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NEWS FROM ABOVE

Mather Celebrates 10 Years

Mark your calendars! Mather Airport celebrates its 10-Year anniversary Sunday, May 8 with a free public event featuring a static display of vintage, military and civilian aircraft. Among the aircraft scheduled to be on hand are:

- Air Force B-52 bomber
- Coast Guard C-130
- P-51 and T-6 warbirds
- a variety of military helicopters
- and many more.

In addition, the McClellan Aviation Museum will feature a vintage aircraft engine display, and food concessions will be available.

The event will take place on the Mather Airport ramp and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; take the Mather Field exit off Highway 50 and follow the signs. For more information, call (916) 875-7077.



FREE MATHER ANNIVERSARY POSTER

Visit www.sacairports.org to download your copy.

Mexicana Now Offers Bus Service to Central Valley Locations

To complement its new nonstop service to Los Cabos and Morelia, along with its already existing nonstop service to Guadalajara, Mexicana Airlines is now offering its passengers in Merced, Turlock, Modesto and Stockton the option of bus transportation to and from Sacramento International Airport.

Passengers interested in taking advantage of Mexicana Plus can book the \$20 to \$30 service when they book their flights by calling 800-531-7921. Dates and times correspond with Mexicana flight times and are available when a flight is booked.

The pick-up and drop-off points for passengers wishing to take advantage of Mexicana Plus are as follows:

- Merced – Parking lot of Merced Chamber of Commerce at 690 West 16th Street
- Turlock – In front of Turlock Chamber of Commerce at 115 South Golden State Blvd.
- Modesto – Passenger loading zone in front of Modesto Transportation Center at 1001 9th Street
- Stockton – Waterloo Food & Fuel at 3032 East Waterloo Road

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Southwest Airlines Adding Nonstop to Chicago

Southwest Airlines introduces daily nonstop service between Sacramento International Airport (SMF) and Chicago's Midway International Airport (MDW) beginning July 5.

The new service is part of a large-scale expansion of Southwest flights from Midway Airport to celebrate the airline's 20th anniversary in the Windy City. Southwest currently serves MDW from SMF with direct flights.

Additional nonstop Chicago service further expands the flight options available to Northern California travelers and offers the convenience of a new, hassle-free nonstop flight.

"Southwest's nonstop service to Chicago demonstrates Sacramento International Airport's ability to support additional nonstop destinations for travelers from throughout Northern California," said Sacramento County Airport System Director G. Hardy Acree. "It adds convenience and flexibility for business travelers as well as travelers looking for increased trip planning options."

Sacramento International Airport Art Tours

The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, Art in Public Places Program, in collaboration with the Sacramento County Airport System, cordially invites the public to attend free docent tours to view the recently installed public art works, "Flying Gardens" and "Flying Carpet" created for the Sacramento International Airport.

This free community event open to all ages will take place on Sunday, May 1, 2005. Tours will assemble at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Terminal A Information Desk. The Information Desk is located near the Baggage Claim area.

Mr. Oppenheim's "Flying Gardens" is a massive steel and lexan construction of 12 bird-like sculptures designed to amaze and delight anyone who sees the artwork. Each of these colorful creatures features a wingspan of some 20 feet and makes an awesome and engaging addition to the new Airport parking facility located at Terminal A.

"Flying Carpet" is the concept of Oakland based artist Seyed Alavi. His artwork consists of a carpet based upon an aerial view of the Sacramento River extending from Colusa to Chico. The carpet covers the entire floor of the pedestrian bridge from the parking garage to Terminal A. Both artists have received critical acclaim locally and nationally since their artworks' installation in early 2005.

Reservations for this free program are requested by contacting the SMAC office at (916) 566-3992 by Monday, April 25, 2005 or by email at smac@cityofsacramento.org.

TRAVEL TIPS

Check all the pockets in your carry on and checked luggage for prohibited items before arriving at the airport.

Visit www.tsa.gov for the latest list of prohibited items.

As of April 14, cigarette lighters are no longer allowed past the security checkpoint or on aircraft.

Flight Numbers		February 2005	February 2004	Last 12 Months 2005	Last 12 Months 2004
<p>Traffic at Sacramento International Airport is up 10.6% for the past twelve months.</p> <p>Air freight for the whole Airport System is up 1.5% for the past twelve months.</p>	International Airport				
	Passengers	693,155	636,343	9,739,658	8,804,922
	Air Freight (Tons)	4,899	4,848	64,007	64,430
	Aircraft Operations	11,978	12,340	163,612	159,892
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	7,585	12,228	119,466	141,727
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	4,614	4,761	63,365	61,076
	Aircraft Operations	5,609	5,314	80,360	70,220