

CHICO REGIONAL AIRPORT

FALL HIGHLIGHTS & WINTER HAPPENINGS
2025



CITY OF CHICO

TAKE OFF, CHICO!

Take Off, Chico! returned for its third year on October 18th, bringing the community together for a day of excitement at the Chico Regional Airport. Visitors explored aviation history at *Take Off, Chico!* The Tuskegee Airmen displayed authentic WWII artifacts preserved by their chapter, while the Chico Air Museum showcased historic aircraft, uniforms, and other unique exhibits for guests to enjoy. Emergency service crews displayed their ground and air response units, brought swag, and gave the community an exciting and up-close look at some of their operating equipment. Aero-Flite Aerial Firefighting and CAL FIRE brought their fire-response aircraft, allowing attendees to tour them and learn about their importance in firefighting.



Chico Fire and Chico Police joined the fun, giving visitors hands-on experiences with Engine 6, patrol cars, and motorcycles.



A family explores the Dash 8-400 AT air tanker, one of Aero-Flight's aircraft adapted for firefighting.

Local craft and food vendors lined the tarmac, offering everything from hand-sewn accessories to welded metal animals. Kids stayed entertained with face-painting, balloon animals, paper-plane tosses, and a passport scavenger hunt, while booths from Butte College Robotics and Chico State Flight Club showcased local college students' skills and innovation. Two friends even got to experience the thrill of flight themselves, taking off over Chico in Harold Schooler's open-cockpit 1929 Travel Air biplane, a one-of-a-kind adventure. Read on to learn about Harold Schooler and his classic biplane rides.



Civil Air Patrol Squadron 95 poses with a historic Tuskegee Airmen aircraft.

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VENDORS, EXHIBITORS, VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS FOR MAKING *TAKE OFF, CHICO!* MEMORABLE!

AIRPORT HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOOLER FLYING CO.

Harold Schooler has been flying since the mid-1970s. After saving up for flight lessons at a young age, his passion for the skies has never ceased. Harold's interest in aviation began as a boy, riding his bike near what is now Pleasant Valley High School, where WWII fighter-fighting aircraft would fly just 500 feet above him. This early fascination grew into a lifelong passion, now serving the Chico community through biplane rides in his classic 1929 Travel Air. Lucky passengers get to experience their favorite parts of town in a unique way, as Harold takes them aloft to see their homes, schools, and the town they know from an entirely new perspective. Riders also get to enjoy the beauty of Chico's springtime flowers and the colors of fall trees from above. Through Schooler Flying Co., Harold treasures the time he spends with the people of Chico, helping create lasting memories. Harold welcomes anyone interested in a biplane ride. Schooler Flying Co. can be reached at (530) 899-0110.



"I just want to see people leave my facility with a big smile on their face." - Harold

MOONEY FARMS

For over 35 years, Mooney Farms has been producing Bella Sun Luci, their "premium brand" of sun-dried tomato products. Family-owned and operated, they've been growing and crafting their Mediterranean-style products right here on the airport grounds. At their 100,000-square-foot facility, the team is dedicated to creating premium California flavors. From sun-dried tomato products and extra virgin olive oils to sauces, dressings, and tasty meat marinades, Mooney Farms brings premium flavors to every table.



Mooney Farms invites you to join them for their Annual Holiday Preview Event on Friday, November 21, from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., and get a first taste of the season!

Stop by or stick around to sip, sample, and enjoy everything Bella Sun Luci has to offer!



NORTHGATE AVIATION:

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Northgate Aviation celebrated two decades of Northgate Aviation Chico Jet Center at Chico Regional Airport (KCIC) last month. The celebration brought several dozen visitors of various backgrounds from across North America, reflecting KCIC and the company's unique role as Chico's front-line ambassador to the world. Founded in 2005 after their acquisition of the now-defunct Chico Aviation, the fixed-base operator has been nationally recognized amongst the aviation industry for its Northern California hospitality and on-going commitment to serving first responders and the United States Armed Forces.

Today, the Northgate logo is rated as one of the most recognizable boutique FBO logos in the United States, with their hats and shirts regularly seen on celebrities and political leaders, and famously found on service-members at home and abroad, thus helping carry on a positive testimonial to Chico's indistinguishable hospitality. The Rock Family, 2nd generation owner-operators of Northgate Aviation and 3rd generation aviation fuel leaders, are proud to extend on behalf of their team an immense gratitude for the Chico Airport and transient aviator community for helping reach this unique milestone and look forward to a successful future of continuing to serve the aviation community from beautiful Chico. To see Northgate Aviation through the eyes of visiting aviators, we invite you to enjoy a recent feature by the YouTube creators [*Plane Crazy Life*](#), who highlighted Northgate in the debut episode of their aviation series.



Three generations of the Rock family proudly supporting aviation operations at Northgate Aviation.

WE PROUDLY THANK NORTHGATE AVIATION FOR THEIR REPUTABLE DEDICATION TO CHICO'S AVIATION COMMUNITY AND CONGRATULATE THEM ON 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE.

AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

TOM BAHR, CHICO REGIONAL AIRPORT MANAGER

The airport recently completed its new Marketing Request for Proposal and has awarded the contract to Blue Flamingo Marketing. We look forward to working closely with their team, and will continue meeting with staff, our consultant, and the marketing firm every couple of weeks, and as needed, to keep moving forward. We have also maintained ongoing communication with several airlines. These conversations continue to grow, and we are seeing positive movement. This August, TSA visited the airport for review and planning. Work is also progressing on the terminal, including preparations for a modular space that will house passengers once service resumes. The team is currently working on a promising opportunity for future service, with more updates to come.