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By Tim Caulder, Senior Real Property Agent

The County of San Diego has restaurants, cafes, and delis at multiple airports. Hopefully you have already experienced some and are repeat customers. There are three airside restaurants that provide affordable nourishment in a comfortable setting.

First, we have the Gillespie Field Cafe located at the base of the Air Traffic Control Tower at Gillespie Field. You will find a friendly atmosphere coupled with good food and a close view of the airfield. Outdoor seating is covered and puts you closer to the planes. Go to gillespiecafe.com or call (619) 448-0415 for more information.



Second, we have Assaggio's Ristorante Italiano just west of the terminal at Borrego Valley Airport. Italian food truly never tasted this good. Assaggio's is long established in the Brawley area. Bring your appetite and your camera for great, relaxing views from the upstairs deck or just dine in style inside. The crystal clear air will have you looking in all directions. Go to www.assaggioitalian.com or call (760) 767-3388 for more information.



Our newest airport restaurant is The Landings at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad. Seating is inside or out, just about as close as you can safely sit near a commuter airliner. You can watch as the pilot, crew and passengers get on or get off the plane. A good variety of foods and beverages awaits you and you'll appreciate the intimate relationship the restaurant has with taxiing airliners. Go to www.carlsbadlandings.com/ or call (760) 929-0200 for more info.



In addition to the airport restaurants, there are two delis in the Airport-owned industrial parks

adjacent to Gillespie Field.

Try the Executive Friendship Deli located at 1935A Friendship Dr. in El Cajon. The outdoor seating allows for distant views of the Air Traffic Control Tower while enjoying your meal. Go to executivefriendshipdeli.ewbz.net more info (619) 448-3637.



The Hilltop Deli is located at 1870 Cordell Court, Suite 114 in El Cajon. It's a healthy climb from Cordell Court up the hill to Hilltop Deli where one can get good views to the north and east. Sit inside or out to enjoy your freshly prepared meal. From the driveway you can catch near eye-level views of aircraft taking off from Gillespie Field. The Hilltop Deli can be reached at (619) 448-3663 for more info.



In conclusion, you owe it to yourself to try all five eateries in the near future, as they look forward to satisfying your discriminating taste buds. Once you try them, we hope you'll share the good news with your family and friends.

A Whole Day Full of Free* Family Fun!

RAMONA AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 24th
7am Through 3pm

AND IT'S ALL FREE*

*Except for the food, that is.

Special Guest "Smokey The Bear" • US Forest Service Tours
Control Tower Tours • Classic Rotors Tours • CalFire Tours
Pancake Breakfast • Mexican Fiesta Lunch
Tricked Out Big Rig Truck Show • Mercy Air • Sheriff's Copter 10
Classic War Birds • Airplanes on Display • Much, Much More!

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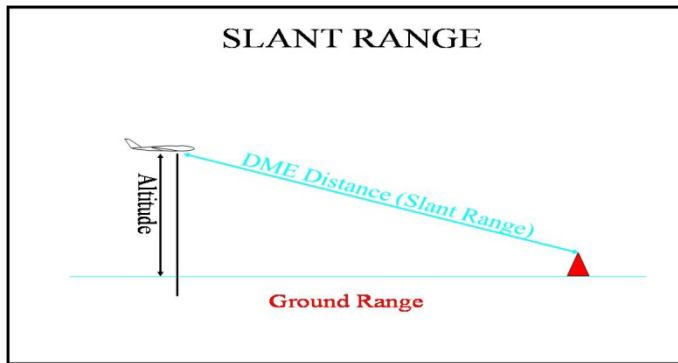


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By Jim Swain, Contract Environmental Sound Manager

