

Aviation & Community Services Report

September 24, 2025

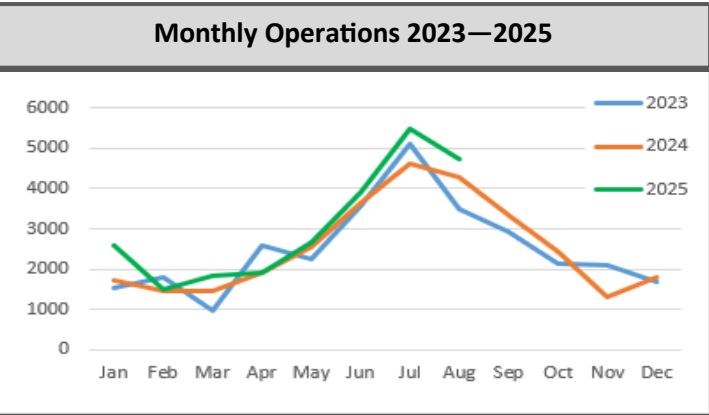
Director of Aviation

Operations increased again this month on a year-over-year basis, supported by favorable weather conditions and the absence of wildfire smoke. The growth was primarily driven by increased piston aircraft.

Two media articles were published this month highlighting the District’s **Fly Safe program** and our **“Airbnb-style” hangar program** (attached). Both provided strong coverage of the District’s pioneering initiatives and commitment to community partnership.

Hangar revitalization efforts continue with progress on facility renovations and ongoing enforcement of hangar use policies.

Operations



Truckee Tahoe Airport only experienced an 11% increase in operations and saw a 13% decrease in total noise comments than 2024.

August Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	Change From 2023	Change From 2024
Helicopter	122	143	136	11%	-5%
Jet	917	818	735	-20%	-10%
Piston	1,699	2,092	2,329	37%	11%
Turboprop	758	679	789	4%	16%
Gliders	0	534	750	N/A	40%
Total	3,496	4,266	4,739	36%	11%



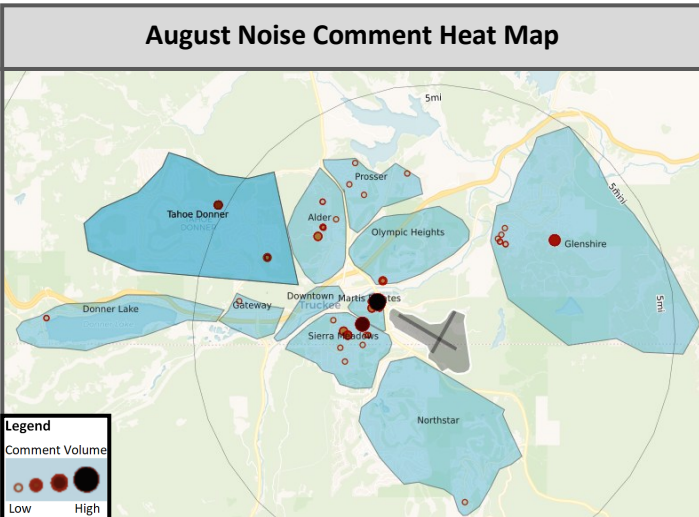
Fly Quiet

In August, 30 households (6 new) submitted 77 noise comments. The majority of comments were from Martis Valley Estates (21) and Sierra Meadows (20). Three households generated 37% of all comments this month. Most common comments were jet departures from runway 29 and piston departures from runway 02 and 20.

There were 27 operations during designated quiet hours in August (compared to 39 in 2024). Of these, 21 followed the published shoulder-hour protocol (15 in 2024), and only 3 generated noise comments.

Marketing efforts are underway advertising our Noise meeting on Fri Sep 26 (4-6pm) at the Riverview Park.

August Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	2024 Ops. per Comment	2025 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	1	0	2	N/A	68
Jet	52	61	35	13	21
Piston	98	24	28	87	83
Turboprop	78	4	12	170	66
Total	229	89	77	48	62



Aviation & Community Services Report

September 24, 2025



Fly Safe

This month’s Fly Safe Seminar recorded the program’s highest attendance to date, with **107 participants** joining in person and via Zoom. Guest speaker **Juan Browne**, an airline pilot and long-time local aviator whose YouTube channel *Blancolirio* has over 575K subscribers, presented on **Backcountry Flying**. His talk emphasized the importance of precision spot landings, weather planning, and terrain awareness. The lessons were highly relevant not only for backcountry pilots but also for all aviators seeking to sharpen day-to-day flying skills.

Next month’s seminar will focus on **personal aircraft maintenance**, presented by local pilots Doug Lee and Bjorn Anderson. Topics will include preventative maintenance from a pilot’s perspective, FAA-approved versus prohibited tasks, and how hands-on aircraft work can enhance pilot proficiency.

Additionally, **Soar Truckee hosted the Fly Safe program’s second pilot clinic of the year**. Over two weekends, five glider pilots received both ground and flight training with a Certified Flight Instructor–Glider (CFI-G). The clinic covered tower operations, safe access to the “Hot Rocks” lift sources, altitude



STEAM

Last week the **FAA approved** the airports temporary STEAM facility placement, and we have ordered the building. The structure, made up of five shipping containers is built-to-order and may take 3-6 months to arrive.

Mission To Mars is began their final camp of the season meeting each Friday from September, 19 through October 16 with a group from Twin Ridges Home Study Charter.

Hangars and Wait List

Floor work associated with the Hangar Revitalization Program is underway. Aircraft and Hangar use notifications have been sent to **27 tenants** not meeting the adopted policy. Annual hangar inspections are scheduled for early November. In preparation, dumpsters will be placed on-site in mid-October. Interest in the hangar waitlist remains strong.

During the recent annual update process, several previous applicants were removed from the list.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	32	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	4	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	20	1
Regular-T	129	39	0
Total	227	95	1

Community Outreach

Truckee Tahoe Airport was featured in several publications recently:

- **Moonshine Ink** wrote an article on our Fly Safe program, ‘Truckee Airport Is Leading The Way.’ The author sat in on last month’s Mt Flying Clinic and went for a backseat ride in a Cirrus SR22.
- **Airport Improvement Magazine** highlighted TRK’s overnight hangar rental program.
- **Truckee Connections Quarterly** featured an article on preparing the next generation workforce specifically highlighting the TNT Tech Teens visit to Truckee Tahoe Airport.

This month, TTAD had a table at the ‘Truckee Community Block Party’ alongside many other public agencies.