action of installing solar taxiway lighting and replacing incandescent lights with LEDs on all hangar rows.

"We have many pieces of equipment that are now in the cleaner burning tier than before, and we'll make sure everything we've got is clean-burning, including electric tugs and ramp-access vehicles," says Hoffman. "We're replacing all our on-airport internal combustion vehicles with electric ones, including battery-powered golf carts and e-bikes. The Airport is well out in front of all requirements that the California Air Resource Board is putting on businesses."

David Diamond, TTAD Board member, has been supportive of working with other local entities, including the Town, Fire

Districts, Tahoe Forest Hospital, and Truckee and North Tahoe PUDs, to create a partnership focused on solutions to prevent and or reduce greenhouse gases as a unified force.

"Greenhouse gases don't know political boundaries," he says. "If you're talking about cleaning up your yard, it's very simple because you know where your yard ends. When you're talking about greenhouse gases, it has to be regional, or it's pointless."

As a Board member, Diamond clarifies that "the Truckee Tahoe Airport is required to have some peripheral aviation connection to our expenditures," but it welcomes the opportunity to share with other agencies its commitment to working together to affect global climate change.

"Our Airport's strategy is putting long-term considerate and meaningful force behind this greenhouse gas initiative and systemically working to change it," says Hardy Bullock. Also serving as Nevada County Supervisor, he adds another perspective. "Nevada County is making partnerships with the Airport and the Town of Truckee, so we can make sure that we're aligned, focusing on biomass, forestry and building standards. When people see that we're recycling, and trying to reduce energy use and wildfires, and greenhouse gas, it lets everybody know that we, as an airport, care about them and our community."

Find a link to the GHG Inventory, Management and Reduction Plans on the Truckee Tahoe Airport website under Environment: truckee-tahoe-airport.com/environment/green-house-gas-reduction.

The Airport is asking air travelers to Truckee to participate in The Good Traveler Program, which is a way to reduce the impact of your flight to KTRK with carbon offsets: TheGoodTraveler.org.

ACT NOW!

Join the Airport Community Team

We are looking at a new way to engage with our community. Your're invited to participate! The Airport Community Team (ACT) is a monthly virtual public forum established to discuss items of public interest and provide information about the Truckee Tahoe Airport. ACT is meant to be a free flow of ideas and information between the District, Airport users, and the general public.

Information from ACT forums will be reported to the Board of Directors. ACT meets via Zoom on the second Wednesday of the month from 6 – 7:30 p.m. To sign up, see meeting topics, and for general information, please visit: www.truckee-tahoe-airport.com/administration/act

KTRK Going Green with SAF

The Truckee Tahoe Airport is the first general aviation airport in the region to make sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) available for jet, turbine and diesel-powered aircraft, significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions and aligning with the Airport's sustainability goals.

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Your Truckee Tahoe Air Show & Family Festival is Back!

BY MICHAEL KENNEDY

You'll see jets blazing overhead and aircraft performing mesmerizing aerial stunts with power and grace when your Truckee Tahoe Air Show & Family Festival (AS&FF) soars back into town on Saturday, September 11, 2021, "A Day of Remembrance," with an exhilarating and engaging show. Unlike most air shows, this one is free to the public as a benefit to Truckee/North Tahoe Communities from the Truckee Tahoe Airport District - Free Admission, Free Parking.

Giving Back

The Truckee Tahoe AS&FF offers the three main nonprofit organizations that produce the event a unique opportunity to raise money to give back to local youth. All sponsorship dollars and money earned from vendor booths, VIP Hospitality Tent ticket sales, and the sale of miscellaneous items benefit Truckee/North Tahoe youth.

This Year's Highlight

The United States Air Force's first female F-35 Demo Team pilot and commander, Maj. Kristin "BEO" Wolfe, will perform in the F-35 Lightning II, demonstrating the Air Force's most advanced multi-role stealth-fighter's aerial capabilities at 12:30 p.m., between the two scheduled air show performances – one in the morning and then

another in the afternoon. Each F-35 Demo Team member was handpicked for their performance, professionalism, and are among the best in their respective career fields. They come to Truckee dedicated to strengthening and growing public trust and confidence in the U.S. Air Force, as well as inspiring and recruiting America's best to join the service.

