

# Van Nuys Airport Monthly Newsletter

## June 2025

Dear Van Nuys Airport Community,

I'm excited to share the latest updates and highlights from Van Nuys Airport (VNY). From adopting policy changes that reduce emissions to empowering students interested in the aviation industry, we're proud to share what we've accomplished in the last month.

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

# VAN NUYS AIRPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

## **NORTH VALLEY OCCUPATIONAL CENTER CAREER EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY TOUR OF VAN NUYS AIRPORT**

On June 25, Van Nuys Airport hosted the North Valley Occupational Center's (NVOC) Career Empowerment Academy for a behind-the-scenes tour of the airport. The program is designed to empower youth by offering hands-on experience in aviation maintenance.



This past Wednesday's program featured a tour of VNY, including visits to the General Services Department hangar where LAPD helicopters are maintained and repaired, LAFD 114 Station for firefighting air operations, and VNY tenants Clay Lacy and StandardAero. A future field trip will include a tour of Los Angeles International Airport.

This program solidifies VNY as a space for youth empowerment and career development. Initiatives like NVOC's aviation mechanic program lay the foundation for a future generation of innovators and leaders in the aviation industry.

## In Case You Missed It

# VNY ADVANCES SUSTAINABLE AVIATION WITH FUEL FEE WAIVER FOR UNLEADED GAS

Earlier this month, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) waived the \$0.11 per gallon fuel delivery fee for unleaded aviation gasoline. This policy update incentivizes a switch from leaded aviation gasoline to cleaner-burning, unleaded alternatives.



This policy change is the latest in a series of VNY policies geared to reduce emissions. Earlier this year, the airport became the first general aviation airport in the country to adopt a policy and incentive program that aims to transition all ground support equipment vehicles to zero-emission models by 2030.

The latest policy modification is a step toward clean aviation that builds off growing efforts in the industry to reduce environmental impact and is part of VNY's larger commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

# VAN NUYS AIRPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

## VAN NUYS AIRPORT MANAGER HONORED AS 2025 CLASS OF THE VALLEY 200

Our very own Van Nuys Airport Airport Manager, Jacob Haik, was recently honored as one of Los Angeles Business Journal's Inside The Valley magazine's 2025 Class of the Valley 200. The issue features 200 of the most influential people throughout the Valley.



Haik, who began his role as Airport Manager in September 2024, has led several first-of-its-kind environmental initiatives, including the airport's inaugural Green Tenant Program, the development of sustainable operational guidelines, and a bold commitment to making VNY the first general aviation airport to achieve zero emissions by 2030.

Under his leadership, VNY also earned Level 4 accreditation in the Airports Council International Europe's Airport Carbon Accreditation program, making it the first general aviation airport in the Americas to be certified at Level 4 or higher.

Before stepping into his current role, Haik served as LAWA's Director of Sustainability and Compliance. His career spans more than two decades in government, community affairs, and executive management.

The Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) team proudly congratulates Jacob on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for his continued leadership and commitment to innovation and sustainability.

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## CONDOR SQUADRON HOSTS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AT VNY

Van Nuys Airport proudly supported the Condor Squadron's annual fundraiser earlier this month, held at VNY.

The event brought together aviation enthusiasts, veterans, and community members to raise funds for the squadron's ongoing efforts to preserve and operate historic WWII-era aircraft for flyovers, educational programs, and community events.



VNY Airport Manager Jacob Haik with honoree and legendary aviation leader, Clay Lacy

LAWA staff participated in the event, hosting an outreach table, sharing information about airport operations and community initiatives, and connecting with attendees about the importance of aviation history at VNY.

The Condor Squadron remains a valued tenant at the airport, helping inspire the next generation of aviators while honoring the past.

# TENANT SPOTLIGHT

## SUN AIR JETS

Sun Air Jets has been a dedicated tenant at Van Nuys Airport for nearly 15 years, committed to advancing excellence in aviation through leadership, service and innovation.

The company has played an active role in hosting key industry events and programs, including the USC Aviation Safety Program and Association for Corporate Growth 101, bringing together aviation professionals and promoting operational excellence.



Sun Air Jets is also recognized for its efforts in sustainability and noise reduction, having received multiple VNY Friendly Flyer awards and holds the NATA Green Aviation Business certification, underscoring its commitment to minimizing noise and environmental impacts and being a responsible member of the airport community.

Van Nuys Airport is proud to recognize Sun Air Jets for its continued dedication as a member of the airport community.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, June 28** – San Fernando Valley Pride March & Festival
- **Friday, July 6** – July 4th Fireworks Extravaganza 2025 at Warner Park
- **Sunday, July 13** – Sherman Oaks/Encino Chamber 2025 Golden Oaks Awards Gala
- **Thursday, July 17** – Board of Airport Commissioners Meeting
- **Thursday, July 17** – VICA's 2025 L.A. County Officeholders Breakfast

**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](http://iflyvny.com).



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