

Aviation & Community Services Report

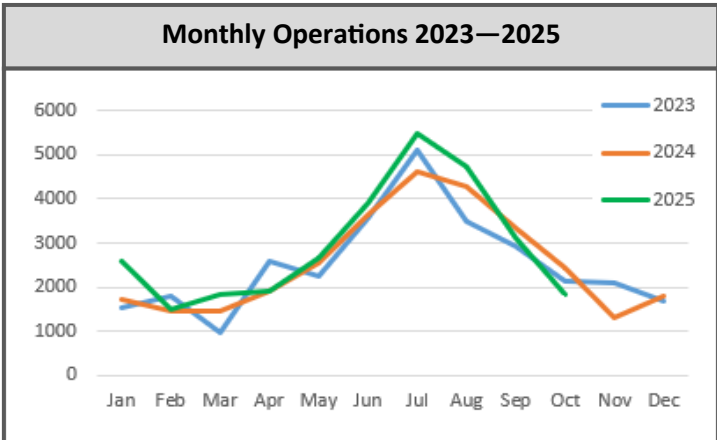
December 3, 2025

Director of Aviation

This year is closing with strong performance across our Fly Safe initiatives, STEAM education programs, and a continued reduction in noise complaints. The onboarding of the AeroSimple work-order system has streamlined our hangar inspection process and will improve communication with tenants.

Looking ahead to 2026, key milestones include the installation of the temporary Multi-Use Aviation Facility, expanded use of the Overnight Hangar Rental program, and continued progress on our hangar revitalization efforts. We will also look to modernize our website and update it for ADA compliance.

Operations



Truckee Tahoe Airport experienced a 24% decrease in operations from October 2024. With many poor weather days this was an expected trend.

October Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	Change From 2023	Change From 2024
Helicopter	95	109	72	-24%	-34%
Jet	237	292	234	-1%	-20%
Piston	1,434	1,713	1,308	-9%	-24%
Turboprop	379	323	237	-37%	-27%
Gliders	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Total	2,145	2,437	1,851	-14%	-24%

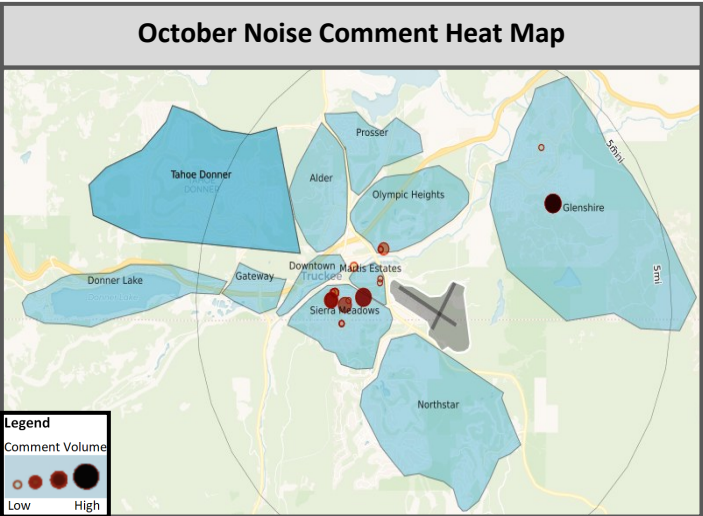


Fly Quiet

With many poor weather days in October, we experienced a 60% decrease in noise comments compared to October 2024. During the month, 13 households submitted 21 noise comments. This is a significant decrease in noise comments, down 58% from September 2024. The majority of comments were from Sierra Meadows and Glenshire. Most (18 of 21) were regarding piston aircraft on runway 29. With winter just around the corner we saw an increase in landing practice from many training planes getting their practice before the winter weather sets in.

There were 7 operations during designated quiet hours in October. Of these, 6 followed the published shoulder-hour protocol and no noise comments were produced.

October Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2023	2024	2025	2024 Ops. per Comment	2025 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	3	1	36	72
Jet	4	35	1	8	234
Piston	32	10	18	171	73
Turboprop	4	5	1	65	237
Total	40	53	21	46	88



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Fly Safe

The final Fly Safe seminar of the year took place on Wednesday, November 12 with a discussion on Winter Operations at Truckee Tahoe Airport. The event kicked off with a presentation by NWS Meteorologist Dawn Johnson discussing winter weather forecasting and tools for pilots to help make better informed decisions. Following Johnson was TRK Director of Operations Vince Wawrzynski and Operations Supervisor Mike Ketron with a discussion of what tenants and airport users need to know about snow events. The seminar drew a crowd of 52 people and despite the federal shutdown, was still able to earn pilots FAA WINGS credit.

The 2025 Fly Safe program featured 10 seminars, two flight clinics and an FAA Master Pilot Award Ceremony. Attendance at these events averaged about 50 people between in-person and via Zoom with the largest turnout at 104. The Truckee Fly Safe program message reached pilots as far as the Bay Area and welcomed over 250 individuals, with many attending three or more events. All events were recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel. After wrapping the season, an online feedback survey was published with an overwhelmingly positive impression and many user-suggested ideas for next year.



STEAM

TTAD will help facilitate an Aviation Immersion program for a student at Tahoe Expedition Academy. A local pilot and Fly Safe Seminar attendee reached out to TTAD with an independent-study proposal for his high school student. This plan is still developing, but will likely call for job-shadowing of staff at CareFlight, Sierra Aero, Mountain Lion, TRK Tower, and the TRK FBO. The plan aims to culminate with a multimedia presentation about “The People of Truckee Tahoe Airport.”



Hangars and Wait List

Hangar inspections are underway as of mid- to late November using the new AeroSimple platform. The system is more streamlined and user-friendly, and it allows for faster turnaround times on the inspection process. Notices will be sent out to tenants accordingly along with issuing notices regarding use requirements. Waitlist numbers appear to be holding steady. Most of recent hangar turnover has occurred in the regular T-hangars.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	33	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	4	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	22	0
Regular-T	129	29	0
Total	227	88	0



Community Outreach

This past month TTAD Staff attended Truckee Elementary’s Career Day to represent careers in aviation. David Van Quest and Larry Finney joined Mountain Lion Pilot Raj Karwa to speak to approximately 200 students about flying airplanes, running an airport and keeping the skies safe.

Thursday, December 11 will mark the Holiday Block Party in the Non-Profit Center hosted by Truckee Roundhouse, Tahoe Food Hub and Sierra Community House. The event will feature live music, food, crafts and an opportunity to meet our local makers and farmers.

Truckee Tahoe Airport is once again hosting the Boy Scouts Troop 267 for their annual Christmas tree storage near our maintenance shop.