

L A X Community UPdates



COMMUNITY NEWS 50th Anniversary of LAX Theme Building



In recognition of the Theme Building's 50th anniversary, LAX hosted a "Sunday Morning Coffee" on June 19. The general public, plane spotters, and aviation enthusiasts were invited to the Observation Deck to celebrate. A specially-made commemorative coin were given to the first 300 attendees.

With 135-foot-high parabolic arches, the Theme Building provides a spectacular 360-degree view of aircraft operations and surrounding areas. The landmark building was part of an overall \$50-million Los Angeles Jet Age Terminal Construction Project that began in 1960.

In addition to the Observation Deck, the building houses the Encounter Restaurant, offices, a cafeteria and courtyard. The Encounter Restaurant opened in January 1997 at a cost of \$4 million with a space-age interior and colorful exterior lighting by Walt Disney Imagineering. The courtyard displays plaques commemorating the opening of the new Jet Age airport in 1961, and LAX's first employee in 1928, Henry Bakes. On December 18, 1992, the Los Angeles City Council designated the building a cultural and historical monument.

The Observation Deck is open to the public on weekends only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to request a copy of the Theme Building Fact Sheet, contact LAX Community Relations at (424) 646-7450.

Staff Bio: Shirley Hoffmann

Shirley Hoffmann is a Principal Public Relations Representative for Los Angeles World Airports at LAX. She maintains a strong community presence by participating, sponsoring and representing LAX in an array of community and civic organizations such as chambers of commerce, service clubs, and youth groups.

Shirley works with airport management to address airport operational issues and other concerns that may impact local neighborhoods. Her duties include liaison to the El Segundo and Hawthorne communities and serves on the board of directors to both chambers of commerce. She is also a member of the El Segundo Education Foundation.

Shirley's educational and professional experience has been wide-ranging in various aspects of community work. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cal-State Dominguez Hills in which she studied mass communication with a concentration in public relations and broadcasting. To view a description of the educational programs she manages, visit LAWA's webpage at http://www.lawa.aero/welcome_lax.aspx?id=766 or contact Community Relations at (424) 646-7450.



LAX Community Noise Roundtable

In response to airport-related noise concerns, airport officials created the LAX Community Noise Roundtable in September 2000. Membership consists of local elected officials and staff, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the Federal Aviation Administration, airlines, and LAWA.

These parties work together to identify noise issues affecting communities surrounding LAX and to seek feasible solutions to reduce noise over those affected communities whenever possible.

Meetings are open to the general public and held the second Wednesday of every odd month at 7 p.m. in the Clifton Moore Administration Building. To view copies of the noise roundtable's meeting schedule, work program and agenda, click on the following webpage <http://www.lawa.org/LAXNoiseRoundTable.aspx> or contact the LAX Noise Management Office at (424) 646-6508.

53-Hour Freeway Closure on July 16 & 17

Local and state public safety officials are informing the public of the anticipated 10-mile, 53-hour freeway closure on the weekend of July 16 and 17 for planned demolition work on the Mulholland Bridge. The freeway closure boundaries will be as follows:

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Northbound I-405: 10-mile closure between I-10 and U.S. 101

Southbound I-405: 4-mile closure between U.A. 101 and Getty Center Drive ramps

Motorists are advised to plan ahead, monitor real-time traffic conditions, and follow alternate routes to bypass the impacted area or opt to use public transportation.

The demolition work is part of a major I-405 freeway improvement project in order to build a new, widened bridge, and a major carpool lane. Scheduled for completion in 2013, the \$1-billion project is a joint-effort between Metro and Caltrans. Additional details about the closure can be found on the project's website at www.metro.net/405.

PARTNERING WITH OUR CHAMBERS & ROTARY CLUBS

USO Speaks at Rotary Club



Mike Tielmann, executive director of the Bob Hope Hollywood USO at LAX, was the featured guest speaker at a recent Rotary Club of Inglewood lunch meeting. For the past nine years, Mike has been overseeing the USO Centers at LAX, LA/Ontario International, and Palm Springs Airports. Under his leadership, the organization has grown in size and services.

The USO (United Services Organization) is a congressionally chartered, private, nonprofit organization that delivers its special brand of comfort, morale and recreational services to the military. For 67 years, the USO's mission has remained the same... support U.S. troops and their families wherever they serve.

Today, the USO delivers its programs and services to more than 130 locations around the world via its airport centers, family and community centers, and mobile USOs. Last year, military personnel and

family members visited USO centers more than 5.3 million times.

For more information about the organization or how to get involved, click on the following websites: www.lawa.aero or www.bobhope.uso.org.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Bradley West Fulfilling Architectural Vision



The \$1.545-billion Bradley West Project continues with extensive work on both north and south concourses. The steel framing is now beginning to resemble the architectural renderings. A tremendous amount of careful planning, phasing, design and coordination is needed due to challenges presented by various enabling projects carried out while maintaining full airport operations.

With many of the enabling projects and basement excavation complete, work has now started on the core of the building, which will eventually become the project's architectural jewel, a "great hall." A large tower crane will soon begin installation of the core's steel truss that will comprise the nearly 132-foot-tall roof. For additional information about the construction progress of Bradley West, visit the following website at www.LAXDevelopment.org. (Rendering: Fentress Architects)

Escalator and Elevator Project

Energy Efficient, Improved Safety



The escalator and elevator project at LAX continues to progress, with the installation of energy-saving, sustainable technology that safely and efficiently transports passengers to their awaiting flights. LAX is one of the first airports in the U.S. and the first facility in California to use "sleep mode" on the new escalators.

If escalator is not used in a set period of time, the "sleep mode" feature will automatically reduce escalator speed to 20 percent of normal speed. The benefits are significant savings in power usage, maintenance and repairs. In addition, all elevators have improved safety features such as 3D infrared light curtains that operate during door movements. The detectors emit green light as doors open, and flash and turn red as doors close.

The nearly \$175-million project will replace and upgrade many of the units that have exceeded their 25-year operational life span, increasing passenger safety and convenience. (Photo: LAWA employee Albert Rodriguez)

"Gab's Corner"

Questions about LAX?
Ask gpatcheco@lawa.org.

Q: Who is known as "Mr. Airport" at LAX?



A: Yes, that's right, Clifton A. Moore is known as "Mr. Airport" to aviation professionals. Moore served a record 25 years as LAX's executive director. In honor of his career and leadership, the Flight Path Museum is saluting Moore by hosting a new exhibit highlighting his legacy. The exhibit features the most significant of Moore's numerous awards as well as renderings of the LAX terminal area as developed under his supervision. Mementos in the display were presented to the museum by his widow, Betty Moore. Moore was appointed executive director in 1968, retired in 1993 and passed away in 2002 at the age of 80.

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