



FRIENDS OF  
**ONTARIO**  
INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT

# NEWS AND NOTES

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*Keeping In Touch  
With Friends*

## February passenger stats up for domestic, down for international

New parking rates effective April 1. Friends annual golf tournament selling out.

LA/Ontario International Airport's (ONT) domestic passenger traffic was up in February by almost 5% from the previous year. Meanwhile, international passenger traffic was down 26%. Air cargo, comprising of freight and mail, was also down 5%. ExpressJet Airlines, which started service at ONT in April 2007, contributes to ONT's steady increase in domestic passenger traffic numbers. ExpressJet is now ONT's second largest carrier in terms of passenger volume, with Southwest leading the way.

On April 1, daily maximum public parking rates at ONT increased by \$2 per day in parking lots 2 and 4 and by \$1 per day in parking lots 3, 5 and F. The new rates are estimated to generate \$2.6 million in additional annual net revenues to mitigate parking lot management costs at the airport. ONT has five public pay parking lots designated as lots 2, 3, 4, 5, and F with a total of 8,836 spaces. A sixth public parking Lot D is currently used for tenant employee parking and for picking up passengers on arriving international flights. Parking in Lot D is free of charge. Under the new rate structure, lots 2 and 4 will cost an additional \$2 per hour for each of the first eight hours, \$1 for the ninth hour and \$17 for each additional day. Lot 3 will cost an additional \$2 per hour for each of the first six hours and \$12 for each additional day. Lot 5 will cost an additional \$2 per hour for each of the first four hours and \$8 for each additional day. The first two hours are free in Lot F. Afterwards, Lot F will cost an additional \$2 per hour for the third, fourth and fifth hours, \$1 for the sixth hour and \$7 for each additional day.

The Friends of Ontario Airport 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is selling out quickly. Only a few foursomes are left so turn in your registration forms now! This year's theme is "Hawaiian Tropics" so get those Hawaiian shirts out of the closet and keep them out just in time for the coming summer season. The popular tourney, this year taking place on Friday, May 16 at San Dimas Canyon Golf Course, attracts airport tenants, employees and local business leaders. At the awards banquet, all golfers are eligible to win fantastic door prizes including airline tickets on Southwest, ExpressJet, Alaska and jetBlue. The tournament benefits Travelers Aid of the Inland Empire and the Ontario USO. For golf registration or sponsorship information, call Bea Martinez at (909) 975-5363.

## Save the date

### Thursday, April 17

Board of Directors and Golf Committee Meeting at 3:15 p.m. Terminal 1, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Employee Break Room

A tour of ONT's Airport Police Command Center is scheduled in place of the bimonthly members meeting. An airport shuttle will depart promptly from Terminal 1 at 4 p.m. and return from the tour at 5 p.m. Space is limited so please RSVP by April 15<sup>th</sup> at (909) 975-5360.

### Friday, May 16

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of Ontario Airport Golf Tournament

### Thursday, June 19

Friends Bimonthly Meeting at 4 p.m. Meetings take place in Terminal 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your parking ticket to the meeting for validation.

## Tell a friend

Invite a friend to join the Friends of Ontario Airport.

Membership includes invitations to the Friends bimonthly meetings and exclusive airport special events, Friends *News and Notes* newsletter, and a special Friends promotional gift.



## ONT host to 2<sup>nd</sup> annual aviation summit



*Jim Ream, ExpressJet Airlines Chief Executive Officer, spoke about ExpressJet's future.*

Highlighting the benefits of air cargo to the local economy, ONT was host to the second annual Southern California Aviation Summit on March 12. The summit, organized by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, also highlighted the economic benefits of having airports like ONT as a part of the community. Speakers playing a prominent role in aviation presented the opportunities available to aviation-related businesses and international trade.

The summit explored inland Southern California's role in building a regional solution to air transportation and help develop a long-term vision for aviation in Southern California. Speakers discussed the impact of air cargo on the region.

With a growing business base, rising trade relations with Asia, Central and South America, affordable real estate, opportunities for logistics-related businesses to expand, and a growing number of regional attractions, San Bernardino County and the rest of the Inland Empire are driving new demand for air travel and express shipping.

## The Friends Mission

*The Friends of Ontario Airport is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization that unites people of all backgrounds into a special group with a common interest in aviation, and in the development and growth of ONT for the benefit of all persons.*

## Tour ONT's Airport Police Command Center on April 17

Usually not open to the public, the Friends are invited to tour ONT's Airport Police Command Center which houses the airport's emergency communications systems and personnel, CCTV (closed circuit t.v.) operations and K-9 unit.

A historical building at the airport, the Command Center, as it is more commonly known by airport employees, was built in the 1950's. It was used as the airport's fire station for decades until ONT's Safety Base was built in 1989. Remnants of the old fire station can still be seen today.

This is an exclusive, behind-the-scenes tour of one of ONT's restricted facilities. Space is limited so please RSVP by April 15 at (909) 975-5360.

## Attention Friends business owners!

If you have a discount to offer to Friends members, let them know in an issue of *News and Notes*. E-mail company coupon or voucher to [mtesoro@lawa.org](mailto:mtesoro@lawa.org).



### Friends of Ontario Airport Discounted Car Rental Rates available at

## 15% Discount

The discount can be applied to standard daily rates on all vehicle types. Regular rental qualifications apply and optional damage waiver and upgrades are available at an extra cost.

This offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other promotional offer or discounted rate.

Coupon must be presented at time of rental.

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