

# Aviation & Community Services Report

May 20, 2026

## Director of Aviation

Airshow planning is a major line of effort as we get closer to the June 20th main event.

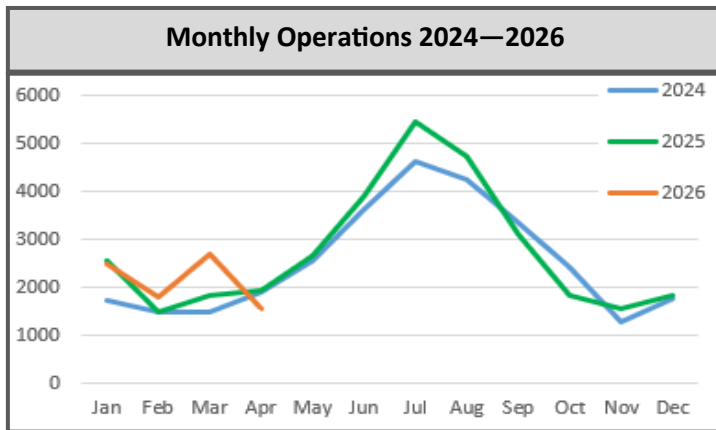
EAA Young Eagles utilized the Multiuse Aviation Facility on May 9th and was a great success.

On May 13th we held a Runway Safety Action Team "RSAT" meeting with Staff, ATC tower manager, FAA representatives, and high use operators to identify ways to make the ground environment safer and avoid the next incident.

TTSA glider operations will begin on May 23rd.

On June 4-6 a Cirrus Training Center from Utah will fly in and Mt Lion Aviation will provide them instruction on mountain flying and noise abatement.

## Operations



April showed typical spring transition weather, with a mix of sunny days and passing storms. These variable conditions contributed to a reduction in aircraft operations compared to March's more favorable weather.

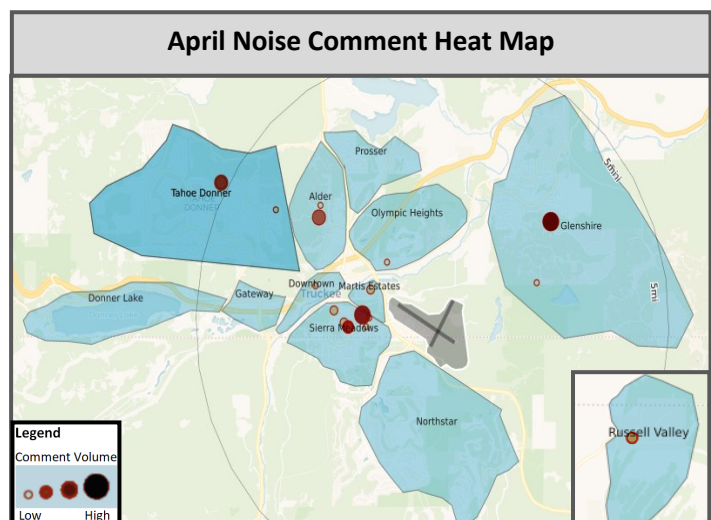
	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	80	103	67	-16%	-35%
Jet	193	205	178	-8%	-13%
Piston	1346	1373	1141	-15%	-17%
Turboprop	293	246	165	-44%	-33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>1927</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>-20%</b>



## Fly Quiet

In April, there were 24 comments from 19 households. Two military low-approaches accounted for eight of these comments; each commenter was contacted and informed the aircraft were conducting training. The Community Engagement Office also followed up with a Russell Valley resident regarding flight training activity, which led staff to remind local flight instructors to limit training in that area. Additionally, there were four non-EMS flights during voluntary curfew hours, and staff reached out to three operators who did not follow Shoulder Hour protocols.

	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	0	0	NA	NA
Jet	5	10	17	21	10
Piston	43	14	6	98	190
Turboprop	28	1	1	246	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>65</b>
T & G	NA	NA	1	NA	246
Local	NA	NA	4	NA	388
Transient	NA	NA	19	NA	82



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## Fly Safe

This month’s seminar held on Wednesday, May 13 was presented by wilderness medicine expert and CFI Howard Donner alongside CFI Jason Miller, of The Finer Points. The event titled **‘Spending The Unexpected Night Out– After a Forced Landing or Back-country Emergency’** focused on the first 24 hours— what to prioritize and what to carry when things don’t go as planned. In addition to our normal pilot circles the event was marketed to our broader community via advertisements in Moonshine Ink and the Sierra Sun. Collectively between in-person and on Zoom the event attracted 70 attendees.

For next month’s Fly Safe Seminar attendees will be treated to the harrowing story **‘Ditching in the Pacific.’** In 1984 Heidi Porch experienced a pilot’s worst nightmare—an engine that quits. Making matters worse, it happened while ferrying a Cessna 182 across the Pacific Ocean, 540 miles from her intended destination of Honolulu, Hawaii. The water landing, night in a life raft and subsequent rescue will be a valuable lesson for pilots as well as another great event for non-pilots to attend. This awe-inspiring story is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10 at 5:30pm.



## STEAM

On Thursday, April 30 Truckee Tahoe Airport hosted the **Truckee North Tahoe Tech Teens**, an initiative designed to expose high school students to the impressive number of jobs in our community that focus on technology. The airport visit, championed by TTAD IT Manager Mike Cooke, capped off a 7-week exploration program of several local public agencies. Attendees met with CFI Sarah Krammen and local pilots, toured the Air Traffic Control tower and got to fly the FAA-certified flight simulator.

## Hangars and Wait List

The next phase of the AeroSimple integration will be the launch of a tenant portal, which will allow for streamlined tracking of documents and inspections. This will ideally align with the accounting departments migration to NetSuite, making invoicing significantly more accessible to tenants. Waitlist numbers remain steady as new applications offset any vacancies. Summer hangar maintenance and L-Bracket work is expected to begin in the near future. This will have a fairly hefty impact on four of the hangar rows.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	35	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	4	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	27	0
Regular-T	129	33	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1</b>

## Community Outreach

A high school Senior from Sage Ridge School has begun a **month-long internship** with TTAD. The student will sit in with several departments throughout the airport as well as on-field operators to learn organizational practices in a job-shadow format. As a requirement to graduate, Sage Ridge students must reach out to an organization of their choosing and propose a 60-hour unpaid internship during the month of May which takes the place of their regular classes.

The Spring Art At The Airport exhibit debuted on Wednesday, May 6 with the theme titled **‘More Good Days, Together.’** The exhibit which runs through July, honors Mental Health Awareness Month by exploring the power of human connection through portraiture and ties into a self-portrait exhibit by local high school students currently on display at Truckee Town Hall.