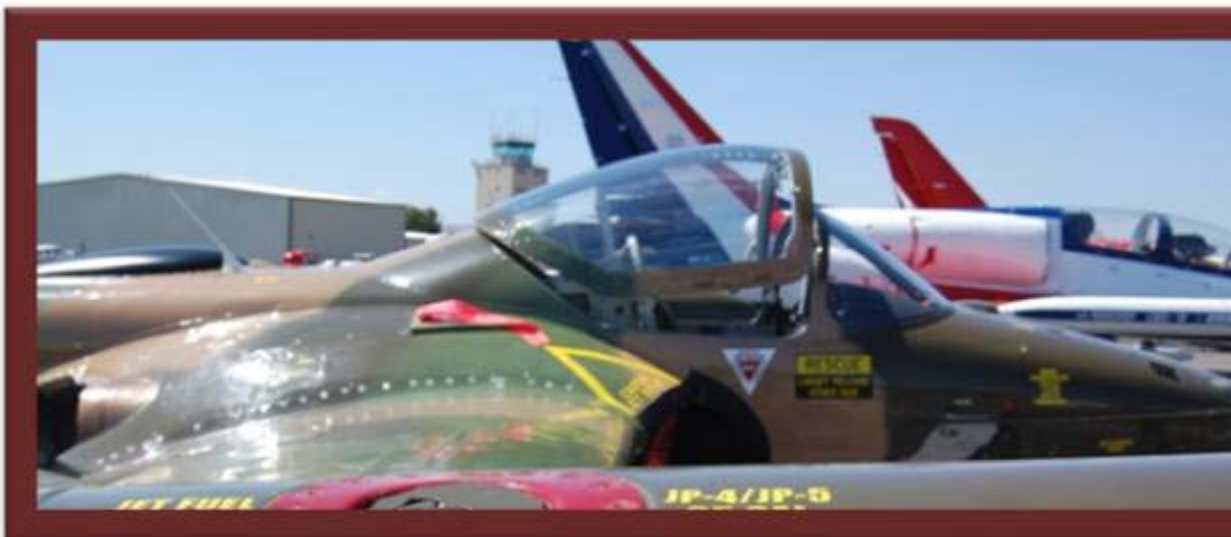
On May 5, 2011, McClellan-Palomar Airport commissioned a new navigational aid for aircraft operating in the area of airport. Aircraft use Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) to determine their distance from a land-based location such as the runway. DME equipment can be co-located with navigational course and glide path guidance instruments like the instrument landing system (ILS), or used independently by aircraft to help determine their position. The DME provides accurate and continuous monitoring of distance progress to a pilot on approach to the airport and does not require an installation outside the airport boundary.



[Wings Over Gillespie 2011 Photo Recap](#)



County Airports hosted the 14th Annual Wings Over Gillespie on June 4 & 5, attended by about 9,000 people. This year boasted free parking, a free kid's zone, a larger selection of vendors and more display aircraft.



Runway 17/35 was closed for the weekend to allow for aircraft on display as seen here.



A F8F "Bearcat" heads down the taxiway towards the mock Battle of Midway.



The 'battle' ensues...



Young children, mature veterans and everyone in between enjoyed the sights and sounds of the air show.



Tribute to CoNA flyover by F3F, TBM, Hellcat, T-28, T-34, SNJ - some seen here.



Wings Over Gillespie 2011 was a great success and Air Group One should be proud. Congratulations on a job well done!

All Photos Courtesy [Rachel MacGowan Photography](#)

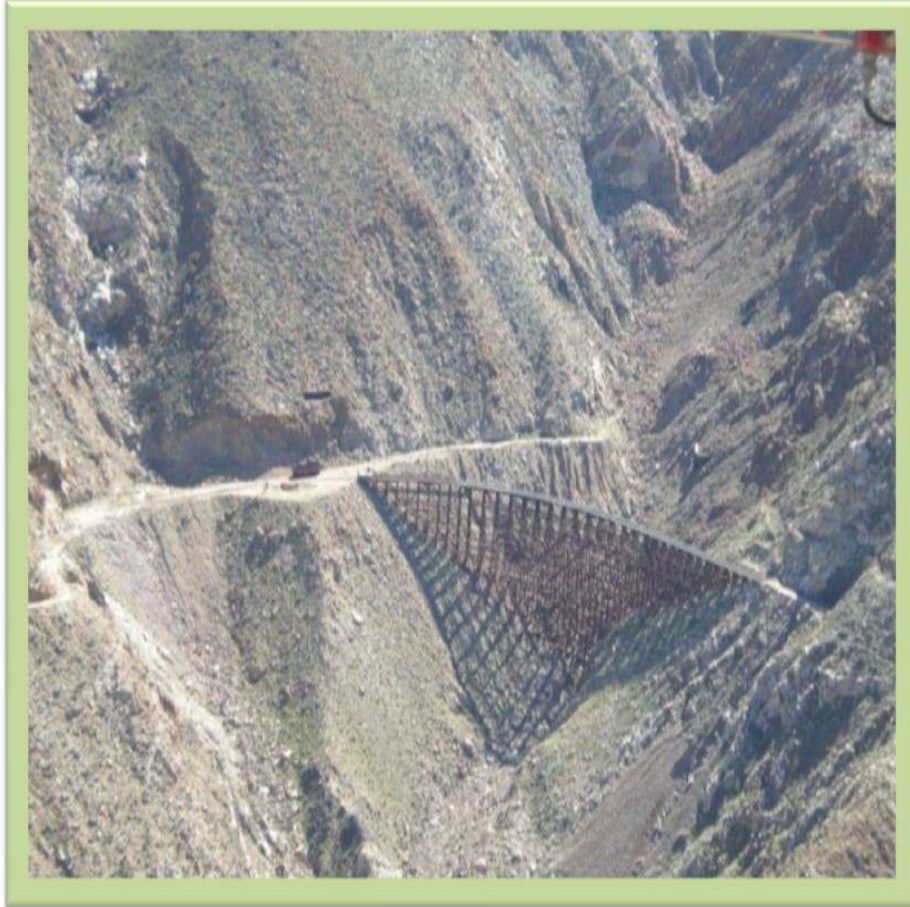
What's Out Here, Anyway?

