



# What's Up



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## Letter from the Director

This year has not been without challenges for the Department of Airports, so I hope no one minds me putting in a shameless plug for not only one of the bright spots for our Department, but also for the entire county. The Famoso Dragstrip continues to attract fans from all over the globe and is

Bakersfield, Calif.: 18th Annual California Hot Rod Reunion presented by Automobile Club of Southern California, features hundreds of street rods, customs, and muscle cars as well as the Reunion Swap Meet, Manufacturers Midway, and lots of celebrities. On Friday night, the CHRR Reception will be held in the DoubleTree Hotel ballroom, and Saturday features qualifying for the drag racers. Plus the sensational Cacklefest will fill the grandstands as historic race

cars push-start and then line up side by side where they all "cackle" simultaneously, lighting up the night, too!

Spectators: Tickets (credentials) are available for the 2009 California Hot Rod Reunion by calling 800.884-NHRA (6472). AAA members receive a discount.

For more information about this event please check out their website at [www.famosoraceway.com](http://www.famosoraceway.com).



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Oct. 16-18, 2009 at Auto Club Famoso Raceway,



# SMGCS Procedures for Low Visibility.

Fog season is almost here and weather forecasters are predicting more low visibility weather than we have had in the past few years. Surface Movement Guidance Control System (SMGCS) operations are in place when the Air Traffic Control Tower is open and the Runway Visual Range (RVR) is between 1200' – 600'. **Operations with the RVR below 600' are not authorized.**

During low visibility days Meadows Field Airport implements a SMGCS to safely move aircraft around the airfield. The following procedures will be in place during low visibility weather.

## **DEPARTURES**

Departing aircraft will be provided with one primary and one alternate route, on a first come basis with priority given to airline flights.

The **primary route** will be from the nearest Taxiway Alpha exit hold short bars, southeast to Bravo for run-up and when cleared, onto 30R to abeam Taxiway Echo.

The **alternate route** will be from the nearest Taxiway Alpha exit hold short bars, northwest on Taxiway Alpha to the hold short bar on Taxiway Echo for run-up and when cleared, onto 30R at Echo.

The **Westside route** will be from the run-up area at Taxiway Quebec 1 movement / non-movement hold short bar, northeast to Taxiway Quebec then northwest on Quebec to Taxiway Echo hold short bar for 30L. When cleared, northeast on Taxiway Echo to 30R at Echo.

**The Follow Me Vehicle (FMV) will ensure you have the centerline touchdown lights in sight prior to**

**their exiting the runway for your departure.**

## **ARRIVALS**

Arriving aircraft will be asked to clear 30R at the nearest taxiway intersection and report clear of runway 30R.

The Follow Me Vehicle (FMV) will meet you at your arrival taxiway and escort you to the desired Taxiway Alpha exit (exit A11 or A12 for Commercial Airlines only)

**Commercial Airlines** will be provided FMV services from their point of exit of runway 30R to the secure apron via exit A11 or A12 and released to their appropriate ground marshal on the airline ramp for parking.

**Eastside aircraft** will be provided FMV services from their point of exit of runway 30R to their desired taxiway exit.

**Westside aircraft** will be provided FMV services from their point of exit of runway 30R to Taxiway Quebec 2 via southeast on Taxiway Alpha to Taxiway Echo, southwest on echo to Taxiway Quebec, then southeast on Quebec to Taxiway Quebec 2.

**Additional assistance of the FMV will be provided upon request (i.e. progressive taxi instructions)**

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

SMGCS operations are only conducted when the Air Traffic Control Tower is open and the RVR is between 1200' – 600'. Operations with the RVR below 600' are not authorized.

Only one aircraft will be escorted at a

time. During SMGCS only runway 30R is in use. Follow Me Vehicle (FMV) services are on a first come first served basis with priority to airline flights.

Contact Ground (121.70) prior to any movement. The FMV will meet you on the eastside at the hold short bars for all Taxiway Alpha exits A1 – A10 (Alpha 11 and 12 only for Airlines) and on the Westside at Taxiway Uniform run-up area hold short bar.

The FMV will get taxi instructions from Ground Control (121.70) when visual contact is verified. The FMV will escort aircraft to the designated run-up area based on the route and hold. The FMV will advise the escorted aircraft to switch to Tower frequency (118.10) and advise Tower when ready for departure.

Once Tower Control has issued clearance onto 30R the FMV will escort you to 30R abeam Taxiway Echo, where the FMV will verify you have the centerline and touchdown lights in sight. The FMV will then exit onto taxiway Alpha and report clear of runway 30R.



# EMEREX Full Scale Emergency Exercise to Take Place on November 4, 2009

Kern County Airports Department will facilitate a large-scale emergency response exercise at Meadows Field Airport. This exercise will evaluate countywide capability to respond to an aviation accident. Participating agencies include Kern County Airports Department, Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff's Department, Kern County Emergency Management Services, the airlines at Meadows Field Airport, GET Bus, CHP, Bakersfield City Fire Department, Optimal Health, Atlantic Aviation, and Hall Ambulance. All agencies will be responding as if these were actual events.

The exercise was developed to effectively test

and evaluate the response capabilities of all agencies that would likely be involved in a mass casualty incident, including incidents of terrorism, within Kern County. This exercise will test and evaluate response to a simulated commercial aircraft accident. The goal of the exercise is to identify potential strengths and shortfalls, including the communication and coordination between different responding agencies that would impact the outcome in such an event.

The exercise will be evaluated through input from all participants, including both successes and areas for improvement at a debriefing after the exercise.



## General Aviation Meeting October 21, 2009

The Department of Airports will host a **General Aviation Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 2:00 PM, in the airports administration conference room.**

All airport tenants are invited to attend.

Topics of discussion at the meeting will include

SMGCS procedures, the upcoming full scale emergency exercise, security updates, and the Alpha Taxiway project. Please come prepared to give your input on these topics and to discuss any other concerns that you might have about your airport. For additional information contact Teresa Hitchcock at 391-1818.





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