

Van Nuys Airport Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

Dear Van Nuys Airport Community,

I'm excited to share the latest updates and highlights from Van Nuys Airport (VNY). From hosting the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) at the airport to launching groundbreaking zero-emission ground support equipment initiatives, April was a busy and productive month at VNY.

As always, we remain dedicated to keeping you informed and engaged. We look forward to continuing our shared journey and invite you to be part of our ongoing story.

Best regards,
Jacob Haik
VNY Airport Manager

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VNY HONORS 'FRIENDLY FLYERS' AT SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BOAC MEETING

This month, VNY recognized 26 aircraft operators with the 2024 Friendly Flyer Award for their outstanding efforts in reducing aircraft noise and supporting community well-being. Announced during a special Board of Airport Commissioners meeting at VNY, these operators collectively cut nighttime jet operations by 21% year-over-year, showcasing a strong commitment to quieter, more considerate flying.

The Friendly Flyer Award honors those who meet rigorous compliance standards with noise abatement programs and curfew regulations. Among this year's recipients are four first-time winners—ATI Jet, MC Group, OKVS, and Ventura Air Services—alongside 22 returning honorees. The initiative is part of VNY's broader "Fly Friendly Program," aimed at building stronger community ties through sustainability, education, and engagement. Learn more at <https://www.lawa.org/lawa-environment/noise-management/van-nuys/vny-fly-friendly-quiet-departure-program>.



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CONDOR SQUADRON CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AT VNY

Hundreds of families gathered at Van Nuys Airport on April 20 to celebrate Easter and the 50-year legacy of the Condor Squadron during a festive community egg hunt. Hosted at the Squadron's headquarters, the event featured Easter-themed activities, free food, giveaways—including a surprise parakeet raffle—and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny.



The celebration highlighted the Condor Squadron's continued commitment to honoring veterans and engaging the community through events. "Our Easter Celebration allows us to continue our tradition of community service while introducing new generations to the proud legacy of the squadron and Van Nuys Airport," said Rob Sandberg Chief Pilot and Director of Flight Operations for the Condor Squadron.

Founded by WWII fighter pilots in the 1960s, the nonprofit continues to preserve aviation history while serving as a vibrant presence at Van Nuys Airport. Learn more at condorsquadron.org.

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VNY LAUNCHES GROUNDBREAKING ZERO-EMISSION GSE INITIATIVE

Just in time for Earth Day, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners approved a new zero-emission policy and incentive program at Van Nuys Airport that will make it the first general aviation airport in the country to fully transition its ground service equipment (GSE) to zero-emission models by 2030. The initiative includes a \$250,000 grant program supported by the South Coast Air Quality Management District to support airport tenants in replacing high-emitting GSE vehicles, helping eliminate more than 2.29 tons of nitrogen oxide and 465 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions—the equivalent of burning over 52,000 gallons of gasoline.



These programs reflect a growing commitment at VNY to encourage cleaner air and more sustainable operations. Developed in collaboration with community members and stakeholders, the VNY policies align with LAWA's long-term goal of achieving carbon neutrality from airport operations by 2045, while also ensuring the airport remains a responsible and responsive neighbor in the San Fernando Valley.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, April 26 - Youth
Leadership Airport
Academy



Tuesday, May 6 - Van
Nuys Airport Citizens
Advisory Council Meeting



Van Nuys Airport (VNY): VNY is one of two airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a proprietary, revenue-generating department of the City of Los Angeles. VNY serves as a valued San Fernando Valley resource, providing ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community service. Dedicated to noncommercial air travel, more than 200 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including four major fixed-base operators and numerous aviation service companies. For more information, visit iflyvny.com.



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