Featured Performers

This year's aerial performers rank among the best in the world. They include Jerod Flohr with his Douglas TA-4 Skyhawk, Canadian Anna Serbinenko, aka Sky Dancer, with her Super Decathlon, and Bob Freeman with his Extra 330C, a converted Red Bull Racer aircraft. And, if they don't make your pulse race, Erickson Aircraft Collection's four vintage WWII/Korean fighters certainly will.

Fun Things to Do

When your attention isn't riveted on aircraft soaring in the sky, visit the STEM Expo, Family

Festival, food vendors, static military and civilian aircraft displays, numerous vendor booths and more. Listen to WWII Triple Ace fighter pilot Col. "Bud" Anderson give a free speaker presentation. For a nominal fee, upgrade to a seat in the VIP Hospitality Tent. Also, there will be free flights for kids ages 8-17 happening on Sunday, September 12 hosted by the EAA Young Eagle's pilot volunteers.

Volunteers Make the Difference

Three main nonprofit organizations produce this wildly popular event. The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) local Truckee Chapter 1073, Truckee's KidZone Museum, and the Truckee Optimist Club. "Volunteers in these and other nonprofits spend hundreds of hours preparing year-round for this one-day event which benefits Truckee/

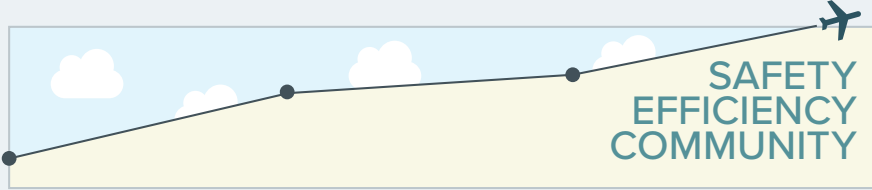


▲ U.S. Air Force's 1st female Demo Team Pilot, Maj Wolfe. Photo: Staff Sgt Codie Trimble.

North Tahoe youth," says Tim LoDolce, Air Show Executive Director and president of EAA 1073. "Without the financial support of the Airport District, this event could never happen. It is in large part a giveback to the community and the people it serves."

For more information, visit www.TruckeeTahoeAirShow.com.

THE BUSINESS OF THE AIRPORT IS YOUR BUSINESS



Art at the Airport

Walk into the Truckee Tahoe Airport's main terminal building, and you'll immediately notice the captivating, eclectic and inspiring artwork hanging on its walls. "Art At The Airport" is a program developed by artist and Truckee resident Carole Sesko to showcase amazing local artistic talent. The current show runs through July 19, 2021 and includes works by Troy Corliss, Hope Sabrina Huber, Eva S. Nichols and Carole Sesko. For more info, visit: truckeeairport.com/guide/art-at-the-airport.

Firefighting Helicopter Team Based at KTRK

Did you know that for over 10 years now, during every firefighting season, the U.S. For-

est Service has based a fire helitack team at your Truckee Tahoe Airport. The Airport District donates the use of its facilities and supports all wildfire fighting operations. You may often see helicopters flying overhead during fire season, with water buckets hanging, fighting regional wildfires.

Busy Summer Season Forecast at KTRK

The Truckee Tahoe Airport District is anticipating another busy summer in our region. Airport staff is prepared for the increased traffic volume and works constantly at mitigating aircraft noise and annoyance. We do this via our robust pilot outreach programs, the Air Traffic Control Tower, the new ADS-B flight tracking system,

voluntary curfew incentives, developing new flight procedures, and more.

Of the approximately 40,000 flight operations a year at KTRK (the FAA defines a landing as one flight operation and the takeoff of that same plane as a second flight operation), two-thirds of those flight operations occur from June – September.

The Airport District's website includes information for residents about noise reduction efforts and what homeowners can do to report noise and annoyance. Please visit: truckeeairport.com, and/or to file an Annoyance Comment, please visit: www.planenoise.com/ktrk.

