

Aviation & Community Services Report

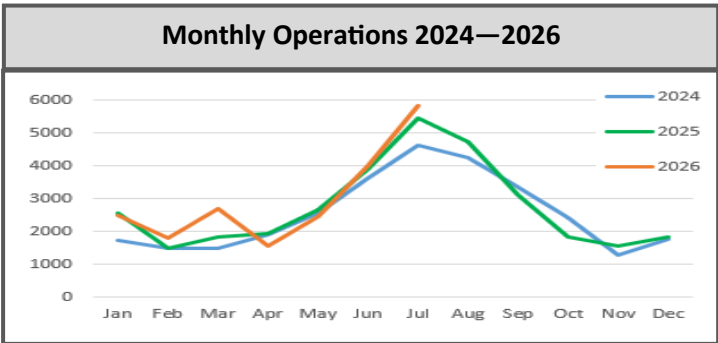
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Director of Aviation

July saw an increase in operation of 7% compared to July '25. While the increase was not numerically significant, the fleet mix was. Helicopter traffic increased by 79% due to fire activity and jet traffic increased 9%, primarily by larger jets.

Jet Weight	% change	25 vs 26 #
<12.5k	- 42%	176 vs 102
12.6 — 19.9K	+18%	319 vs 373
20 — 49.9K	+22%	438 vs 533
>50k	+15%	134 vs 154

Operations



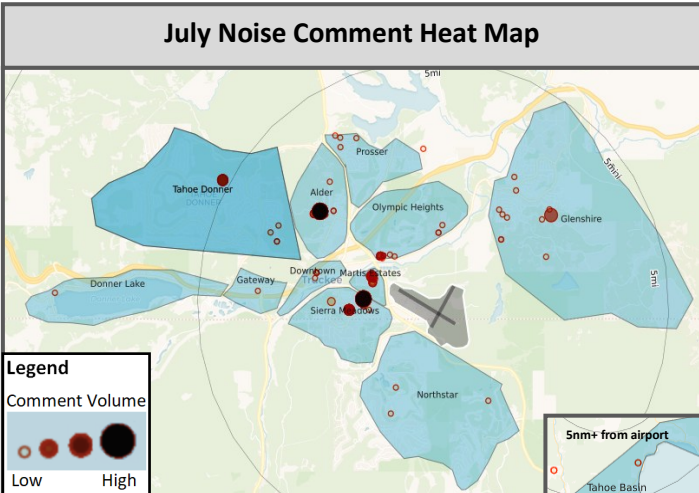
July brought generally good flying weather to Truckee, with predominantly VFR conditions and good visibility. Brief periods of fog, rain, and thunderstorms caused occasional interruptions. Helicopter operations increased significantly due to regional firefighting efforts, contributing to a 7% overall increase in operations from July 2025 and making it the busiest July since 2020.

July Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	264	192	344	30%	79%
Jet	834	1,067	1,162	39%	9%
Piston	1,749	2,493	2,461	41%	-1%
Turboprop	855	756	890	4%	18%
Gliders	918	956	996	8%	4%
Total	4,620	5,464	5,853	27%	7%

Fly Quiet

In July, we received 114 noise comments from 48 households, with one household submitting 18 comments. Eight commenters were new to the noise comment process. Staff followed up with 25 pilots and operators and coordinated with Air Traffic Control twice regarding best noise practices. Of the 114 comments received, 98 were associated with transient traffic, while 16 were related to local traffic. During the voluntary curfew hours, there were 21 EMS operations, 15 fire-related operations, and 53 non-EMS operations.

July Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	3	6	64	57
Jet	61	59	58	18	20
Piston	24	29	31	86	79
Turboprop	9	10	19	76	47
Total	94	101	114	54	51
T & G	3	3	7	N/A	36
Local	N/A	N/A	16	N/A	366
Transient	N/A	N/A	98	N/A	60



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Fly Safe

The Fly Safe program is in full swing now with seminars and flight clinics. On August 21, FAA Safety Team Representative and CFI Philip Mandel returned to the Fly Safe stage to present **Keys To The Kingdom For Instrument Flight** to help sharpen the skills of our local pilots who fly IFR. Philip stuck around to host an **Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association Rusty Pilots Seminar** the next morning. Rusty Pilots is a fun, interactive initiative that gives pilots who have taken a break from flying all the information needed to get current again.

Two **mountain flying clinics** will take place next month with local CFI and Wilderness Medicine Expert Howard Donner leading a course for most single-engine pilots on Saturday, September 12 and Mountain Lion Aviation hosting a Cirrus-specific course on September 3 & 4. In total over 40 local and area pilots will receive classroom learning and flight training with expert instruction sponsored entirely by the Fly Safe program.

As we enter the last few months of programming, legendary backcountry aviator STOL expert Kevin Quinn will present **Power & Energy Management** at the next Fly Safe Seminar on Monday, September 28.



STEAM

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) wrapped up its **Mission to Mars** youth camps last week. The program, which sold out soon after it went on sale in the Spring, introduces students to science, technology, engineering, aviation, and space exploration concepts through interactive projects and team-based challenges.

The Terminal Building Conference Room will be seeing a new priority of use as we close out our proof of concept of the Multiuse Aviation Facility (MAF). We will continue to explore the possibility of a long-term STEAM-focused facility.

Hangars and Wait List

The next couple of months should see the launch of the Tenant Portal in AeroSimple, which will allow for more efficient tracking of documents. Hangar inspections are on the horizon this fall as well. The implementation of the tenant portal will allow for streamlined communication regarding inspection results. The annual wait list update process is complete. Interest in the wait list remains steady with hangar turnover low.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	31	0
Large-T (48' door)	11	3	0
Medium-T (44' door)	57	27	0
Regular-T	129	30	0
Total	227	91	0

Community Outreach

Nevada County Arts Council held its **Art at The Airport** opening reception for the Summer exhibition inside the airport terminal on Wednesday, July 29. This season's theme is 'Rural Lakescapes' which celebrates the many ways local artists interpret our region's treasured lakes and waterways. The exhibit is on display through mid-October.

For the second year in a row, TTAD will participate in the Town Of Truckee's **Community Block Party** on Thursday, September 17. This family-friendly gathering will bring together community resources, local culture, and neighbors for a vibrant evening in the heart of downtown. The event will feature food trucks, live music, and opportunities to connect with more than 40 local non-profits, service providers, and community organizations.