

Aviation & Community Services Report

September 23, 2026

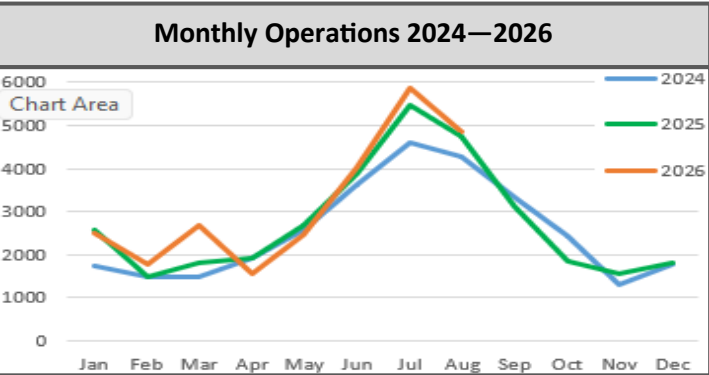
Director of Aviation

August operations were on par with historic trends. Staff has engaged with TTUSD and Connecting Points (a CA state agency) for potentially creating a high school student intern position at the airport with a focus in aviation in the fall '26/spring '27 time frame.

CalFire helitack base operations have been a major event over the past week and will be discussed separately.

Research continues on noise monitoring systems.

Operations



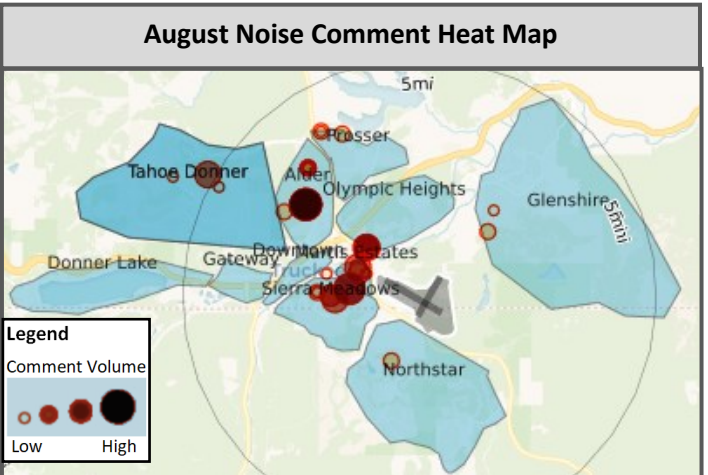
August brought generally favorable flying conditions, with predominantly VFR weather and good visibility. Brief periods of thunderstorms, wind, and cloud cover caused limited disruptions, but overall conditions supported steady flight activity throughout the month. Operations did see a decrease as we began to exit the busy summer months.

August Operations by Type — 3 Years					
	2024	2025	2026	Change From 2024	Change From 2025
Helicopter	143	136	223	56%	64%
Jet	818	735	821	0%	12%
Piston	2,092	2,329	2,239	7%	-4%
Turboprop	679	789	791	16%	0%
Gliders	534	765	765	43%	2%
Total	4,266	4,739	4,839	13%	2%

Fly Quiet

In August, the airport received 41 noise comments, including 3 from first-time commenters. Of these, 38 involved transient aircraft and 3 involved local aircraft. Jets generated 24 comments, piston aircraft 11, and helicopters 3. Staff contacted 9 operators to reinforce noise-abatement practices. On Labor Day, staff visited a commenter’s residence to better understand the community’s lived experience and the factors contributing to noise concerns. Based on a commenter’s suggestion, the airport launched a noise compliment program to recognize operators who demonstrate exemplary noise-abatement practices.

August Comments by Type — 3 Years					
	2024	2025	2026	2025 Ops. per Comment	2026 Ops. Per Comment
Helicopter	0	2	3	68	74
Jet	61	35	24	21	34
Piston	24	28	11	83	204
Turboprop	4	12	3	66	264
Total	89	77	41	62	118
T & G	9	1	4	N/A	198
Local	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	1,613
Transient	N/A	N/A	38	N/A	127



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Fly Safe

This month’s Fly Safe seminar will feature Power & Energy Management. The talk will showcase a practical approach to aircraft control that focuses on managing airspeed, altitude, descent rate, and aircraft energy to improve safety and precision during takeoffs, landings, and operations in challenging environments. Held on Monday, September 28, the event will be available to attend in-person and remotely via Zoom.

Next month, on Monday, October 19, we discuss drones for the first time. With drones increasingly making headlines for interfering with wildfire response and airport operations, we will discuss safely flying near restricted airspace. Also joining the discussion are members of the FBI and CCIA to showcase anti-drone technologies available to protect airports.

September 3 and 4 saw a flight clinic hosted by Mountain Lion Aviation sponsored by Fly Safe. The event provided Cirrus pilots with classroom instruction and in-flight mountain flying training. A second clinic for all single-engine aircraft hosted by Howard Donner was rescheduled to October 30 due to hazardous weather.



STEAM

On Wednesday, September 2, the Multiuse Aviation Facility (MAF) was returned to United Rentals after a five month trial period. The structure provided a great venue for EAA’s Mission To Mars summer camps, an air-conditioned STEAM exhibit at the air-show, and a location for several interagency meetings, but after assessing the long-term costs required by local and county permitting requirements, the facility proved unfeasible. We will continue to explore the possibility of a long-term STEAM-focused facility.

Hangars and Wait List

As we head into fall, our focus for the hangars will be transitioning tenants from Juliet Row, conducting hangar inspections, issuing ongoing compliance reminders regarding flight requirements and storage policies, and promoting the tenant portal to streamline communications and document updates.

Type	Inventory	Wait List	In Process
Exec Hangars	30	30	0
Large-T (48’ door)	11	3	0
Medium-T (44’ door)	57	24	0
Regular-T	129	32	0
Total	227	89	0

Community Outreach

Nevada County Arts Council will hold its reception for the Keep It Dark Photo Contest inside the terminal building on Friday, October 2. TTAD will showcase our new LED ramp lights which save energy and reduce light pollution. The exhibit will remain on display in the terminal building for the month of October when it will be replaced with the Fall edition of Art at the Airport.

For the second year in a row, TTAD participated in the Town Of Truckee’s Community Block Party on Thursday, September 17. This family-friendly gathering brought together public agencies, non-profits, and local culture for a vibrant evening in the heart of downtown. Three staff members hosted the airport booth to talk with residents about the Floriston fire helitack base, noise abatement, and all things TRK.