



COMMUNITY NEWS

On Their Way to You—Within Minutes

Your Local Care Flight Crew

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▲ Kristi Grant and Juli Anderson pictured inside the AS350 B3 AStar Helicopter.

In this beautiful place where many of us hike, climb and ski in the mountains and swim in the lakes, we also have accidents. And, in remote settings, being stranded without help could be deadly—were it not for helicopter first responders like Care Flight.

The skill and expertise to fly a state-of-the-art helicopter in the mountains, often under difficult weather and terrain conditions, and the ability to perform emergency medical care on site and prepare a patient for helicopter transport sounds like an extreme action scene from a TV show. But it's real, and it happens here year-round.

Two accomplished local women are part of Care Flight's experienced crew based in Truckee. Established in 1981, Care Flight, a nonprofit hospital-based regional air ambulance service, has five bases in northern Nevada and northeastern California. Truckee Tahoe Airport service began operation in 2003 and receives from ten to 50 calls a month.

Kristi Grant, an experienced 5,000-hr. helicopter pilot, joined Care Flight in 2009 after teaching helicopter flying in Arizona and acting as an FAA Designated

Pilot Examiner for helicopters. She began flying in 1999 and had the required 2,500 hours to fly for Care Flight when she moved to Truckee with her husband Marshall, a financial advisor and pilot. Raised in the Bay Area, Kristi, an avid skier and snowboarder, is the mother of twin 3-year-old boys.

Juli Anderson, RN, born and raised in Seattle, has lived in Tahoe since 1994. She obtained her nursing degree at Truckee Meadows Community College and worked in the Emergency Department at Renown hospital in Reno for several years before applying her training, knowledge and skills to the air ambulance. Juli's experience as a skier and ultra-marathon runner were natural preparation for the rigorous demands of the job.

Coordinating with on-call ground responders who learn of accidents, a Care Flight crew (pilot, RN and paramedic) can be the first responders at the scene. They make decisions from call to liftoff, which may be only 10 minutes, and en route to the accident scene, about landing options, care requirements, loading the aircraft or staying with the patient

until more help arrives, and choosing the right hospital destination, a specialty hospital, for example, rather than the nearest.

"You don't always know the best choice until you get there," says Kristi. In a critical situation, she stays in the aircraft with rotors turning while the medical team works on a patient and with other first responders. Changeable weather and the urgency of getting out of the mountains before flying options diminish, while considering the patient's condition, are constant safety concerns.

The crew and their AS350 B3 AStar helicopter may be dispatched to destinations as far away as Las Vegas, providing medical transit from one hospital to another, an additional Care Flight service.

Truckee-based Care Flight, which is part of REMSA (Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority), collaborates with the other regional bases in training exercises and working jointly during weather challenges, what Kristi calls "a great camaraderie." A Care Flight \$55 annual family membership provides medical transport service throughout our area, as well as from reciprocal partners in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon.

Flying is one thing; getting airborne is another. "Truckee Tahoe Airport staff has made it their priority to ensure that we are able to do our job, giving us the attention we need 24/7," says Kristi, noting that this past winter was a real test. "First thing in the morning, if we need snow removal, they take care of us. It's fabulous."

Community PR is another gift from Care Flight to the Truckee-Tahoe community. They have a presence on Big Truck Day for preschoolers, as well as at local elementary, middle and high school events to share their stories. In addition, interacting with EMTs coming out of Sierra College gives students opportunities to see what jobs might be available to them in the future. "That's one of the things I love about being a local presence," says Kristi. "We have the capability to be here at the base where groups come to visit, and we can tell them all about what we do. A lot of times, kids will pop up and say, 'Hey, how do I become a nurse? Or a pilot?'"

Kristi and Juli believe that, while their training and experience are essential to their job, they were also selected for their problem-solving skills and appreciation of teamwork, as well as for maintaining a sense



▲ Teamwork is an important aspect of the job.

of humor and a healthy fitness level that gives them the energy to be on-call, day and night, in unimaginable situations.

"Flying never gets old," says Juli. "Even on a mission, we see how beautiful it is here; you can't bottle it. We are so fortunate." Find a Care Flight membership application at remscareflight.com, or call 775-858-5745.

AIRPORT NEWS

TEMPORARY SEASONAL TOWER AT KTRK

Operation Begins June 2017



▲ Views of the Tower during construction that took place this past spring.

A temporary seasonal air traffic control tower is coming to the Truckee Tahoe Airport airfield this June to help improve safety, efficiency, and reduce community noise and annoyance.

Currently, Truckee Tahoe Airport is a nontowered airport, meaning aircraft can come when and how they choose (within FAA regulations). The new tower, being evaluated by the District in 2017, will give the Airport control over its airspace during the busy summer season. Control of the airspace will accomplish three primary goals:

- Improve the safety of the Airport as the volume and mix of aircraft diversifies and becomes more complex
- Reduce aircraft noise annoyance by directing aircraft to routes over less-populated areas
- Reduce aircraft emissions by directing operators to fly more efficient routes coming and going

That means better safety by coordinating aircraft operations in the air and on the ground, and better noise and annoyance mitigation by not only routing air travel away from populated areas, but also by reducing time circling while waiting to land, through more efficient operations.

