

Aviation & Community Services Report

August 27, 2025

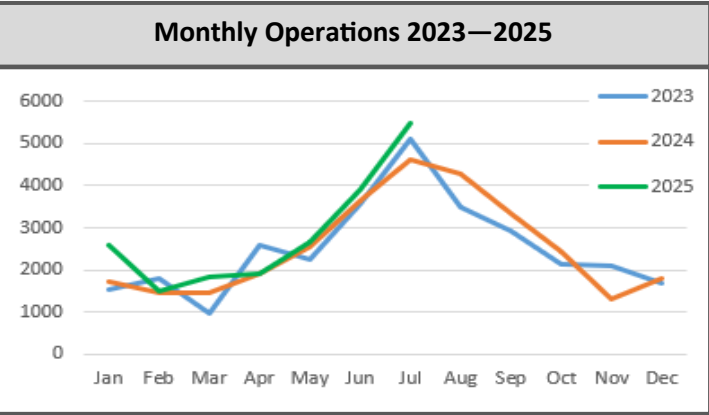
Director of Aviation

We are excited to welcome Larry Finney as our new Safety, Security, Community Outreach Manager. Larry brings a wealth of career aviation expertise to the District as an FAA controller, aviator, and contractor.

Operations were up slightly year over year, this is likely due to 4th of July falling on a Friday and a record bull stock market.

We continue making progress on implementing the District’s updated hangar usage requirements and are engaging with tenants who appear to be out of compliance with policies adopted last Dec.

Operations



With 4th of July falling on Friday this year, the airport experienced a 12% increase in number of operations during this week compared to 2024.

July Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	Change From 2023	Change From 2024
Helicopter	158	264	192	22%	-27%
Jet	808	834	1,067	32%	28%
Piston	2,175	1,749	2,493	15%	43%
Turboprop	834	855	756	-9%	-12%
Gliders	1,111	918	956	-14%	4%
Total	5,086	4,620	5,464	7%	18%



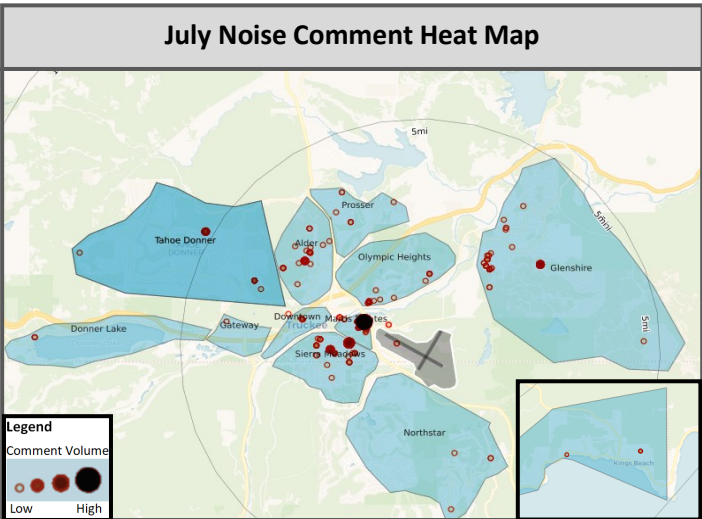
Fly Quiet

In July, 34 households (3 new) submitted 101 noise comments. The majority (76%) came from Martis Valley Estates, Sierra Meadows, and Tahoe Donner. More than half of all comments were related to jet operations, including 59 jet-specific comments, of which 39 involved Runway 29 departures; typical of a July month.

There were 49 operations during designated quiet hours in July (compared to 39 in 2024). Of these, 37 followed the published shoulder-hour protocol (15 in 2024), with 11 generating noise comments.

Overall, operations increased by 18% compared to 2024, while noise comments rose by only 10%.

July Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	2024 Ops. per Comment	2025 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	0	3	N/A	64
Jet	31	61	59	14	18
Piston	45	22	29	80	86
Turboprop	13	9	10	95	76
Total	89	92	101	46	50



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Fly Safe

This month’s Fly Safe Seminar featured the annual Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meeting where we discussed risk factors that affect our movement areas. The event, led by former TRK Air Traffic Manager, and now TTAD Safety, Security & Community Engagement Manager Larry Finney, reviewed recent safety events, identified hot-spots, and hazards on our ramps, runways and taxiways. 52 pilots attended.

Next month’s Fly Safe Seminar will feature a talk on backcountry flying by special guest Juan Brown of the YouTube channel Blancolirio. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30pm. As always, these events will be live, in-person and simultaneously broadcast via Zoom ,and the record-ings of the event uploaded to our YouTube channel.

As part of the Fly Safe program sponsored flight clinics, Mountain Lion Aviation hosted a mountain flying course for Cirrus pilots who are either local pilots or who frequent KTRK. The course offered on one of three days ran August 21—23.



STEAM

Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation awarded \$40,000 in District funds for Aviation/ STEAM Career Path Scholarships. Four young adults pursuing higher education were selected by a TTCF committee as part of their Workforce Scholarship program.

Mission To Mars completed another camp session on August 15. The final two camps of 2025 are scheduled for September 19 and October 3. This year marks 15 years of Mission To Mars at KTRK.

Progress continues on efforts to install a STEAM facility. Airport building managers have been researching the necessary utility requirements and permits needed ahead of placing the order for a facility.

Hangars and Wait List

The update process for the waitlists is nearing completion. Each year, we update the list to ensure it accurately reflects the current types of aircraft and individuals seeking hangars. Since reopening the waitlist earlier this year, demand has remained strong. Hangar inspections are scheduled to begin later this summer. Additionally, usage notifications have been sent to hangar tenants who do not comply with the updated policies, which were approved by the Board and took effect in January 2025.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	34	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	5	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	21	0
Regular-T	129	40	0
Total	227	100	0

Community Outreach

The Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe visited the airport for a field trip on July 24. The trip which capped off their Aviation Camp Week saw roughly ten campers ages 4-6 who were led on a tour by airport staff to see the Dispatch office and an aircraft show-and-tell inside a hangar by a local pilot.

Art At The Airport summer exhibit “Plein Air” debuted on Wednesday, July 23 with an opening reception featuring live music. The exhibit features local artists who created their landscapes outdoors, on location to capture the natural light, color and feeling of a moment in time. The exhibit runs through October.

The “KTRK Monthly Briefing” newsletter went out August 1 to over 2,300 emails addresses. The main headlines featured the District’s new Strategic Plan, an article about SAF, and the ramp construction.