

# GENERAL AVIATION NEWS

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## **U42 AIRPLANE WASH OPEN**

The plane wash at South Valley Regional Airport (U42) has been repaired and is open and fully operational.

Remember to bring a handful of quarters to activate it.

#### **MASTER MOUNTAIN FLYING**

It should come as no great revelation to we who are based in and fly around the state of Utah that we live in the mountains. And yet, accidents continue to happen each year as direct results of the failure of pilots to respect the unique intermountain flying environment.

Rocky Warren, a fixed base operator and highly experienced mountain pilot from Gunnison, CO used to make frequent reference to "cumulo-granite" clouds and how flying into one could "really ruin one's day." It doesn't matter if one smacks the ground during IMC, VMC, or just because one has run out of airspeed, altitude, and ideas all at the same time... the ground is just as hard with equally devastating results. Flying in the mountains narrows one's options and constantly tests a pilot's knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities.

Mountain flying provides a unique set of challenges and dangers. Knowing about these obstacles and planning accordingly are essential for a safe and enjoyable flight. AOPA's Air Safety Foundation has a new free online "Mountain Flying" course at <a href="https://www.aopa.org/asf/product/mf.html">www.aopa.org/asf/product/mf.html</a> and "Mountain Flying Safety Advisor" publication at <a href="https://www.aopa.org/asf/publications/sa23.pdf">www.aopa.org/asf/publications/sa23.pdf</a> both of which focus on high-density-altitude operations, night flying, weather, terrain avoidance, and emergency landing areas.

The course includes an interactive flight-planning activity, where the user can choose which route to fly, the time of day, and a navigation technique. The program also discusses how to keep a flight log, how to pick alternative routes in the event of weather changes, and how to find suitable forced landing areas.

Wind is one of the most challenging obstacles of mountain flying, but pilots can use it to their advantage. The course points out where updrafts and downdrafts most commonly occur and how to safely cross a mountain ridge.

Check them out! They may just increase your flying longevity.

#### **GA AIRPORT TRAFFIC PATTERN SAFETY TIPS**

South Valley Regional Airport (U42) and Tooele Valley Airport (TVY) are non-towered airports and traffic separation is the responsibility of individual pilots. Due to the amount of student pilot and general aviation activity at these airports, it is very important to strictly adhere to traffic pattern procedures.

The traffic pattern for TVY is a standard left-hand pattern. There is a windsock in a segmented circle on the east side of Runway 35-17 with additional wind socks at both ends of the runway. The Unicom frequency is 123.0 and the AWOS frequency is 119.725.

The traffic pattern for U42 is non-standard west traffic only. There is a windsock in a segmented circle on the east side of Runway 34-16 and additional windsocks at either end of the runway. The Unicom frequency is 122.7 and the AWOS frequency is 134.425.

The downwind traffic pattern altitude at U42 is 1,000 feet above ground level (AGL).

It is the responsibility of the individual pilots to determine runway and pattern at these airports. In the interest of safety, we recommend that pilots operating at these airports adhere to the following:

- Always monitor the AWOS prior to entering the traffic pattern.
- Always monitor CTAF/UNICOM and announce your position prior to entering traffic and upon commencing each leg of the pattern.
- Regularly refer to flight publications for the latest airport facility directory (AFD) information

If the wind is less than 5 knots, Runway 34 is the preferred runway.

Review FAA advisory circulars; 90-66A, Recommended Standard Traffic Patterns; 90-42F, concerning Traffic Advisory Practices; and 90-48C, Pilot's Role in Collision Avoidance.

# **TENTATIVE GA BBQ DATE SET**

September 12, 2015 has been tentatively selected as the date for the annual SLCDA sponsored General Aviation Barbeque at South Valley Regional Airport. It is scheduled to be held in Leading Edge Aviation's maintenance hangar.

More information will follow as the date for the activity nears.

#### **AIRCRAFT SELF-FUELING REMINDER**

We still periodically receive reports about pilots self-fueling their aircraft on SLCDA airports without proper permitting.

