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MARCH 2013

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

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WHAT'S UP? SEQUESTRATION WOES

The buzz word of 2013 is "sequestration." Until recently, the term has most commonly been used in reference to juries that are sequestered until a verdict was reached. Recently, sequestration has made headlines, referring to budget sequestration, a procedure in United States law that limits the size of the federal budget by means of automatically imposing across-the-board spending cuts. Both, it seems, mean "cut-off." But as sequestration officially took effect

March 1, confusion still existed on what exactly would be affected and when. However, the overall areas that general aviation will most likely be affected will be:

Reduced services by air traffic control (ATC)

Contract towers are slated to close first, as soon as April 1st, while federally-run towers on the closure list may stay open until September, says Heidi Williams, vice president of air traffic services and modernization for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). At press time the FAA had release a list of 238 airport control towers are slated to be closed due to sequestration. The southern California tower closures include: Camarillo (CMA), El Monte (EMT), Fullerton (FUL), Jack Northrop Field/Hawthorne Municipal (HHR), Oxnard (OXR), Palmdale Regional/USAF Plant 42 (PMD), Brackett (POC), Riverside Municipal (RAL), Ramona (RNM), Brown Field Municipal (SDM), Santa Monica (SMO), Southern California Logistics (VCV), Whiteman (WHP) and General William J. Fox Airfield (WJF). The entire list can be found: www.faa.gov/news/updates/media/Facilities_Could_Be_Closed.pdf.

Another potential impact on ATC is that reduced preventative maintenance for air traffic control equipment will result in more equipment down time and a higher likelihood that there will be a failure in the equipment. The FAA is also looking at scaling back maintenance of navigational aids at numerous airports.

Reduced services by the local Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO)

General aviation aircraft and operations are required to pass certain inspections, given by the FAA. Due to reduced resources in the FAA, there will be a build-up of airplanes waiting to be inspected, which may lead to grounding of aircraft or operations until the inspections can be completed.

Licenses and upgrades for pilots and all other FAA certified individuals may be delayed and backed up in issuances.

Certification of general aviation aircraft, products, and programs would feel the pinch as furloughed days prevent FAA personnel from doing work which, even now, is often backlogged.

Airshows

Farewell to airshows? Dramatic cuts to non-essential spending may end the participation of the U.S. military in air shows around the country. First, FAA personnel probably will not be available for work involved in making preparations and running an airshow and second, any Air Force participation will be restricted.

There is much we can do to overcome the limitations of sequestration. It's time to hone your skills and review aeronautical subjects that may have gone dormant in the last few years.

- When checking NOTAMs, check details such as whether your destination's control tower is out of business (plan for an uncontrolled airport) and whether navaids you'll need for getting down and landing remain in service (pilotage).
- Tower's closed? It's a good time to review the airspace classes, as likely your airspace must revert to a "lower" class. That also means staying extra cautious about any local VFR traffic that won't be pointed out over the radio.
- Have a "Plan B" ready, a secondary plan, in case a first plan ('Plan A') fails.
- Stay in practice/get familiar with on-line flight and weather planning websites. Develop an awareness of the overall "big picture" before attempting to get a detailed weather briefing. The advantage of being able to see text and graphic information visually and even print the information will help keep your call to Flight Service on target. Always be sure to call a Flight Service Station for the latest weather and NOTAM information.
- Tell Congress that sequestration will have a detrimental effect on our National Airspace System. Contact:

Rep. Alan Lowenthal, Phone:(202) 225-7924, Fax:(202) 225-7926

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Phone:(202) 224-3841, Fax:(202) 228-3954

Sen. Barbara Boxer, Phone:(202) 224-3553, Fax:(202) 224-0454

Visit www.natca.net for a link to email all three congresspersons at once.

Winds Favor Runway 16R

At least two days last week, with the winds out of the south at about 10 knots, Runway 12 and Runway 16R were in use. Pilots were able to take advantage of the rarely-used 16R, many departing straight out for a quick trip to the shoreline, while several opted to stay in the pattern to work right traffic.

In the past, LGB tower has hesitated to use only one north/south runway to handle general aviation traffic (16L has been almost continually closed for several years due to construction activities on the main terminal ramp).

One club pilot, with 200 hours total time, said he cancelled his flight last week when he showed up at the airport and the winds out of the south at 10-12 knots. The airport was using Runways 25L and 25R. "I had my granddaughter with me and I didn't want her to have a bad experience in case it was rough due to the crosswind." But he was able to get his flight out when the airport went south traffic this week.

We previously reported that on December 13, 2011 the Long Beach City Council approved a geometry study for LGB. The study continues discussions about reducing safety risks at the airport, and will analyze the complex nature and taxiway system at LGB and make recommendations with an eye toward safety and reduction of risk.

The first meeting of the Airfield Geometry Study Working Group was held October 18, 2012.

The second meeting of the Airfield Geometry Study Working Group was held recently, on March 7.

