



**MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2016  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Michael Cooke, Manager of Aviation and Community Services  
**SUBJECT:** July 2016 Comments Report & Outreach Memo

This report summarizes community annoyance comments and outreach efforts for July 2016. While the comment information and track data are accurate, operations numbers are preliminary. Full analysis of operations numbers is done for the quarterly and year-end report.

**Operations and Weather:**

High pressure, warm and dry conditions with typical winds shaped July’s flying weather. With schools out and pleasant summer temps, the Truckee Tahoe area received throngs of visitors. While the final numbers will be further reviewed for the quarterly report, initial observations show a 21% rise inclusive of glider activity. As mentioned in the Q2 2016 report, the fact that the Independence Day holiday travel spanned June and July, these numbers will be better compared year on year at the end of Q3.

**Community Annoyance Comments Summary:**

141 comments were received from 49 households in July. 5 households were first-time commenters. An uptick would be expected given the overall growth in operations, however additional community awareness of the Airport District did and will play a role in the comments totals. There were multiple media campaigns to solicit community participation in 6 neighborhood outreach meetings; 3 occurred in July. Comments by aircraft type and residential zone for July were as follows:

						Olympic		Sierra	Tahoe	
	Alder	Downtown	Glenshire	Martis	Northstar	Heights	Prosser	Meadows	Donner	Total
Helo				1				1		2
Jet	13		9	3	23	6	11	1	8	73
Military	1			3					4	8
Piston			4	2	4	14	2	2	1	28
Turboprop	1	1	3		9	9	1			26
Unknown	1		1						2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>141</b>

Of the 5 new commenters, Northstar and Glenshire gained 2 each, and Martis Valley Estates added 1. Northstar had the most comments for the month at 36, with 28 comments coming from one household. 4 households made 10 or more comments, while 40 made 2 or less.

**Comments by Type, Operation, Runway and Day:**

Jet aircraft received the most comments by a large margin with most of the remainder going to piston and turboprop aircraft respectively. 73 comments were associated to jet activity. Operations by Military aircraft generated 8 comments for the month which stemmed from area overflights, airshow participation, and Independence Day festivities. 4 comments were specific to a fighter jet departure after the Airshow and 1 comment correlated to an EAA event the following day.

Frequency of operations was mentioned as a contributing factor or sole source of disturbance in at least 30 comments. 110 Comments were based on operations associated to Runway 29. Departures generated 82 calls. Fridays garnered the highest daily call volumes for July. Touch and Go operations generated 4 calls. 21 aircraft generated 2 or more comments. Skydiving activity generated 4 comments and much conversation at the Glenshire Clubhouse meeting.

**Night Operations:**

There were 45 aircraft movements between 10 PM and 7 AM in July excluding the local EMS helicopter. 1 fixed-wing EMS jet departure at 5:20 AM generated 2 comments. 3 comments referenced operations during curfew. Staff is working on outreach to all non-incentivized operators at this time.

Hourly Operations 10 PM - 7 AM July 2016				
10 PM	11 PM	4 AM	5 AM	6 AM
4	2	1	3	35*
29 operations after 6:30 AM				

**Outreach Summary:**

Commenters received return correspondence for their comments. 1 commenter was informed staff will not be responding to each call based on the high volume and type of comments sent until all commenters for the month could receive a similar level of response from the District. The General Manager also reached out to this commenter to discuss their concern and future options. Staff made itself available via outreach meetings, office visits, email, and phone to the commenting public.

33 comments were associated with non-compliant operations. 53 operations received formal outreach as result of comments. Staff initiated more outreach events based on live observations and ramp outreach efforts.

Preliminary Ops/Comments for July 2016 (excludes row for 12 comments in Military & Unknown Types):

Type	Total	% of Total	Comments	Ops/Comment
HELICOPTER	140	3%	2	70
JET	715	17%	73	10
PISTON	2428	57%	28	87
TURBOPROP	951	22%	26	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4234</b>		<b>141</b>	<b>30</b>

July 2016 track images with synopsis follow.