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Blue Angels Coming to California Capital Airshow

The leading jet demonstration team in the world—the Navy Blue Angels—will be appearing at the inaugural California Capital Airshow at Mather Airport in 2006.

The event, sponsored by the Sacramento County Airport System and Heritage Credit Union, will be held at Mather Airport March 18-19, 2006. In addition to the Blue Angels, the airshow will feature other major aerial performers, numerous static displays,

aviation-related booths, concessions, and more.

“We are extremely excited to be hosting the California Capital Airshow,” said Director of Airports G. Hardy Acree. “We expect that this will become a signature event in the Sacramento region for many years to come.”

Mather Airport is located in Rancho Cordova off Highway 50, less than 10 miles from downtown

Sacramento. Formerly an Air Force Base, the civilian airport celebrated its 10-year anniversary last May with a one-day static aircraft display that attracted nearly 10,000 visitors. Over 100,000 are expected to attend the Airshow.

More information about the California Capital Airshow, including ticket prices, schedules and performers, is coming soon. Visit www.sacairports.org and click on the

TSA Changes Start December 22

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recently announced several changes to the screening methods at airport security checkpoints. Beginning December 22, passengers will notice the following changes:

- Refined pat-downs - New procedures will include altered screening of the arms and legs. Areas of exposed skin or that otherwise clearly illustrate that there is no threat will not require screening. Transportation Security Officers of the same gender will continue to use the front of the hand to screen the passenger's entire back and abdomen.
- Random additional screening - Passengers may be selected randomly for additional screening. These searches will be conducted without regard to race, religion or nationality. They will be very straightforward for passengers but will add complexity and an element of unpredictability for those who wish to circumvent the TSA's system. By design, travelers will not experience the same search every time they fly. These searches may include explosive screening of shoes, hand-wanding of passengers, pat-downs, or carry-on bag searches.
- In addition, the TSA has changed the prohibited items list to allow small scissors with a cutting edge of 4 inches or less and small tools measuring 7 inches or less.
- For complete details on these changes, please visit the TSA Web site at www.tsa.gov.



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Which gate does US Airways use?

US Airways and America West Airlines completed a merger in September. Therefore, passengers may expect all US Airways flights at Sacramento International Airport to use the America West gates. However, US Airways still sells code share tickets on United Airlines.

Sacramento International Airport advises US Airways passengers to ask about the operating airline when booking their flight. If the flight is operated by America West, passengers should check in at Terminal A. All passengers on flights operated by United Airlines should check in at Terminal B.

For more specific information on US Airways and America West Airlines, please visit their Web site at www.americawest.com.



December 2005 - Visitors to Sacramento International Airport this holiday season will be greeted by festive new holiday décor, including wreaths, garland and lighted trees. Photo by Paul Bennett.

Holiday Parking Discounts at SMF Effective December 22 - January 4

\$1 off per day in Economy Parking
\$2 off per day in Daily Parking
\$3 off per day in Hourly Parking

Holiday Travel Tips for SMF

Help take the stress out of holiday travel. Use the following tips when you visit Sacramento International Airport.

- Arrive at the airport two hours prior to domestic flights and three hours prior to international flights.
- Check your airline's baggage restrictions before you pack. These limitations are strictly enforced during the holidays.
- Check the status of a flight before heading to the airport. Call the airline's 800 number, or check their Web site.
- Do not wrap gifts for either checked or carry-on luggage.
- Do not pack fragile or valuable items in checked baggage. Ship or take them with you in carry-on baggage.
- Put undeveloped film in carry-on baggage. Screening equipment will damage film.
- Drive safely and watch for traffic control signs and officers directing traffic.
- Parking or waiting at the curbs is always prohibited. Do not leave your car unattended at the curb.
- If you are picking up or dropping off loved ones, park FREE in hourly parking for 30 minutes.

Flight Numbers		October 2005	October 2004	Last 12 Months 2005	Last 12 Months 2004
<p>Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport is up 7.0% year-to-date compared to last year.</p> <p>At Executive Airport, aircraft operations were up 15.1% in October 2005 compared to October 2004.</p>	International Airport				
	Passengers	861,225	820,983	10,137,955	9,415,700
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,704	5,601	67,156	64,732
	Aircraft Operations	14,474	13,344	165,899	164,042
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	11,663	10,136	116,815	133,968
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	5,473	5,527	62,847	64,078
	Aircraft Operations	7,977	6,141	84,456	80,294