Three alternatives are being analyzed at this time. Common elements of the alternatives: all alternatives will include runway guard lights at taxiway intersections with Runway 30/12 and at identified hotspots; all alternatives include reconnecting Taxiway A to the west end of Runway 7L/25R; all alternatives include a connection from Taxiway J to the Runway 7R threshold; all alternatives recommend Runway 7R/25L be 100' in width (currently is 150') with the centerline shifted north 25' and have augmented markings;

CONGRATULATIONS!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS			
DAVID HALL	First Solo	C-172	CFI MONTY GROUTAGE
COREY MOLINA	First Solo	C-172	CFI CHRIS ROTH
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BANDISH PATEL	Instrument	C-152	CFI AARON KRIEGER
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DHAFIE RAMADHAN	Commercial Single	ARROW	CFIs SUZUKI/MUDGAL
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HAROON HAFEEZ	Commercial Single	ARROW	CFIs SUZUKI/MUDGAL
ANDREW ROSTRON	Commercial Single	C-172RG	CFI JOHN CAMPBELL
LORENZO BOLOGNESI	CFI	C-172RG	CFI RICHARD GARNETT

CONGRATS to RICHARD GARNETT, top CLUB CFI for February, logging the most hours of dual given in club aircraft! Runners-up were RYAN DAVIS and SANTIAGO SARABIA!

TOP GUN AWARD goes to KYUNG SUNG BAE for logging the most flight hours in club aircraft in January! Runners up were ANDREW ROSTRON and HAROON HAFEEZ !!!

ALUMNI UPDATE: Sean Gregory checked in recently. He is coming up on two years with Great Lakes Airlines and is based in Prescott, Arizona.

NOTAM: Club pilots wishing to write articles for our monthly newsletters would be greatly appreciated!

NOTAM: The Redbird TD2 BATD is certified and ready to log instrument currency!!!

NEW & REJOINED CLUB PILOTS! WELCOME!



- BOYKE AIRLANGGA
- LUCA CAMPORESI
- JOHN CHIH
- DALE CHOPPIN
- MATTEO CONFORTI
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- EITER FLORES
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- MICAH WATSON
- SUNG SU YU

From page 1 all alternatives propose shifting Taxiway Foxtrot 25' north while maintaining 240' of runway-to-taxiway separation; and all alternatives will include a recommendation to continue use of the low cost ground surveillance system.

The first alternative maintains all 5 runways, adds nearly 3 dozen guard lights, shortens runway 16R to 2,527' by moving the approach threshold to Taxiway D and adds a new runup area on the north side of Taxiway J west of Taxiway J2.

The second alternative adds 2 dozen guard lights, converts Runway 16L to a taxiway, and removes 25L pavement east of its current landing threshold (remaining length 3900').

The third alternative adds about a dozen guard lights, converts both Runway 16L and 16R to a taxiways, and provides the option to shorten 25L to 3900',

There will be one more meeting of the group within the next couple of months, before which the members will submit comments so that the alternatives can be revised as appropriate. A safety review of the recommendations and standards evaluation will be discussed with the FAA and construction costs will be estimated.



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- DONALD ALMY
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- MELINDA WASMUND
- RIZKY YUWONO
- JACOB ZYLSTRA

CALENDAR

APR 20:	Flabob Airport - 3rd Saturday Aircraft Displays & Car Show, www.flabob.org .
APR 24:	Long Beach Flying Club and the Long Beach Airport Association GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held at the AirFlite facility on Taxiway Bravo at the end of Wardlow Road. A buffet will be served, sandwiches, fruit and dessert, beginning at 6:30 PM with the program beginning at 7:00 PM. Everybody is welcome to attend -- we hope to see you there! This meeting will count toward CFI credit for this month!
APR 14:	Brown Field 2nd Sunday Fly-In, San Diego Flight Museum, www.aerospacemuseum.org
APR 7:	Santa Paula - Aviation Museum of Santa Paula First Sunday Open House and Vintage Aircraft Fly-In. Contact: 805 525 1109 www.amszp.org .
APR 13:	Catalina Aero Club DISPLAY DAY FLY-IN Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm. Aircraft built 1961 and earlier land FREE! Historical aircraft display sign-offs. Buffalo Burgers at DC-3 Grill! Meet other pilots and Aero Club members. Contact: 714.751.9420.
APR 14:	Whiteman Airport Second Sunday Open House, Whiteman Airport Association. Contact: www.whpsafety.org/display.html
APR 21:	Brackett Field (POC) Third Sunday Antique Aircraft Display — classic cars, and biplane rides. FREE. Fly ins welcome, historical sign offs. Restaurant on-site. Plenty of airplane and vehicle parking. 10-3PM. Contact Yvonne, 626-576-8692.
MAR 27:	Long Beach Flying Club CFI meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will be opining club challenges and opportunities, discussing of regulations, training procedures, and other aspects of flying. Join us for an inspirational and educational hour!
MAR 31:	Agua Dulce Airport BBQ & Fly-In from 1100 am to 2:30 pm. A wide range of modern and vintage aircraft often fly into Agua Dulce Airport (L70). All planes welcome -- Fly over for some great Texas style barbecue, the trimmings, friends and fun. Awards to aircraft in antique, classic, contemporary and homebuilt classes. Cost: \$5.00. Info: www.airnav.com/airport/L70 or dulceair@sbcglobal.net .
APR 10:	Long Beach Aviation Friends will meet on Wednesday April 10th at AirFlite (3rd floor), with a program featuring aviation legend Clay Lacy. The meeting will start at 6:00 P.M., and should round up about 8:00 P.M. For more information, go to longbeach-aviation-friends.org .
APR 6:	Chino Monthly Event includes seminars and, weather permitting and whenever possible, flight demonstrations by appropriate aircraft. Seminars start at about 10am and last till about 2pm and occur on the first Saturday of every month. Contact 909.597.3722.



The wind was exactly straight down the runway for 16R.



N67431 exits Runway 16R — Long Beach's Walter Pyramid and LGB tower pose too.



N80138 holds short of 16R at Delta while N8408E completes the landing roll.



N48962 departs from Runway 16R.

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