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NEWS FROM ABOVE



New roadway signs on inbound Airport Boulevard at Sacramento International Airport. Photo by Paul Bennett.

New Roadway Signs

Navigating the roads at Sacramento International Airport is now even easier. During the past month, new and improved signs have been installed all around the airport.

The signs are large and easy to read, with information on airline locations, parking areas, parking rates and other services.

Color coding also makes the signs more readable, with red indicating Terminal A, and green designating Terminal B.

Holiday Parking Discounts

Sacramento International Airport is offering discounted parking as a special holiday gift to travelers. During the weeks listed below, the 24 hour parking rate will be discounted as noted:

Wednesday, November 24 – Monday, November 29
Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3

\$1 off Economy Parking
\$2 off Daily Parking
\$3 off Hourly Parking

TRAVEL TIP

Arrive at the airport at least 2 hours prior to your flight on busy travel days. Visit www.sacirports.org for more information on peak travel times.

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Gold Card Parking

Frequent flyers can now purchase guaranteed parking in the Terminal A parking garage at Sacramento International Airport. The new Gold Card program makes parking and payment fast, easy and convenient.

A special section on the first floor of the parking garage has been reserved exclusively for Gold Card holders. A Gold Card proximity card guarantees the availability of a parking space to its holder at all times, expedites entry and exit, and provides close parking to Terminal A. Members may also park in the Terminal B Hourly Parking Lot at the Gold Card rate.

Gold Card memberships are available for an initial enrollment fee of \$200 and an annual \$35 maintenance fee. Additional cards can be obtained for \$35 each. A parking rate of \$20 per day is charged when members park in the Gold Card area in the Terminal A Parking Garage, or in the Terminal B Hourly Parking Lot.

The Gold Card program offers special advantages to businesses. Airport parking can automatically be accounted for, eliminating the problem of lost receipts and the need for parking reimbursements. Gold Card also breaks down the

usage for each card on an account, tracking which cards are being used the most.

For more information about the Gold Card program, please call (916) 874-0719.

Art at the Airport

Travelers passing through Sacramento International Airport these days might spot a bathing monkey or a lounging pig. These whimsical creatures are just two of the art pieces currently on display in Terminal B. Scrumptious chocolate cakes, a giant hand and a colorful owl can also be found among the 45 ceramic art objects in the exhibit entitled "Funk Factor."

Each item in the exhibit is an example of Funk Ceramics, an art movement started in the 60s by Robert Arneson, an educator and ceramist from UC Davis. Together, these pieces celebrate the humor, spontaneity, freedom and fun of ceramic art.



Photo by Paul Bennett.

Nine local artists created the pieces in the exhibit, which is co-sponsored by the Sacramento County Airport System and the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. "Funk Factor" is part of a revolving art exhibit in Terminal B which changes every three to four months. For information on purchasing one of the pieces, please contact the Arts Commission at (916) 566-3992.

Flight Numbers

Air freight at Mather Airport is up 9.4% year to date.

Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 10.3% in the month of September.

Aircraft operations at Executive Airport are up 1.2% year to date.

	September 2004	September 2003	Last 12 Months 2003/2004	Last 12 Months 2002/2003
International Airport				
Passengers	769,060	696,960	9,252,151	8,722,237
Air Freight (Tons)	5,250	5,354	64,806	67,316
Aircraft Operations	13,799	13,442	164,805	159,906
Executive Airport				
Aircraft Operations	11,802	12,071	135,444	125,838
Mather Airport				
Air Freight (Tons)	5,462	5,193	64,430	59,290
Aircraft Operations	7,440	5,758	80,573	72,003