



DID YOU KNOW?

Who we are:

The County of Ventura Department of Airports was established in 1976 to own and manage Camarillo Airport and Oxnard Airport. Together these Airports provide vital connections to the national airspace system and are home to many businesses and individual aircraft owners.

The Airports operate on an enterprise fund and do not receive general fund dollars from the County of Ventura. There is also a standing operating surplus for both CMA and OXR combined, an annual budget of \$9 million for both airports, and a reserve of more than \$16 million. Combined, the Airports are responsible for more than 2,000 local jobs and over 75 businesses and counting.

Camarillo Airport History

The history of the Camarillo Airport can be traced to 1942 when the California State Highway Department constructed an auxiliary landing field with a 5,000 foot runway. The Airport was eventually transformed into an active base for the United States Air Force through the Cold War until it was deactivated in 1968. Since then, Camarillo Airport has progressed from a sleepy, tower-less facility to a bustling reliever airport with an FAA air traffic control tower and over 150,000 annual takeoffs and landings.

Today the Camarillo Airport is home to a diverse collection of aircraft with active chapters of the Ninety Nines, Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Commemorative Air Force.



Oxnard Airport History

The Oxnard Airport was established in 1934 by the County of Ventura and consisted of a 3,500 foot dirt runway. The Airport was home, in part, to a shelter for Howard Hughes' H-1 racer, which he tested from the Oxnard Airport.



When the United States entered World War II in 1941, flying was curtailed within 200 miles of the California coastline, and the Oxnard Airport became home to the United States Army Air Corps through 1944 when it was reassigned to the Navy until the base at Point Mugu was completed in 1945. The County of Ventura reclaimed operations of the Airport, and was issued an airport operating permit from the State of California in 1949, leading to a small commercial airport that housed Southwest and Pacific Airlines as well as a terminal that opened in 1971.

Today, Oxnard Airport is without commercial air service due to changes in airline business models and shortages in regional aircraft and pilots. It does, however, serve as an active site for regional flight schools training the next generation of pilots and commercial services.

Youth Aviation Discovery

The Camarillo and Oxnard airports support activities dedicated to Ventura County youth who are interested in learning more about aviation. Whether through Young Eagles or a school-affiliated field trip, children have the opportunity to experience ground-based flight simulation, have an introduction to drone flying, learn the history of both airports, and even take flight with a local pilot.

We Want to Connect With You

The Airports are committed to bridging the gap between airport operations and our local neighbors. The September 2022 launch of Fly Friendly VC is just one of the ways we are working to improve our connection to the community. Whether it's through education or noise abatement programs, the Airports remain dedicated to both pilots and the community. To learn more, or to connect with us, visit vcairports.org.



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