By Viki Cole, Contract Airport Manager, Desert Airports

“What’s here?” they ask, charging into the small terminal building at the Borrego Valley Airport. Seeking a cool retreat, unfamiliar pilots will ask the local hangar flyers, “What’s here? No really! Why do people live here in this vacuous desert landscape?” Usually questions like these are asked by pilots who have unexpectedly discovered L08 when unable to make it back over the mountains, either from weather closing in or problems with their aircraft.



The answer is likely to be a long dissertation beginning with the movies filmed here, (remember it's a 'Mad, Mad World', 'The Scorpion King', Tom Hanks, 'From Earth to Moon,' or the 'X files,' (Disney's million dollar 'IMAX,'). Or for the history buff, John Spreckle's construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad that passed through the Anza Borrego Desert built in 1907 with wheelbarrows, mules, picks, hand tools and black powder. Also worth mentioning is the George S. Patton Memorial museum, just northeast of Borrego. There is also the magnificent Goat Canyon trestle that spans the Carrizo gorge. Built 185 feet high with a fifteen degree curve, and a 633 span over the canyon, it is said to be the longest wooden trestle in the world.



Borrego is a birders paradise. Finding a bit of shade under your wing at the airport, it's likely you'll see huge hawks, vultures, ravens and of course, "Roadie," Borrego's very own roadrunner. If you sit quietly she'll come right up and join the party. If you're hankering for a quick hike, trek up the Palm Canyon. Watch the Borrego sheep frolicking above the trail head, and then take some time to see our beautiful Visitors Center and Museum. Catch the free movie depicting the deserts four seasons at the center.



Borrego boasts dark skies so bring your telescope. If you dare, stay for the stars at the Palms at Indianhead, the most sought out getaway for Hollywood in the fifties. Don't forget golf at the Borrego Springs Resort. From the upper deck of Assaggio's, our famous Italian restaurant, (some of the best food in the valley), you may catch a glimpse of nationally acclaimed athletes working out or biking. There's always the distinct possibility of catching the United States Aerobatic Team performing a private show just for you.



Don't be hesitant to visit this small village with a population of 3,000 where you won't find fast food, movie theaters or traffic signals but will marvel at the many hidden treasures you may find.



[Collings Foundation "Wings of Freedom" Visits Ramona Airport](#)



The "Witchcraft", a B24 Liberator, comes in for a landing.



A P51 Mustang shows off its gleam.



The B17 "Flying Fortress" gracefully enters Ramona Airport.

[Homeland Security Working for County Airports](#)

By Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary

For almost a year, County Airports staff has been working with the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to secure Homeland Security grant funding for a variety of projects for McClellan-Palomar and Ramona Airports totaling \$147,000. "We are in the final approval stages and should know next month if all of the projects made the cut," said Olivier Brackett, McClellan-Palomar Assistant Airport Manager and County Airports Security Manager. The project at Ramona Airport will be a solar powered vehicle gate that will allow County staff access to the airport through a County controlled gate. The projects at McClellan-Palomar include additional cameras, video analytics, increased video storage, long range acoustical devices and enhanced pedestrian gate locks. The new equipment will help enable the airport to increase its TSA-required security posture in response to the start up of California Pacific Airlines later this year.

[Fallbrook Open House Photo Recap](#)



The Fallbrook Airpark Open House, in conjunction with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Avocado Festival, was very successful this past April .



This year, the Airpark hosted over 5,000 visitors and treated them to free parking, water drop demonstrations by the Sheriff's Copter 12, tours of the Mercy Air helicopter...



...over 30 static displayed Airpark based aircraft, 20 street rods, a professional flight simulator...



...and continuous air shows by the Palomar RC Flyers and their radio controlled airplanes.

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Last month we asked for your feedback on *Plane News*. While the results we received were very positive, the number of respondents wasn't as high as we had hoped. In order to better serve our readers, we're (once again) asking for your feedback. Please take a couple minutes to complete this brief (7) question survey regarding *Plane News*.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HKSCQ5Q>

Thanks for your continued interest & support!

The Editor

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Ramona Airport presented Classic Rotors Helicopter Museum, the world's only helicopter museum with operational helicopters. On display was a Hiller VH-32 Hornet Helicopter, escorted by Ramona Airport Manager, Bo Donovan, and the Young Eagles pilots of the Ramona Airport Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

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