

Aviation & Community Services Report

April, 2025

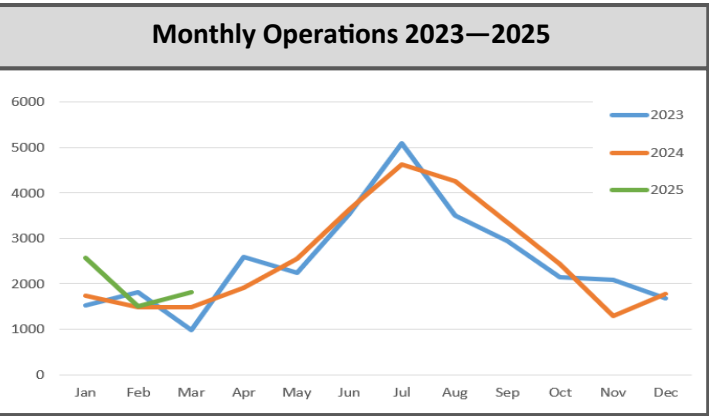
Director of Aviation

March was a typical shoulder month, with lower overall operations.

Progress continues on STEAM engagement efforts. The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will host a Cadet Competition at the airport on April 26. We also met again with Nevada County officials regarding Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and are in the process of scheduling a meeting with a high school that has successfully implemented the AOPA aviation curriculum for the past eight years.

Additionally, our overnight hangar reservation system will be featured in *Airport Improvement Magazine* next month. We’ve also been in discussions with another airport that is considering adopting the system.

Operations



March operations were up from last year. A couple of low pressures systems brought some moisture which resulted in 3.5 days of airfield snow removal and closed runways.

March Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	Change From 2023	Change From 2024
Helicopter	41	127	70	71%	-45%
Jet	98	233	242	147%	4%
Piston	624	719	1,132	81%	57%
Turboprop	216	377	378	75%	0%
Total	979	1,456	1,822	86%	34%

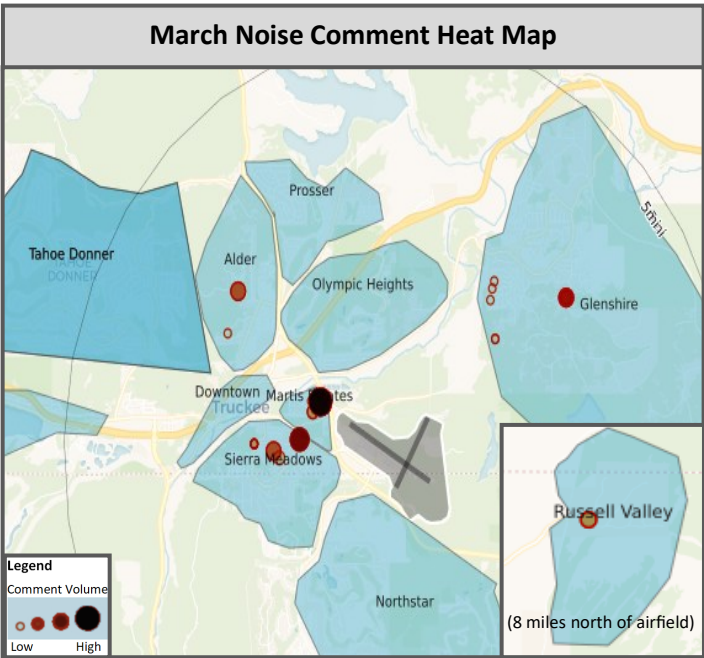
Fly Quiet

Twenty one households reported aircraft annoyance in March with 40 comments; ME1 had 8 of all comments and all other households averaged 2 comments each, 1 new household called. 4 operations occurred during quiet hours; 4 were successful Shoulder Hour operation, one comment was generated.

March Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	2024 Ops. per Comment	2025 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	0	1	NA	70
Jet	4	10	14	23	17
Piston	25	18	17	40	67
Turboprop	9	5	8	75	47
Total	38	33	40	41	46

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Community Outreach

TRK’s social media presence has seen increased interactions recently with thousands of views and dozens of comments and shares.

A school group and their parents representing GM Heritage visited the airport for a field trip April 11. The students learned about how winds affect aircraft, took a walk up to the Dispatch office and got a show-and-tell of our heavy snow-removal equipment as well as an aircraft by a local pilot.

Airport staff met with STEAM partners April 16 to discuss community needs and share the new STEAM calendar added to the ‘Giving Back’ page of our website. The meeting also showcased a potential temporary STEAM building to potentially install in the summer of 2025.

Fly Safe

March 27 marked another great presentation of the Fly Safe Seminar Series. Local CFI, MD and wilderness medicine and survival expert Howard Donner gave a talk about rescue communication devices and strategies to increase the odds of survival in the event of an off-airport landing or unexpected night out in the wilderness. 50 pilots attended in-person with another 24 on-line with 74 total attendees. Local Search & Rescue personnel also attended the event.

The next event is Thursday, April 24 when retired USAF Colonel Jeff Brown will showcase his “That Looks About Right” (TLAR) app. TLAR can help pilots calculate aircraft performance and gives real-time guidance in the event of the loss of an engine on takeoff to help evaluate the “impossible turn.”

Hangars and Wait List

Spring and summer will see several initiatives underway related to hangar management. These include hangar inspections and new hangars being brought into the revitalization program. Additionally, District staff will be communicating directly with tenants regarding flight requirements and required use of the hangar by registered aircraft in the lease agreement. Staff expects to continue to place individuals from the wait list as hangars turnover or availability opens.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	37	2
Large-T (48’ door)	11	8	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	23	2
Regular-T	129	36	1
Total	227	103	5