

# Van Nuys Airport Monthly Newsletter January 2025



## VNY MANAGER MESSAGE

Greetings Van Nuys Airport Community,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well. As we close out the first month of 2025, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to all those affected by the devastating wildfires across Los Angeles. Our thoughts are with the first responders, volunteers, and support staff who have been working tirelessly to provide aid and resources as our community begins the road to recovery.

This newsletter highlights recent updates and exciting events at Van Nuys Airport (VNY). We remain committed to keeping you informed and engaged. Stay tuned for more updates and news as we continue navigating this new year together.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Haik  
VNY Airport Manager

## VAN NUYS AIRPORT'S CRITICAL ROLE IN LA WILDFIRE RESPONSE

During the recent wildfires, Van Nuys Airport played a critical role in emergency operations, supporting first responders in their efforts to protect lives and property. The L.A. County Fire Department's Super Scoopers and LAFD Air Ops crews, based at VNY, were essential to aerial firefighting missions, while local news aircraft provided real-time coverage.

VNY tenants and community members also stepped up, coordinating donations, assisting with aircraft repairs, and offering logistical support for emergency efforts. LAWA CEO John Ackerman and visited VNY to recognize these contributions and personally thank first responders.

As the region shifts toward recovery, VNY remains committed to supporting rebuilding efforts and strengthening community resilience.



# VAN NUYS AIRPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL HOBBY MONTH AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT

Van Nuys Airport (VNY) is proud to be a hub for aviation enthusiasts of all kinds. National Hobby Month is the perfect time to celebrate the vibrant community that brings energy and passion to our airport.

Last year, we welcomed members of the Valley Flyers, a model aircraft club with a rich history dating back to 1964. Their dedicated airfield provides a space for hobbyists to fly everything from classic bi-planes to high-speed turbine jets, fostering a love for aviation at every level.

For general aviation pilots, The Park VNY offers modern hangars, tie-downs, and office space, creating a welcoming community for aviation professionals and hobbyists alike. Each month, our Community Display Days invite the public to see aircraft up close and connect with pilots. VNY is also home to the Condor Squadron, a group that honors our nation's aviation history by flying WWII-era AT-6 aircraft in formation over parades, memorial services, and veteran tributes. Their on-site museum ensures future generations can appreciate the legacy of these warbirds.

Whether you're a model aircraft pilot, a general aviation enthusiast, or simply someone who loves the magic of flight, Van Nuys Airport is proud to support and celebrate this incredible community.



# TENANT SPOTLIGHT

## SIGNATURE AVIATION

During the recent wildfires, Signature Aviation played a vital role in supporting aerial firefighting operations at Van Nuys Airport (VNY). The company provided essential fueling services for the Canadair CL-415 “Super Scooper” water bombers, which were instrumental in containing the fires and protecting communities.



Beyond their operational support, Signature Aviation also contributed to relief efforts by donating to the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation and the California Community Foundation, helping firefighters and those affected by the devastation.

Now that the fires are largely contained, we recognize and appreciate Signature Aviation’s dedication to emergency response efforts and their ongoing commitment to the community.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, February 4 - Van Nuys Airport Citizen Advisory Council Meeting



Friday, February 14 - Van Nuys Airport Valentines Day Celebration



Thursday, February 20 - Publication of FAA Area Navigation (RNAV) Flight Procedures

**Van Nuys Airport (VNY):** VNY is one of two airports owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), a proprietary, revenue-generating department of the City of Los Angeles. VNY serves as a valued San Fernando Valley resource, providing ongoing leadership in general aviation, business and community service. Dedicated to noncommercial air travel, more than 200 businesses are located on the 730-acre airport, including four major fixed-base operators and numerous aviation service companies. For more information, visit [iflyvny.com](http://iflyvny.com).

