

# AIRMAIL

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NEWS FROM ABOVE

## Gordon Biersch Now Open

Gordon Biersch, the popular, award-winning brewery and restaurant based in larger metropolitan cities around the U.S., is now open at Sacramento International Airport. The opening of Gordon Biersch is part of an ongoing effort to improve customer service and convenience at Sacramento International Airport. The new restaurant is located in Terminal B2, which serves ticketed Frontier, Alaska, and Horizon Airlines passengers. The eatery is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for passengers who want a delicious hot meal.



“Gordon Biersch prides itself on being one of the top brewery companies in the United States,” said Derek Boettcher, general manager of HMS Host, the company responsible for food concessions at Sacramento International Airport. “The restaurant’s inviting atmosphere and friendly service contribute to the success of Gordon Biersch brewery and restaurant.”

The Gordon Biersch menu contains a variety of breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. Items range from Biersch’s Western Omelet for



March 9, 2005 - Two thirsty passengers enjoy a beverage at Gordon Biersch Brewing Company. Photos by Paul Bennet

breakfast to Garlic Fries and Lo-Carb Wraps served as entrees, but the beverages take the spotlight at Gordon Biersch restaurants. Gordon Biersch serves several different beers, including Märzen, Blonde Bock, Pilsner, Dunkles and Golden Export.

“The Sacramento County Airport System is excited to welcome Gordon Biersch to Terminal B,” said Hardy Acree, Director of Airports. “Establishments like Gordon Biersch prove to our customers that the Airport System is dedicated to improving service and strengthening Sacramento International Airport’s reputation as the most convenient airport in Northern California.”

### TRAVEL TIP

Lighters are now prohibited past the security checkpoint. See article on page two for more details

## Passage to Palm Springs

Desert lovers can now enjoy nonstop flights from Sacramento to Palm Springs all year long. On February 14, Horizon Air announced that seasonal nonstop flights from Sacramento International Airport to the famous desert city will now fly year-round.

“The addition of year-round nonstop service to Palm Springs gives Northern Californians one more reason to make Sacramento International their choice for air travel,” said Cheryl Marcell, Deputy Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Sacramento County Airport System.

Northbound flights depart Palm Springs at 11:55 a.m. and arrive in Sacramento at 1:35 p.m. Southbound flights depart Sacramento at 9:50 a.m. and arrive in Palm Springs at 11:20 a.m.

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## Cigarette Lighters Banned on Aircraft

On February 28, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced that all cigarette lighters are classified as prohibited items. The TSA is conducting a 45-day grace period to inform passengers about the new policy and will not confiscate lighters during that time. However, the grace period expires on April 14. Beginning that day, TSA screeners will require passengers to surrender lighters at the checkpoint.

In order to accommodate travelers who smoke, the TSA allows passengers to carry up to four books of matches on an aircraft. Strike-anywhere matches are prohibited.

Cigarette lighters are classified as a hazardous material by the U.S. Department of Transportation, and are not allowed in checked baggage. In addition, they may not be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service without prior written approval.

Passengers are advised to search their own bags prior to arriving at the airport. This will ensure that they are not carrying prohibited items.

## “Flying Carpet” On Display at SMF



March 10, 2005 - Sunlight and shadows criss-cross “Flying Carpet” on a sunny morning. Photo by Karen Doron.

Another provocative piece of public art was recently installed at Sacramento International Airport. “Flying Carpet” flows across the floor of the third floor bridge from the Parking Garage to Terminal A. The carpet, created by Seyed Alavi, is an artistic interpretation of the Sacramento River Valley. It depicts a 21- mile long portion of the valley from Colusa to 6 miles south of Chico.

‘Flying Carpet’ is the result of coordinated efforts by the County of Sacramento, the Sacramento County Airport System and the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission.

<b>Flight Numbers</b>		<b>January 2005</b>	<b>January 2004</b>	<b>Last 12 Months 2005</b>	<b>Last 12 Months 2004</b>
<p>Traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 16.6% for the month of January.</p> <p>Air freight at Mather Airport for the past twelve months is up 4.5%</p>	<b>International Airport</b>				
	Passengers	716,824	614,700	9,682,846	8,768,863
	Air Freight (Tons)	4,771	5,300	63,957	66,003
	Aircraft Operations	11,947	12,184	163,974	159,423
	<b>Executive Airport</b>				
	Aircraft Operations	6,357	10,877	124,109	138,127
	<b>Mather Airport</b>				
	Air Freight (Tons)	4,760	4,906	63,512	60,764
	Aircraft Operations	4,576	5,102	80,065	70,804