

Nevada County Airport



Kevin Edwards – Airport Manager



Airport Mission

To deliver safe and efficient aviation facilities for Nevada County residents, businesses, visitors, the Grass Valley Air Attack Base, and other emergency service providers, through a commitment to quality services, professional competence and fiscal responsibility.



Federal and State

- ▶ We are a Federally and State funded airport.
- ▶ Receiving federal funds requires we follow grant assurances.
 - ▶ Airports should be safe and efficient, located at optimum sites, and be developed and maintained to appropriate standards.
 - ▶ Airports should be flexible and expandable, able to meet increased demand and accommodate new aircraft types.
 - ▶ Airports should be compatible with surrounding communities, maintaining a balance between the needs of aviation and the requirements of residents in neighboring areas.

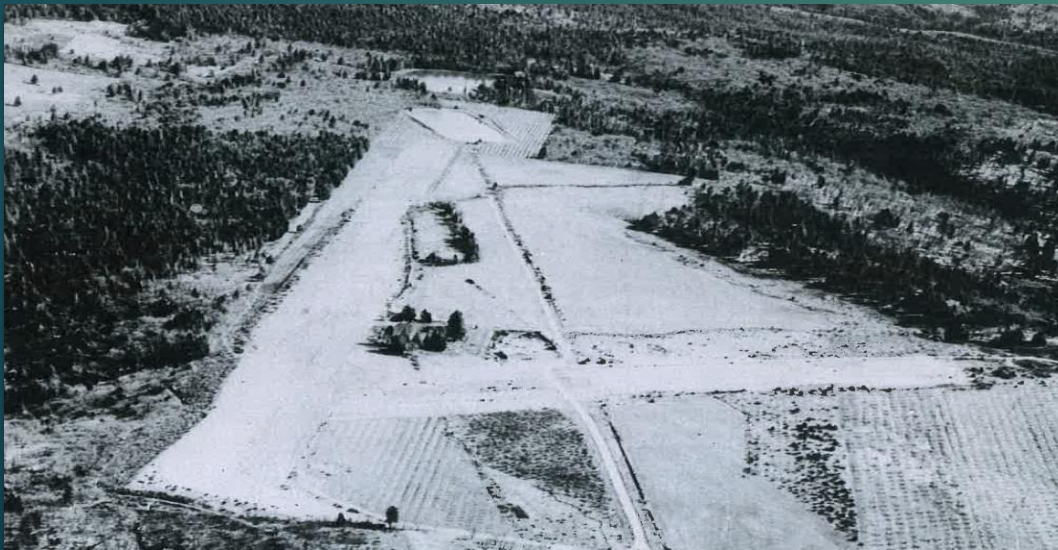


Federal Aviation
Administration



History

- ▶ Built in 1933
- ▶ Gifted to Nevada County in 1957
- ▶ Air Attack Base formed in 1957
- ▶ Major infrastructure upgrades in 1995



Fuel Infrastructure improvements

- ▶ Updated fuel infrastructure
 - Avgas self-serve dispenser
 - Transfer pumps
 - Newer Avgas truck
 - Brand New Jet fuel truck



Safety Improvements

- ▶ Continual removal of trees hazardous to aviation
- ▶ Hazardous weed abatement program
- ▶ Wildlife fencing



Safety Improvements

- ▶ Filled in low areas with steep slopes along the northside of the runway



Airport Improvements

- ▶ New Weather Station Central Data Processor
- ▶ New Ceilometer
- ▶ Emergency backup generator
- ▶ Webcam
- ▶ New ramp 4 hangar development
- ▶ Lot 5 development



Airport Pavement



Grass Valley DART

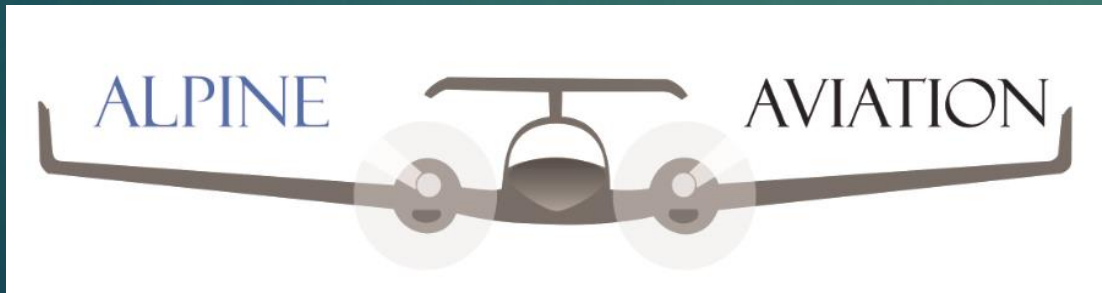
- ▶ Local pilots volunteer their time and aircraft to deliver supplies and people to areas affected by disasters, when time is a factor or roadways are impassible.
- ▶ On June 25th, Grass Valley DART completed the final requirement of performing a mission exercise and became the only mountain and northern state operator.
- ▶ Offers OES another tool to quickly respond to a disaster in the county and counties across the state.



Improving California's disaster resilience through general aviation

Local Business

- ▶ Sierra Mountain Aviation and Alpine Aviation are the two main businesses at the airport bringing in aircraft for maintenance from areas all over the west coast.
- ▶ Air Galore has rental cars available. This new business allows pilots a way into town to conduct business and enjoy the amenities of Nevada County.




Airport Expansion

- ▶ Aviation companies have expressed significant interest in relocating their business to our Airport.
- ▶ Availability of useable space for firefighting helicopters
- ▶ More hangars needed
- ▶ Potential land acquisition contiguous to the airport



The Future of Aviation





“The airport runway is the most important main street in any town”

- Norm Crabtree, Former Aviation Director for the State of Ohio

“A mile of road will take you one mile. A mile of runway can take you anywhere.”

- Every pilot