

Aviation & Community Services Report

July, 2025

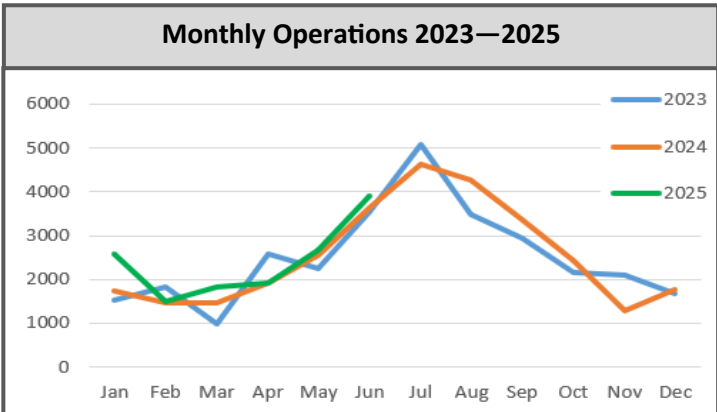
Director of Aviation

Our new Noise Community Outreach technician started this month and has now been on the job for the past 2 weeks. She is a local area pilot about to earn her Commercial license and already well versed on KTRK’s noise abatement program.

Coordination on the STEAM facility continues with no significant obstacles at this time.

Attached to this AVCOM report is a roll-up of our social media engagement from Jan 1 2025 through June 2025. We’ve seen an increase in followers and great engagement of video reels over this period with greater impact to our messaging.

Operations



June operations were up 7% from last year with an increase of Helicopters, and Pistons. Glider counts were similar to the past two years.

June Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	Change From 2023	Change From 2024
Helicopter	107	106	143	34%	35%
Jet	430	511	468	9%	-8%
Piston	1,904	1,936	2,270	19%	17%
Turboprop	516	533	475	-8%	-11%
Gliders	594	545	539	-9%	-1%
Total	3,551	3,631	3,895	10%	7%

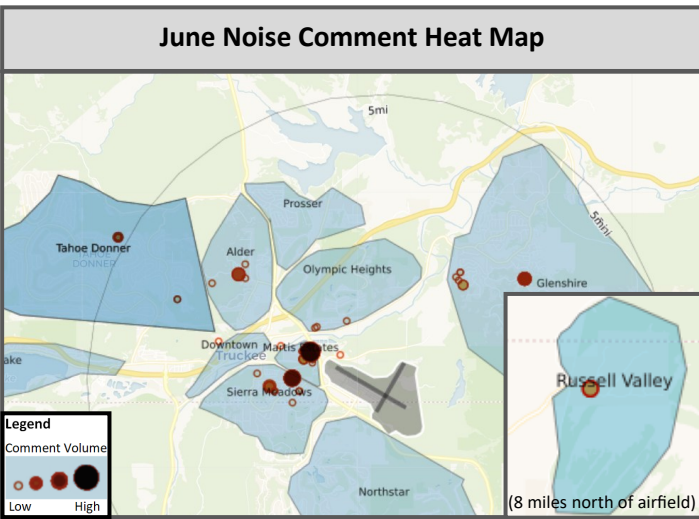


Fly Quiet

In June, thirty-one households submitted a total of 54 noise comments. Majority of comments came from Sierra Meadows, accounting for 19 comments. Followed by Glenshire with 11, and Martis Valley Estates with 12. More than half of the complaints were regarding propeller aircraft arriving and departing on runway 29. Jets made up the other half of which the majority of those being runway 29 departures.

Thirty-three aircraft operations occurred during quiet hours. Of those 24 occurred between 6AM – 7AM. This is 16 less quiet hour operations than in June 2024.

June Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	2024 Ops. per Comment	2025 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	1	2	2	53	72
Jet	31	36	20	14	23
Piston	30	34	26	57	87
Turboprop	17	5	2	107	238
Total	80	78	52	47	75



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Fly Safe

On Wednesday, July 16 the Fly Safe seminar featured a talk about what pilots need to know to safely fly into Burning Man. Presented by local pilot and Black Rock City Municipal Airport Flight Operations Assistant Manager, James Cavuoto or “Lone Wolf” as he’s known on the playa, this event earned participating pilots FAA WINGS credit. The seminar also included a Burning Man Aviator costume contest with a prize of two hours with a local CFI to promote the continuing education of our local pilots.

Next month, Truckee ATC Manager Larry Finney will host the annual meeting of the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT). This gathering helps identify trends and mitigate incidents on the runways and taxiways.



STEAM

Airport staff met with our construction consultant and STEAM temporary office sales rep to discuss details of installing the facility to include permits and FAA notification. Our airport planner from Mead & Hunt will make necessary coordination with the FAA.

Another Mission to Mars was completed last month and 2 more programs are scheduled for the remainder of the summer.

Hangars and Wait List

Hangar inspections and usage notifications are scheduled to begin later this summer. As individuals move from the wait list into available hangars, staff is encouraging new tenants to participate in the “VRBO” overnight program, which supports efficient use of available space. Staff has seen a growing interest in both hangar wait lists since they reopened to new applications earlier this year.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	33	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	5	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	21	0
Regular-T	129	35	1
Total	227	94	1

Community Outreach

The “KTRK Monthly Briefing” newsletter went out July 1 to over 2,300 emails addresses. The main headlines were about wildfire readiness and how TRK is host to two firefighting helicopters contracted by CAL FIRE and the US Forest Service. The newsletter also promoted our monthly meetings and a writeup on the recent awards our Air Traffic Control Tower received.

On Tuesday, July 15 TRK staff held a meeting with several local helicopter pilots and the ATC Tower Manager to discuss noise-friendly procedures and routes that balance safety and community impact.