

January 2015 Update- All things Aviation:



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Airport Launches New Flight Tracking System

A new and improved aircraft flight tracking system is now available on John Wayne Airport's (JWA) website: www.ocair.com/communityrelations/flighttracking/. The web-based system is accessible to the public and replaces the previous flight tracking system. Developed by BridgeNet International, "Volans" is a three-dimensional software application with a user-friendly interface making it easy for the public to view aircraft flight tracks online at any time of day. The system takes a little getting used to but is a vast improvement for people in the community.

JWA- 2014

For 2014, JWA served 9.39 MAP an increase of +1.7% over 2013. The month of December saw approximately the same increases, i.e. +1.8% over December 2013. International traffic for the airport declined -26.7% for 2014 over 2013. The ADDs for 2014 were 111.31 versus 115.03 for 2013. International for the year 2014 accounted for 3.71 ADDs for 2014 versus 5.23 ADDs for 2013. Generally the statistics once again confirm that the airlines are flying fewer operations with greater load factors.

3rd Quarter Operations JWA

Pursuant to the reports released by JWA, the ADDs for the third quarter of 2014 were 113.10 ADDs versus 116.ADDs for 2013. Of the total number of ADDs for the 3rd Qtr of 2014, 32.51 were Class E and 80.59 were Class A ADDs. In 2013 the numbers were 36.48 Class E and 80.47¹ were Class A ADDS.² Here is a comparison for the third quarter for years 2011-2014:

<u>3rd Qtr. Of Year</u>	<u>ADDs</u>	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class E</u>	<u>YTD MAP</u>
2014	113.10	80.59	32.51	7.00 MAP
2013	116.95	80.47	36.48	6.91 MAP
2012	116.77	78.40	38.37	6.60 MAP
2011	114.85	81.28	33.57	6.48 MAP

Noise Comparisons

A comparison at noise monitors 4-7, SENEL for American Airlines and Southwest Airlines versus the same period for 2010-2014 shows:

American:

2010 AA B378	NMS 4 ³	NMS5	NMS6	NMS7
924 Ops.	86.8	88.6	88.7	84.4
2011 AA B378				
870 Ops.	88.1	87.8	88.8	85
2012 AA B378	88.5	88.2	89.3	85.8
1054 Ops.				
2013 AA B378	88.2	88.0	88.9	85.3
1103 Ops.				
2014 AA B738	88.4	88.3	89.1	85.6
1269 Ops.				
<i>Noise Limits</i>	<i>94.1</i>	<i>94.6</i>	<i>96.1</i>	<i>93</i>

¹ Under the current JWA Settlement Agreement there are 85 Class A, ADDS allowed plus 4 Cargo flights of which 2 may if not otherwise utilized by the Cargo Carriers, as the case is currently, be allocated to the 85 Class A ADDs for a total of 89.

² For the past twelve months, ie. 10/1/13-9/30/14 the ADDs are 111.48.

³ NMS4- Tustin Ave., NB; NMS5- Vista Madera, NB; NMS6-Santiago, NB; NMS7-Back Bay Drive, NB.

<u>Southwest:</u>				
2010 SWB737 1199 Ops.	81.3	81.2	82.1	79.3
2011 SW B737 1556 Ops.	80.5	79.3	79.9	76.6
2012 SW B737 1233 Ops.	83.9	83.6	85.0	81.9
2013 SW B737 1692 Ops.	83.8	83.3	84.6	81.5
2014 SW B737 2009 Ops.	84.3	83.8	85.00	82.1
Noise Limits	94.1	94.6	96.1	93

Class E Southwest Airlines 3rd Quarter 2013 - 2014 at Noise Monitors 4-7.

S West E 3 rd Qtr 2013 2847 Departures	NMS 4	NMS 5	NMS6	NMS7
	83.4	82.4	83.7	80.7
S West E 3rd Qtr 2014 2262 Departures	83.9	83.1	84.2	81.4
Noise Limits	86.0	86.6	86.6	86.0

Airports in the Region

Long Beach-2014

Long Beach Airport saw a decline in overall passengers in 2014 versus 2013. The total passengers for Long Beach in 2014 were 2.82 MAP or an overall decline from the previous year of -4.0%. In December Long Beach's numbers fell -11.2% versus the same month in 2013. The largest part of the decline was attributable to Jet Blue and Alaska Airlines. Meanwhile in November, Long Beach saw a decrease in passenger traffic over the same month last year of -5.0%. Load factors remain high with an average of 88%.

