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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ▶ Annual renewal notices for 2016 aircraft registration have been sent.
- ▶ To avoid penalty and late fees, the payment must be received or postmarked by February 29.
- ▶ On or after March 1, the late penalty is \$25 for the first month and \$5 each succeeding month of delinquency.
- ▶ Avoid postage fees; pay online 24 hours a day by check, credit or debit card. It's easy, fast and secure: azdot.gov/AircraftRegistration.
- ▶ For changes contact the Aircraft Registration Unit 602.712.6995 or email acreg@azdot.gov
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SCOTTSDALE AIRPORT AND AIRPARK DYNAMIC ECONOMIC ENGINES



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Arizona's weather provides excellent conditions for aviation.

As a result, the state is privileged to an aviation industry that produces significant revenue benefits for all sectors of the Arizona economy. One report completed in 2012 stated the total economic activity as close to \$58 billion.

The economic benefits includes tourism, commercial and general aviation; military and aerospace industry employment; along with aviation education.

One contributor to Arizona's significant aviation economy and featured article is the Scottsdale Airport.

Scottsdale Airport began in June 22, 1942, as Thunderbird Field II, a basic training facility for World War II Army Air Corps pilots.

In 1966, the city of Scottsdale acquired the airfield from the

Arizona conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

It is a general aviation reliever facility contained on 300 acres of land in the north central part of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Approximately 152,568 takeoffs and landings occurred in 2014, making Scottsdale one of the busiest corporate jet facilities in the state. There are nearly 370 aircraft based at Scottsdale Airport from single engine recreational planes to numerous corporate jets.

Aviation activity at the airport and airpark created \$536 million in total economic benefits for the region in FY 2014. The subsequent benefit encompassing the entire airpark's economic benefit is \$8.2 billion per year. Additionally, there are more than 1,400 aviation-related jobs on the airport and in the airpark. (City of Scottsdale Economic Benefit Analysis, 2014)

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Scottsdale's high season carries a surge of travelers as a rising number of visitors fly into Scottsdale Airport by private aircraft.

From January to April, Scottsdale Airport logs thousands more takeoffs and landings each month.

Visitors are attracted by the Waste Management Phoenix Open, Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show, Cactus League baseball, golf, conventions and shareholder meetings.

Drawn by the weather from wintry states, tourists jet in from all over the United States as well as all over the world. Visitors from other countries include South America, Canada, Asia, Europe and Mexico.

The airport saw a surge of flights when the Super Bowl was played in Glendale. During Super Bowl 2008, there were 190,000 landings and takeoffs tallied. During game weekend airport operations increased about 54% compared to the same time the previous year.

Super Bowl 2015 brought in a similar increase in operations.

In 1995, the Arizona Department of Transportation presented Scottsdale with the Arizona Airport of the Year award.

Additional information about the Scottsdale Airport and Airpark can be found at www.scottsdaleaz.gov



Sources:

Scottsdale.gov website
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