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Airport Community Team Meetings

ACT Meeting Summary Report

Topic:	Aircraft Flight Operations Anticipated for Summer 2022
Video Link:	https://vimeo.com/709726644
Date:	May 11, 2022

Attendance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 ACT Members• 5 Staff• 2 Board Member

Total Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 107 ACT Members

Summary

Mr. Robb Etnyre welcomed everyone, introduced himself as the Interim General Manager and gave a summary of his background before introducing Mr. Hardy Bullock, Director of Aviation. Mr. Bullock welcomed the ACT group and thanked those that attended the virtual Master Plan Workshop on May 3. He also announced the evening's topic and presented David Van Quest, who led a review of Aircraft Operations during the peak summer months which runs from approximately June 15 – September 20, when we typically see over 50% of our annual air traffic.

Mr. David Van Quest, Aviation and Community Services Coordinator discussed the variety of eclectic aircraft that use the airport which includes small single engine piston aircraft, twin engine piston and turbo props, business jets, helicopters (Care Flight and fire-fighting helicopters), gliders and even hot air balloons. Single engine pistons are the majority aircraft, with most flights being hangar tenants and or student pilots taking lessons. During peak summertime months we can reach up to 5000-6000 operations with a large amount of traffic coming from the Bay Area, some from southern and central California and from all over the country. Our air traffic control tower helps to manage aircraft arriving and departing at TRK.

Mr. Van Quest explained the difference between Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). Visual flight rule means a pilot navigates by what is seen outside the window using landmarks. An aircraft flying under VFR regulations has to stay under a specific altitude and must have a certain number of miles of visibility to fly which is based on the airspace in which they are flying. Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) requires pilots to have a higher certification. IFR pilots are able to fly in the clouds above 14,000' msl and must follow

prescribed routes the FAA has developed. Air Traffic Control will monitor the flight the entire way. In Truckee we estimate 35% of pilots are IFR certified. IFR procedures are limited at Truckee to three departure procedures and two arrival procedures. The airport is working on developing more procedures. It is important to note the Truckee Airport gets busier as tourism increases during certain times of the year. We are not allowed to shut down the airport, limit the number of operations, or close the airport at night, however we do try and influence pilots and their flight operations to only fly between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm.

Mr. David Van Quest encouraged ACT participants to report noise through the website, providing as much information as possible. Based on the information provided, he looks at the flight track and listens to the air traffic control communications to get a picture of what happened. If there was a deviation from our requested noise abatement flight procedures that generated the noise or annoyance comment, he will then reach out to the pilot with this information. A report listing noise comments and subsequent pilot outreach is put together for the Board of Directors to review at their regular monthly meetings.

Student pilots are required to do night training per the FAA, for a minimum combined total of three hours of flight time, which must occur at least one hour past sunset. We therefore will occasionally see these types of nighttime flight operations. Hardy Bullock pointed out other aircraft that fly at night that are out of our control include EMS, police and fire fighting operations that typically fly direct to a scene and potentially over neighborhoods. During the summertime we have many itinerant flight operations where the pilot may not be as familiar with our flight procedures and voluntary night curfew, so we conduct outreach on a continual basis to educate them prior to them flying in. In any given day there could be 6000 flights occurring simultaneously in the national air space. Oakland Center covers air traffic for about 25% of the globe's traffic. Mr. Bullock also mentioned David Van Quest will be coordinating Pilot Group meetings over the next few weeks. If pilots have a request for a topic or a speaker, please email David or Hardy to get the topic on the agenda.

Upcoming Events at the airport:

- ✓ EAA has a Young Eagles program the second Saturday of each month giving free flights to kids.
- ✓ Truckee Dirt Fondo Bike Race is on Saturday June 11, 2022.
- ✓ Truckee Airshow and Family Festival is on Saturday July 23, 2022.

Member Comments and Questions – (See Video Link for Detailed Responses)

- Why is there so much variation in aircraft's altitude during departures?
- Is the airport planning to reinstate the pilot outreach program and go to different airports to inform pilots on our airport and flight procedures?
- Do you have any insight on military or firefighting operation?
- How can I get better at complaining without over burdening the staff?
- Can we have a session on CLUP?
- How can I go back and watch parts of the meeting I missed?

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Scheduled Future Meetings Topics

- June 8, 2022, ACT Meeting topic: Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan



Bike Rack – Topics Racked for Future Meetings

- Cost Allocation Study
- Airport Properties and Open Space Lands