The tower will operate seven days a week starting June 1 through September 15 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will be staffed by Mid-West Air Traffic Control who will employ four FAA-certified staff members and a supervisor. Once the season is complete, the tower will be evaluated by the Board of Directors and staff to see if it met the goals of the District, and if it will be brought back in coming years.

Estimated costs are approximately \$500,000 for 2017. To learn more, go to truckeetahoeairport.com.

Tower Open House

Friday, May 26, 2017, 4 – 7 p.m.

Learn more about the tower and how it will operate at KTRK this summer. Cirrus Aircraft will also be on hand displaying a mock-up of their new "Vision Jet."

AT THE AIRPORT

TRUCKEE TAHOE AIR SHOW & FAMILY FESTIVAL REACHES ITS SIXTH YEAR



The Air Show & Family Festival Committee, which is comprised of all volunteers, remains true to its mission, "to provide a free interactive, educational and fun-filled family-oriented aviation event for the Truckee North Tahoe region with all proceeds going to local youth and family programs." The three local nonprofit organizations that produce the event are the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) local Chapter 1073, the KidZone Museum and the Truckee Optimist Club. Annual volunteer hours are in excess of 3,400.

All proceeds go back to local youth through these three nonprofit organizations. Proceeds are not raised by admission or parking fees, but rather by creative ways such as selling VIP Hospitality Tent tickets, t-shirts, vendor booth space and miscellaneous items, along with developing and implementing a sponsorship program to partner with local and regional companies. This is all done in an effort to support local youth programs, organizations and scholarships.

Thanks to the Truckee Tahoe Airport District, the show is a gift to our community allowing for nonprofit organizations to raise money to give back to local youth. Since 2012, show fundraising efforts total close to \$230,000.

What's Happening This Year

This year's show will feature renowned world champion in aerobatics, Kirby Chambliss, along with the Red Bull Air Force Wingsuit Team (the guys who appeared in the new "Point Break" movie!). And, to top things off, two of the wingsuit team jumpers are Tahoe locals, Charles Bryan and Mike Swanson. An owner of Skydive Truckee Tahoe, Inc., located at the Airport, Swanson is a four-time world champion in free-fly skydiving with more than 22,000 jumps under his belt.

Mark Peterson's Dornier Alpha Jet speeds past show watchers at 600 miles per hour handling six -G turns and vertical climbs to over 12,000 feet.

Both Danny Sorenson and Rich Perkins return this year due to popular demand. Sorenson spent over 6,000 hours building his own biplane reminiscent of the Golden Age of Aviation and, in contrast, Perkins' Eastern Bloc Jet Trainer, an L-39 Albatross Jet known as the Firecat, exudes both massive amounts of heat and power.

Event happenings that you won't want to miss include the Suddenlink-sponsored STEM Expo, KidZone Museum's Family Festival, the Truckee Optimist Club Barbecue, EAA's Free Flights for kids on Sunday, July 9 (sign-up on event day, July 8, at the EAA building), Free Speaker Forums, VIP Hospitality Tent (tickets available online at TruckeeTahoeAirShow.com), static aircraft displays, rides for a cost in two different warbirds, the P-51 Mustang Man o' War and the North American B-25 J. Mitchell "Executive Sweet," and vendors galore!

A special thanks to our major sponsors to date – Western Aircraft, Pilatus, Piper, Clear Capital, and Suddenlink. For more information, visit TruckeeTahoeAirshow.com.



▲ Catch the Red Bull Air Force Wingsuit Team in action.



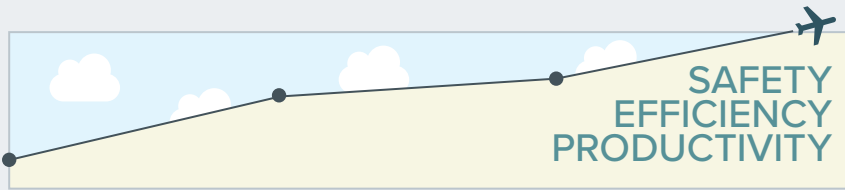
▲ This year's show will feature world-renowned aerobatics.