LAX –Record 2014

Los Angeles International Airport exceeded its 14-year-old peak for airline travel and is now the nation's second-busiest airport. The airport handled 70.66 million passengers in 2014, far surpassing a record of 67.3 million travelers set in 2000, the growth of LAX's market share to 76.4 percent of the SoCal market – the highest in 25 years according to economic data released by LAX. The number of visitors to L.A. rose to 43.4 million, a significant gain over previous years including 2009 when visitors dropped to 34.4 million during the recession. And even more travelers are expected in 2015 LAX believes. LAX was up +5.99% for the year over 2013.

ONT- Continues Rebound

Passenger traffic at ONT increased for November and December 2014 over the same period last year. For the year, the airport was at 4.13 MAP a +3.93% increase over 2013. Again the numbers show a dramatic increase for an airport that has lost so much of its air traffic in the last number of years. Ontario International lost passengers steadily beginning in 2008. The slight rebound in 2014 count to 4.13 MAP is still nowhere near the 7.2 million in 2005 and 2007.

Forecast for ONT

Ontario International Airport will have its first passenger increase in seven years for 2014, but economic and environmental harm from years of service reductions continue, an authority set up to restore local control to the Inland airport was informed in a report release on January 5, 2015. Cumulative annual losses from 2008-14 were estimated at \$3.6 billion, along with 10,700 fewer jobs⁴. And Inland drivers who had to use Los Angeles International Airport because of reduced services at Ontario drove an extra 72.8 million vehicle miles per year during the period, with commensurate pollution, according to the report prepared for the Ontario International Airport Authority. The

⁴ The economic harm estimates were from Oliver Wyman consultants and were based on direct impact of lost jobs at the airport; the loss of spending by visitors; and the multiplier effect on local wages and spending.

same paper forecast a final ONT passenger count for 2014 at 4.1 million⁵; a 4.1 percent increase over the previous year. It will be the first passenger increase since 2007, when a 2.2 percent rise took the annual passenger number at ONT to 7.2 million.

LAX-ONT Battle for Control of ONT Airport

A judge's tentative ruling is against Ontario regarding two⁶ key claims in Ontario's lawsuit against Los Angeles over local control of L.A./Ontario International Airport. Meanwhile, recent discovery in the litigation discloses that the executive director of Los Angeles World Airports sent an internal email in December 2011 stating that she thought having an Inland group presiding over Ontario International Airport is "ultimately a better scenario for both LA and the Inland Empire," according to court documents filed on January 15, 2015.

In addition, a recent audit conducted by Ontario contends that the sale price offered by LAW is inflated by at least \$181 Million. LAX said that if ONT wants to buy the airport back, the price is approximately \$400 Million.

ONT Popular Over the Holidays

Holiday travelers at L.A./Ontario International Airport on Monday, December 22 said they prefer coming through Ontario International Airport than other airports because it's generally a less crowded and more straightforward experience. The holidays represent the busiest time for the airport, ONT officials said, which generally experiences bigger crowds during the early morning flights, tapering off in numbers throughout the day. Shortly before noon Monday, a line was checking into Southwest Airlines, and other crowds were busy picking up baggage, though the terminal was not crowded." On the way here, there's less trepidation," said Jennifer Spencer, a traveler at the airport from Alberta, Canada, who was in Southern California to see family. Spencer was heading

⁵ Which proved accurate.

⁶ The two key claims center around the procedure by which the transfer from LAWA to ONT occurred and whether or not it was a sale or not. A trial will still be held on remaining claims.

onto a Southwest flight to Arizona. “It’s definitely a more relaxing experience. I feel I don’t have to be on my toes to know I’m going to the right place, with the right directions, to get where I’m going in a hurry.”

Bob Hope-Continues to Improve

The number of passengers traveling through Bob Hope Airport rose in November, compared to the same period in 2013, continuing a trend that began in July. In November there was an increase of 1.3% over the same period in 2013. As noted throughout this report other airports in the region also reported increases in passenger tallies for November.

Phoenix Citizens Protest Change in Flight Patterns

Within 90 days of flight path changes at Sky Harbor airport in Phoenix, the residents filed nearly 2,000 noise complaints. However, the Federal Aviation Administration says new flight departure paths out of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport that are drawing noise complaints from some residents cannot be reverted back to the original routes. Meanwhile the administration is looking at possible adjustments to the new paths according to the letter sent January 22nd by FAA Administrator Michael Huerta to Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher.

The Future of Air Travel is Now

In Sweden, Ornskoldsvik airport is about to become the world’s first remotely controlled airport. Air-Traffic controllers are testing a system of cameras and sensors that replaces humans and issues commands across multiple airports at once. Instead of surveying the airport through plate-glass windows, a controller will be located miles away and sit before a semicircular wall of more than a dozen 55-inch liquid-crystal displays. The airline industry is monitoring this experiment closely.