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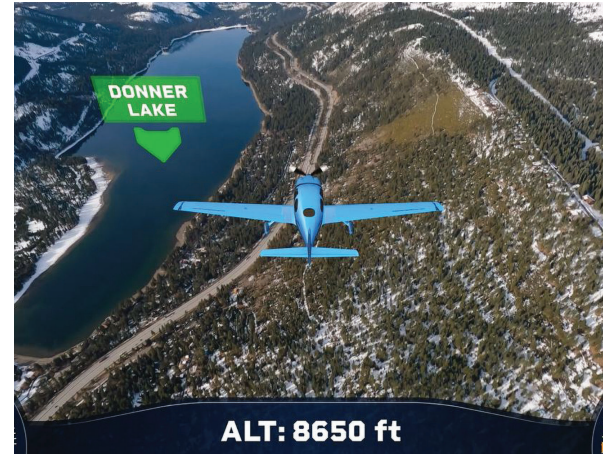
FLIGHT PROCEDURES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LAUNCHING THIS SUMMER

The Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) will soon propose new draft flight procedures that seek to maximize pilot safety and efficiency while reducing impacts on our Truckee Tahoe community.

Flight procedures are Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified detailed instructions for an aircraft during specific parts of a flight. The FAA uses flight procedures to guide an airplane's approximate position and altitude as it travels over the ground during both arrival and departure. Although the FAA has final say over all flight activity in the air, TTAD is proposing procedures that are intended to lessen concentrated areas of aircraft noise, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and redirect planes over less-populated areas whenever possible.

TTAD has developed a comprehensive project website to provide details about the draft flight procedure development process. Background reports, video renderings of the procedures, a project timeline, and much more, can be found at flightpaths.truckeeairport.com.

Most importantly, we want your feedback. Later in the process, TTAD will host open houses



▲ Depiction of an aircraft following the proposed procedure.

that explain the draft procedures, but, in the meantime, please visit the project website to understand the procedure requirements, review the flight procedures, and submit any comments via the website or phone. The Truckee Tahoe Airport Board also welcomes public comment regarding the draft flight procedures during its regular Board meetings.

The entire flight procedure development process is expected to take between 18 and 36 months, and TTAD staff intends to keep you informed every step of the way.

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Cleaning Up East Martis Creek

When you spend time hiking and biking in the Truckee Tahoe area, you will certainly cross plenty of dirt roads. Many help us access backcountry areas for recreation, fire safety management, or planned logging. Others are just left over from past uses, and they are causing problems.

This summer the Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC)—a Truckee-based nonprofit known for successfully restoring meadows, creeks and forests—is partnering with the Truckee Tahoe Airport District to restore an area above Lake Ella in Waddle Ranch damaged by an abandoned logging road. Additional partners include Sierra Pacific Industries and the Truckee Donner Land Trust.

This abandoned road was poorly built, trapping spring snowmelt in the road instead of letting the water follow a natural ephemeral stream dispersed through the forest. The road is heavily eroded and no longer drivable. The restoration will remove the road and an adjacent drainage ditch, redirect water back into the forest and slow the flows, and allow the water to infiltrate.

The restoration project will improve 700 linear feet of natural drainage, reduce erosion and sediment to Lake Ella, enhance wildlife habitat, support native vegetation, and reverse the degradation process.

The project is scheduled to run June through July 2021. During construction, heavy machinery will be working in the area. Please use caution and respect all signage.

Thank you to the funders making this work possible – the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, the Martis Fund, and donors to the Truckee River Watershed Council.

Over the last 25 years, TRWC completed many large-scale meadow and forest health restoration projects to improve water supply, water quality, and habitat for fish and wildlife. To learn more about TRWC, their projects and other work, go to www.truckeeriverwc.org.



▲ An abandoned logging road with significant erosion.

TRK HELPING BRING FLIGHTS TO RNO

Did you know that your Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) advocates for you, even if you don't directly use the Truckee Tahoe Airport, by promoting additional and less expensive air service routes to and from Reno-Tahoe International Airport. TTAD has a seat on the Regional Air Service Corporation (RASC) Board of Directors and sponsors \$40,000 per year as a contributing member.

The Regional Air Service Corporation is a 501(c)(6), incorporated in the state of Nevada in February 2015. However, it was originally formed as the Regional Marketing Committee in 2001 to support the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) in efforts to maintain and grow air service, and to promote the Reno-Tahoe area as a year-round travel destination. The purpose of the corporation is to bring together public and private organizations with marketing dollars and expertise with the goals of positioning the Reno-Sparks-Lake Tahoe region as one destination, to identify national and international markets, to increase air service to and from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, and to target tourism and business industry goals for cooperative action.