Truckee Tahoe Air Show & Family Festival

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Free Admission; Free Parking
www.TruckeeTahoeAirshow.com
at the Truckee Tahoe Airport

THE BUSINESS OF THE AIRPORT IS YOUR BUSINESS



The Truckee Tahoe Airport District is continually striving to improve safety and efficiency while reducing noise and annoyance for the community and users alike. This section of *CONNECTED* strives to keep everyone apprised of ongoing projects that aim to streamline operations from visiting aircraft while staying affordable for local pilots, reduce adverse impacts to the community, and keep safety as a top priority.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Truckee Tahoe Airport has hired Godbe Research to conduct a survey of the District's residents, with calls going out to the community from May 25 through June. The survey,

designed to gauge awareness of the Airport and its work, will follow up on surveys taken in 2005, 2009 and 2013 – focusing on awareness of noise and annoyance-reduction efforts.

TAHOE CITY HELIPAD

Truckee Tahoe Airport will build an emergency services-only helipad in Tahoe City to bring better emergency service response to Tahoe's North Shore. Located next to the Tahoe City Public Utility District and the Tahoe City Golf Course, the helipad is scheduled to be operational by fall 2017, serving Care Flight, Calstar, Placer County Sheriff, California Highway Patrol, the Coast Guard, and firefighting services, as needed. The

project costs about \$300,000, and the District is considering additional helipad locations to further improve public safety.

NEW RENTAL CAR CENTER AT AIRPORT

Looking to rent a car for work, vacation, or to get around while another vehicle is in the shop? Truckee Tahoe Airport now has three car rental agencies adjacent to the main terminal building in the new Warehouse Office Building – Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Avis and Hertz Local Edition. Phone numbers and hours of operation for both are available on our website.

For more information, visit truckeetahoeairport.com.

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HOW KTRK AND RASC WORK FOR YOU

Truckee Tahoe Airport (KTRK) is a member of the Reno Tahoe International Airport's Regional Air Service Committee (RASC), a group of 25 agencies and businesses working to get better flights and better airfare rates to and from the Reno-Tahoe region.

Truckee Tahoe Airport joined the committee, contributing \$10,000 a year, in order to get more direct flights, connections and cheaper fares for all the residents in the District – creating an aviation benefit from the District for those who don't necessarily fly in and out of Truckee Tahoe Airport. Additional functions of the committee include identifying and developing ongoing partnerships with specific airlines for increasing and maintaining air service, as well as promoting awareness of Reno-Tahoe air service through ongoing marketing efforts.

Some of RASC's recent successes include a Jet Blue route to JFK Airport, Southwest Airlines to Oakland, and Alaska Airlines to Boise.

Beyond creating an aviation benefit for all residents of the District, more convenient direct flights may mean less flights – and less noise and annoyance – if a passenger chooses to fly out of



▲ RASC works with airlines to get better routes and rates to and from the Reno-Tahoe region.

Reno rather than chartering a plane to or from Truckee.

To find out more about the committee and to see current rate sheets for flights around the country negotiated by the group, go to truckeetahoeairport.com. More information about RASC can also be found at FlyRenoTahoe.com.

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BIKE SHARE PROGRAM COMING TO TRUCKEE

This summer Truckee Tahoe Airport will introduce a new bike share program called Zagster, initially bringing 10 bikes and two pickup and return stations to the Truckee area.

The 10 bikes with built-in locks for quick stops around town can be picked up and returned at Truckee Tahoe Airport and in Downtown Truckee – checked out with a smartphone app and easy-to-set-up account.

"We're really hoping this takes off with both locals and visitors," said Roger Pynappel, Operations & Maintenance Technician at the District. "We also hope other agencies and businesses come on board to expand this across Truckee and North Lake Tahoe."

With the account and app, riders pick a bike, get a code to unlock an eight-speed bike, and are on their way. Rates are still being finalized with membership and one-time-use options.

Once a user has downloaded the app and set up a Zagster account, they will be able to enjoy the bike share program anywhere in the world where there are stations. To learn more, go to truckeetahoeairport.com. Or visit zagster.com to learn about the service and app.



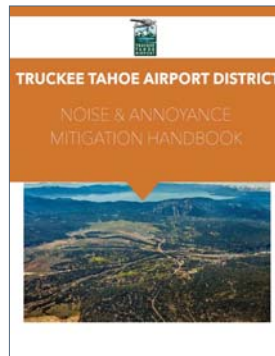
▲ Bikes will be available at the Airport and Downtown Truckee.

Noise Mitigation Handbook Online

Truckee Tahoe Airport has produced a Noise Mitigation Handbook to help both pilots and district residents understand everything the District has done, is doing today, and is planning to do in the future to help reduce noise and annoyance.

The goal of the document is to clearly and concisely bring together all pertinent information on noise and annoyance from flight procedures to FAA rules and regulations in one place so Airport staff, the Board of Directors, the public and pilots are all on the same page in addressing the issue.

The 33-page document details items like Fly Quiet Procedures, noise reporting, existing FAA rules and regulations, pilot and public education, and more. To see the handbook, go to truckeetahoeairport.com and click "Noise & Annoyance Mitigation Handbook."



▲ Find the complete handbook online.

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Hours of Operation

Airport: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Fuel: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Red Truck: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mon. – Sat.)

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