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## **FLIGHT LINE**

### **APRIL 2009**

#### **GATE 4 – 7 CODES CHANGE APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

On April 15, 2009, key pad codes for Gates 4, 5, 6 & 7 will change. Your gate remote clicker will not be changed. A letter containing the new key pad code was included in your monthly hangar billing.

If you have questions, please contact the Airport Office at 707-253-4300.

#### **STRANGERS ON THE AIRPORT**

If you suspect an unauthorized person is on the field, please inform the Airport office at 707.253.4300 and call 1.866.GA.SECURE (427.3287). When you drive through a gate, stop until the gate closes, before proceeding.

#### **NEW SIGNS FOR GATE FOUR**

Warning signs have now been installed at Gate 4. *When approaching a gate, please wait until it is fully open before entering or exiting. For your own safety and that of others, please do not tailgate through any gate.*

#### **GATE & RAMP USE**

All tenants are asked to use Gates 4-7 for access to the hangar area. Please refrain from using gates 1-3 and avoid driving on the main ramp. The ramp speed limit for all vehicles is 10 MPH.

Bridgford Flying Services requests tenants refrain from using Gate 3, due to constant customer traffic in that area. *We appreciate your help in making the ramp a safer place for everyone.*

#### **SHADE HANGARS**

There are currently shade hangars available for occupancy at \$97.00 per month. Call Airport Operations at 299-1695 for more information. There are currently 88 applicants on the hangar waiting list.

#### **MAIN RAMP PROJECT**

During January, the main ramp area was surveyed and core drillings were made as part of the design work for refurbishment of the main ramp. Depending upon funds received from the FAA, ramp construction may begin mid to late 2009 or 2010.

#### **BATTERY RECYCLE**

Battery recycle of all types of batteries is available next to the waste oil dump on the south ramp. Please

put all batteries inside the blue bin and replace the lid. Do not leave batteries on the ground.

#### **A VIEW FROM THE TOWER**

*Jeff Osborne, Air Traffic Manager, Napa ATCT*

Hopefully, as you read this, we are back working in the “big” tower. I moved back into my office on March 15<sup>th</sup> and we are on track to be back in our regular digs on April 1<sup>st</sup>. I can’t think of a more appropriate date to move than April Fool’s Day. After that, the tower will resume tours and receiving visitors.

The last of our newly hired Air Traffic Control trainees has settled in and some of you have probably heard her voice on ground control and clearance delivery. Haylee is our last new hire for this year. We are expecting one transfer in December. Once again, I will ask that everyone please be patient as we are currently training 5 people. Just like a flight instructor, we try to let the student have as much “rope” as we can before we take the controls back. This can sometimes sound confusing to a pilot, but it really is the most efficient way to accomplish training.

There has been no date set as of yet, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fairy Shrimp BBQ. This may be due in part to my imminent departure. As of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, I will transfer to Las Vegas TRACON. I’ve more than enjoyed my 2 ½ years here at Napa. It has been a great pleasure to work with the controllers, pilots and the airport staff here. In fact, the pilot’s associations have made me feel very welcome.

I’d like to also thank Martin Pehl, and all of the airport staff. I’ve worked at 12 airports, and I have never had such a cooperative working relationship with the airport. Professional and friendly really sums it up. Thanks to all of you!

As always, we rely upon your input to improve safety and service. If you have any questions, comments, or praise, please call me or the soon to be Acting Air Traffic Manager, Michael Soto. Mike’s email is [Michael.N.Soto@faa.gov](mailto:Michael.N.Soto@faa.gov), tel 707-255-1533

#### **AIRPORT DAY – B-17 EVENT**

Because of the planned ramp refurbishment, 2009 Airport Day has been set for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This coincides with a four day stay of the EAA’s B-17. The EAA will have YOUNG EAGLES flights on Saturday and Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, as part of the event. Call 707-253-4300 for more event information.

This will be a small event and local pilots are encouraged to display aircraft and invite other aircraft owners from the local area. WWI and WWII vintage aircraft are especially encouraged and display credits are available.