

Aviation & Community Services Report

June 24, 2026

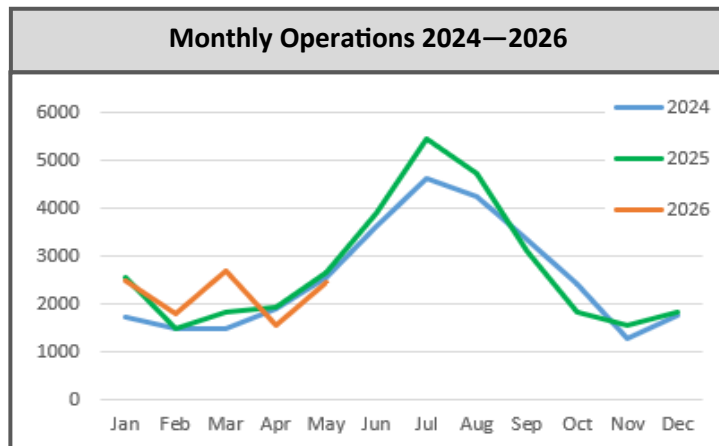
Director of Aviation

The airshow was the main effort in June and debuted a new layout to enhance traffic flow, increase security, and make the show more accessible to the public.

Noise comments are rising as they typically do with the increase in operations, but still a bit below the normal trend.

Major efforts have been on-going to get contractors into hangar rows for L-bracket installation. Glider operations have had a smooth start and Staff met with key ops personnel in late May.

Operations



May featured mostly favorable VFR conditions, particularly in the middle of the month. Clear skies, and good visibility were common for much of each day. These conditions supported an increase in operations compared to the previous month; however, overall activity remained below May totals from prior years.

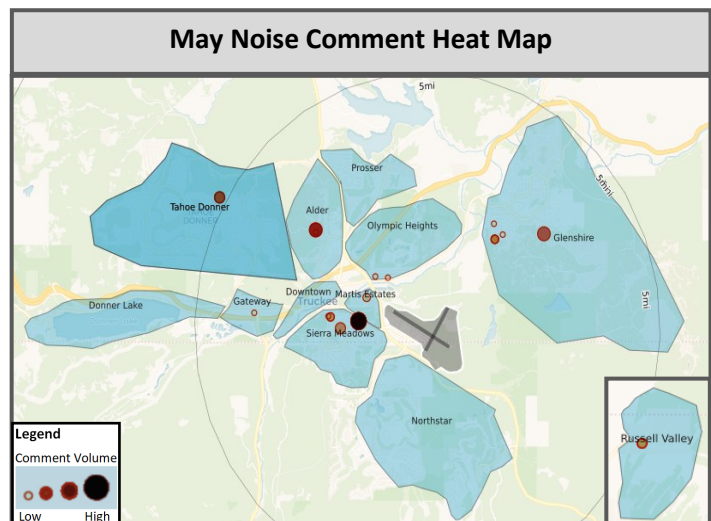
	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	54	98	100	85%	2%
Jet	258	342	341	32%	0%
Piston	1,769	1,715	1,661	-6%	-18%
Turboprop	157	210	247	-34%	-50%
Total	2,556	2,668	2,453	-4%	-8%



Fly Quiet

In May, we received 30 noise comments from 18 households, including 8 from one household. Prevailing winds led to Runway 20 being used most afternoons, often with turbulence and windshear that required pilots to fly longer, more stabilized approaches. As a result, six comments originated from the Glenshire neighborhood. Staff followed up with eight pilots and contacted ATC three times to reinforce procedures. There were 11 non-EMS flights during the voluntary curfew, and two operators were contacted for not following Shoulder Hour Protocols.

	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	2	5	1	20	100
Jet	18	32	10	11	34
Piston	21	29	16	66	104
Turboprop	2	7	3	43	82
Total	43	70	30	38	82
T & G	4	16	7	N/A	90
Local	N/A	N/A	17	N/A	144
Transient	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	189



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Fly Safe

This month’s seminar featured the compelling presentation *‘Ditching The Sky’* by Heidi Porch, recounting her remarkable survival story after ditching a Cessna 182 in the Pacific Ocean in 1984. The event drew 45 attendees, highlighting continued community interest in real-world aviation experiences and safety lessons learned.

Next month’s Fly Safe Seminar will be held at the glider port and will feature **United States Air Force Soaring Academy** instructor Mark Matticola, who will share insights from military glider training and operations. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30pm to coincide with the Soaring Society of America’s Region 11 Championship taking place in Truckee from July 14–19. This promises to be another engaging and educational event for both pilots and the broader community.



STEAM

The Airport’s **first-ever internship program** successfully concluded this month following a 60-hour placement with a high school senior from Sage Ridge School in Reno, NV. Throughout the month-long experience, the student engaged with multiple airport departments and on-field operators, gaining exposure to aviation careers, organizational practices, and day-to-day airport operations.

This pilot program provided a meaningful hands-on learning opportunity and reinforced the Airport’s commitment to fostering early interest in aviation and STEAM-related fields. Staff look forward to building on this success and exploring opportunities to expand the internship program in the future.

Hangars and Wait List

Summer hangar maintenance and L-Bracket work is nearing completion on Alpha, Charlie, Delta and Echo hangar rows. Staff is getting closer to launching the Tenant Portal in AeroSimple, which will allow for streamlined tracking of documents and inspections. This will ideally make invoicing significantly more accessible to tenants as well. Waitlist numbers remain steady as new applications offset any vacancies.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	34	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	4	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	27	0
Regular-T	129	33	0
Total	227	98	0

Community Outreach

TTAD supported the 10th annual **Truckee Roundhouse Maker Show**, a signature community event celebrating creativity, innovation, and hands-on learning. Airport staff time to assist with event setup and operations, and also provided equipment to support exhibitors and activities.

This partnership highlights TTAD’s continued commitment to engaging with the local community and supporting initiatives that inspire creativity, education, and STEAM-related exploration for all ages. Several displays from the Maker Show were also on display at the 2026 Truckee Tahoe Airshow & Family Festival in the STEAM exhibit.