The work to increase and promote air service at RNO cannot be done without the organization's generous partners like the Truckee Tahoe Airport District.

To check on some of the most recent RTAA Flight Deals, visit: flyrenotahoe.org/flight-deals. For more information, visit: www.flyrenotahoe.org/about-us, or www.renoairport.com.

SKYDIVE INTO SUMMER

What better way to enjoy the beauty that Tahoe has to offer than to experience the spectacular views of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada from the skies above Truckee. Join Skydive Truckee Tahoe where a highly experienced and professional team based at KTRK is sure to make this one of the most memorable moments of your life! Skydiving is their passion, and safety is the top priority. Groups of any size are welcome. Call 1-888 I CAN JUMP or visit skydivetruckee.com.



▲ A stunning view of Tahoe with Skydive Truckee.

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EXPLORING A WORLD OF TASTES ON THE RUNWAY AT RED TRUCK CAFE



You might imagine that an accomplished chef would be totally consumed by food planning and preparation. But then there's Larry Abney, owner and head chef of Red Truck Cafe at Truckee Tahoe Airport. At age 47, Larry finds his inspiration for creating delicious, unique dishes while skiing, rock climbing, mountain biking, motorcycle riding, and exploring the world.

His idea for Red Truck began 11 years ago when he joined the very new food truck trend. Two years later, in 2012, when Larry's Red Truck was well-known in Tahoe, he was offered a chance to

open his own cafe at the airport and jumped on board.

Raised in Sheridan, Wyoming, Larry credits his mother for stirring his dreams of cooking as a profession. "My mom was a great cook, and I was always in the kitchen trying to help or eat!" That, and his grandparents' garden, enhanced Larry's appreciation for making and sharing good food. "I know what a garden smells like and what a tomato tastes like when you pick it," he says.

After two years at Montana State University, he worked on a cattle ranch near home. Rounding up cattle and helping with chores, Larry was impressed by the great sense of community. During that time, he also discovered a small Italian bistro in Sheridan where he got the first restaurant job that changed the course of his life.

At age 21, Larry attended the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont, a top culinary school. He and two other top students represented the school in a cooking contest

on the Food Network. By then, Larry knew he wanted to be a chef. After culinary school, he apprenticed in Washington, D.C., under well-known chef Yannick Cam. "It was a high-end French restaurant, extremely fast-paced with zero room for putting out food that wasn't perfect. I was able to learn so much from him, but the lessons came with a ton of hard work and a bit of yelling," he says.

From there, Larry headed to Tahoe to ski and to work under Douglas Dale, owner of Wolfedale's in Tahoe City. Later, he was drawn to Las Vegas, working at the Eiffel Tower restaurant and exploring all of the rock climbing that nearby Red Rocks offered.

In 2002, after a short stint working at restaurants and skiing in Aspen, Colorado, Larry's friend Billy McCullough called him to say he was opening Dragonfly and asked him to return to Truckee to help with his new Asian-flair restaurant, which Larry eagerly agreed to do.

An appetite for the varied world of food tastes has led Larry to take trips abroad, often motorcycling through Italy, France, the Pyrenees, Portugal, Spain, Germany and Thailand. "On every trip, I get really excited about the food, and it always makes it into my house," he says.

Larry's goal is clear. "I want to keep making Red Truck better and focus on that," he says. His high standards include using local food sources such as Tahoe Food Hub, Hole-in-One Ranch and the Truckee farmer's market. "Local and sustainable food is so important," he says. "It's how we all have to live if we want to survive on this earth."

He is grateful for Red Truck's airport setting, now more than ever, where his appreciative clientele come to enjoy Martis Valley, eat good food, watch kids at the playground, and see airplanes take off and land. "The beauty here is unmatched," he says, "as is the welcoming attitude of the airport."

Besides cooking for Airport customers and catering for businesses and gatherings, Larry has one more goal and that is "to hit the darn golf ball straight." Unlike with food, he doesn't keep score (yet), but says, "Driving around in a golf cart, chasing a stupid white ball is kind of fun."

Whether in the kitchen, on the slopes, a mountain bike or golf course, Larry will always return to Truckee. "This town is home for sure." For more information, visit redtruckcafe.com.

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