



General Aviation

NEWS & UPDATES

July 2024

Preparing for a Busy Travel Month

The summer travel season is here and that means more people are taking to the skies. July is set to be one of the busiest months of the year at Utah's airports. Similar to when traveling commercially, it is important to arrive early at the airport and to conduct a thorough pre-flight check. Following are a few additional steps to take to be a savvy summer pilot:

- **Weather Check:** Check weather conditions along the route and at the destination. Use reliable sources such as official aviation weather services or apps.
 - **Flight Route:** Plan the route carefully, considering airspace restrictions, waypoints and any NOTAMs that may affect the flight. Consider landmarks, roads, towers and other visual cues along the way to aid in visualizing the path.
 - **Maintenance Status:** Ensure all required maintenance and aircraft inspections are up to date. This includes checking the aircraft's logbooks for any recent services or repairs.
 - **Personal Readiness:** Prioritize rest and physical health prior to the flight. Most healthy adults need at least seven hours of sleep per night. Babies, young children and teens need even more sleep to stay happy, healthy and sharp. In other words, well rested children (with the appropriate snacks) will make the flight much more enjoyable.
 - **Emergency Preparedness:** Tailor an emergency kit specific to the flight or the environment in the event of a forced landing. Key items include water, a fire starter, an emergency shelter (pop up tent) and a way to signal to searchers.
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FAA Clarifies Check Pilot Medical Requirements

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has removed the requirement for check pilots and flight instructors to possess a current medical unless they are performing as a required flight crew member. According to the final rule, flight instructors, check pilots and check flight engineers must hold the appropriate medical certificate only when serving as a required flight crew members in an aircraft.

This change removes inconsistencies and provides clarity for those performing their functions in an aircraft without a medical certificate. So, 135 operators are encouraged to review the final rule, which is effective on July 18, 2024. [Review the rule here.](#)

SVRA | Reserved Tie-Down Program

On July 10, 2024, South Valley Regional Airport introduced a new reserved tie-down program aimed at enhancing order and optimizing space utilization. Pilots will now have the advantage of securing dedicated tie-down spots for their aircraft. This organized approach not only reduces congestion but also ensures smoother operations.

Here are some pointers to be aware of:

- The airport has labeled all tie-downs from Alphabet Row and Spots 11-85 with "RESERVED" in bold, white letters. Additionally, the transient parking spots on the helipad ramp are now marked with "FBO".
- If a tenant discovers their assigned spot is occupied, they should contact the FBO main number for alternative parking instructions. They will typically be directed to either the FBO ramp or to an available transient tie-down spot.
- The FBO will relocate aircraft parked in incorrect locations, but only after coordination has been cleared through the FBO Manager. He will be the sole authority to approve the movement of aircraft between spots in cases of incorrect parking.

TVY | New Fire Base Nears Completion

The BLM recently completed the construction of a totally new asphalt ramp. This development marks a pivotal moment for the airport and the broader aviation community it serves, promising improved functionality and efficiency for the BLM and the fire fighting community. It will have the capacity to accommodate up to seven fixed-wing aircraft and two helicopters for the duration of the entire fire season, ensuring adequate support for aerial operations.

New Meter Installation 100 LL Self-Serve Tank

In a bid to enhance service efficiency and customer convenience, the Tooele Valley Airport has recently completed the installation of state-of-the-art meters at its 100LL self-serve tank. This development marks a significant upgrade in the facility's capabilities, promising smoother transactions and improved user experience for all aviators.



Completion of the new meter at the KTVY 100LL self-serve tank



Construction of a new asphalt ramp for the BLM is finished, with capacity for seven fixed-wing aircraft and two helicopters.

Upcoming Events & News

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The High Planes Taildraggers will be hosting the 11th Annual Fly-In and Car Show at the Big Piney Airport. Complimentary pancakes and a t-shirt will be available to all attendees. Pilots will receive a custom designed hat. For more information, [visit this website](#).

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