Per the SLC Title 16 statute, airport issued self-fueling permits are required to transfer fuel from a container into one's aircraft (i.e. avgas, unleaded auto fuel, etc. from a five gallon fuel can).

Self-fueling permits are not required when fueling from commercial self-serve pump facilities.

Contact GA Manager Steve Jackson at 801-575-2401 with questions.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

The Salt Lake City Department of Airports General Aviation Office has been receiving reports from pilots and staff that some disturbing trends seem to be developing.

Starting in and taxiing aircraft from hangars (T or shade) is not authorized. Ground-handle aircraft to and align it with the taxiway centerline before starting the engine. It is safer and it is neighborly.

Airport staff has been discovering tires, batteries, containers of used oil, and partial cans of paint in airport garbage containers. Regulations strictly prohibit disposing of these items in landfills. Please dispose of them at appropriate disposal sites.

#### **UAOA FALL CONFERENCE**

The Utah Airport Operators Association (UAOA) 2015 fall conference is scheduled for October 1-2 at Ruby's Inn in Bryce Canyon, Utah.

Airport owners and operators, government agencies, aviation contractors, aviation associations, fixed base operators, and individual pilots attended this conference to exchange information, receive information and to promote aviation and airports in Utah.

For more information, visit www.uaoa.org

## **UAOA TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Utah Airport Operators Association (UAOA) will award three \$2,000 scholarships to Aviation Management students at Westminster College and Utah Valley University this summer.

## **SLCDA GA NEWS ELECTRONIC OPTION**

If you would like to receive the Salt Lake City Department of Airports' monthly general aviation newsletter by e-mail, send a request including your current e-mail address to: <a href="mailto:steve.jackson@slcgov.com">steve.jackson@slcgov.com</a>.

# **JULY FAA PILOT SEMINARS**

Upcoming activity and FAA seminar information is available at: <a href="https://www.faasafety.gov">www.faasafety.gov</a> under the "Activities, Courses & Seminars" tab or contact Rick Stednitz, FAA Safety Program Manager at (801) 257- 5073.

# HELPFUL POINTS OF CONTACT

For general aviation operations, facilities maintenance, SLCDA GA newsletter, airfield, and SLC Title 16 questions contact: Steve Jackson, SLCDA General Aviation Manager, (801) 647-5532 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:steve.jackson@slcqov.com">steve.jackson@slcqov.com</a>.

**For hangar lease and repair questions:** Phil Bevan, Property Management Specialist at (801) 575-2957 or <a href="mailto:phil.bevan@slcgov.com">phil.bevan@slcgov.com</a>.

For aviation security questions call: Dennis Berry at (801) 575-2401.

For gate access problems call: Airport Control Center at (801) 575-2401.

For emergencies call: at SLCIA, (801) 575-2911.

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For additional GA information call the GA Hotline: (801) 575-2443.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS**

**Leading Edge Aviation** at South Valley Regional Airport (KU42), West Jordan and at Logan—Cache Airport (KLGU) hosts multiple events each month including breakfast fly-ins, dinners, and classes. For more information about Leading Edge events, visit: www.leaviation.com.

The Logan (LGU) FBO hosts a free breakfast in their hangar on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

The South Valley Regional Airport (U42) FBO hosts a monthly fly-in and BBQ at U42 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. the last Saturday of each month all summer and into the fall.

For more information about Leading Edge events, visit www.leaviation.com.

**Skypark Airport (KBTF)** in Woods Cross, Utah hosts a monthly fly-in hangar breakfast with the FBO offering self serve fuel discounts at the airport beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month through fall. The next fly-in breakfast will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found at www.skyparkutah.com.

**EAA 23**, the Utah Chapter of the **Experimental Aircraft Association** will conduct its Project Tour in lieu of its July chapter meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Sky Park Airport (KBTF) in Woods Cross.

**Historic Wendover Airfield (KENV)** has scheduled its annual air show for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>... more information to follow.



Safe summer flying!