This year, Van Nuys Airport (VNY) commemorates its ninetieth anniversary. At this historic milestone, we pay tribute to the aviation pioneers and visionaries who first introduced the San Fernando Valley to the freedom of flight.

It is especially meaningful that VNY was dedicated on December 18, 1928, marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Wright Brothers’ first powered flight. From that day forward, VNY attracted legendary pilots, including Amelia Earhart, who garnered the world’s attention with their mastery of the air.

Propelled by ingenuity and opportunity, aerospace leaders, business entrepreneurs and Hollywood filmmakers soon followed. Together, they proved that the sky was not the limit, but just the beginning.

Once a dirt airstrip surrounded by farmland, today VNY is distinguished as Los Angeles’ business airport and one of the world’s busiest general aviation airfields. A vital economic engine, it contributes approximately $2 billion to the Southern California economy and supports over 10,000 jobs annually.

In 2017, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) unveiled its new vision statement: “Gold Standard Airports...Delivered.” In support of this, VNY strives to lead the industry in safety, service and sustainability. Collaborating with its tenants, VNY is finding innovative ways to advance organizational excellence, enhanced security, strong business practices and exceptional facilities.

Recently, major tenant capital improvement projects have successfully moved forward—a $7.5-million, 3-acre aviation complex at Aeroplex/Aerolease Group; and a $10 million, 6-acre expansion at Clay Lacy Aviation. Construction commenced at the new Jet Aviation facility, with development at The Park VNY scheduled for completion by year’s end. Overall, tenant development projects are valued at approximately $65 million.

Tenants are also committed to environmental stewardship. VNY is close to reaching its goal of having all fixed based operators and the Prop Park achieve certification through the City of Los Angeles Green Business Program. Offering free environmental consulting services, this program helps businesses reduce energy and water consumption, and increase efficiency and productivity.

VNY is committed to serving as a valuable resource to its community through building strong partnerships with local civic, service and non-profit organizations. Each year, employees participate in events ranging from street fairs, student career days to disaster relief efforts; to community service projects.

The airport’s annual Aviation Career Day, Aviation Career Education Academy and Job Shadow Day introduce thousands of middle and high school students to future careers in aviation and aerospace. Through youth programs, volunteerism and community participation, VNY strives to address the most important needs of our neighbors.

As VNY honors its proud past, it also looks forward to its promising future. VNY’s legacy is engraved in aviation history. Its potential to shape the future of private air travel is immense. The airport appreciates the community’s contributions to VNY’s tremendous success, now and for decades to come.

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The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) late last month announced the agendas and speakers for two significant safety events – the Single-Pilot Safety Standdown and the National Safety Forum – to be held in conjunction with the NBAA Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition (NBAA-BACE), which runs from Oct. 16-18 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.

**SINGLE-PILOT SAFETY STANDDOWN**

NBAA’s 10th annual Single-Pilot Safety Standdown takes place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. EST on Monday, Oct. 15, and features interactive learning opportunities, expert speakers and lively peer-to-peer discussions. Single-pilot business aviators will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills, while exploring practical tips to enhance operational safety and risk mitigation.

“We are excited about developing our 10th annual Single-Pilot Safety Standdown,” said David Ryan, chair of the NBAA Safety Committee. “We have a progressive and interactive program planned this year with several industry safety leaders to discuss and together work toward developing resources with the single-pilot community.”

Scheduled presentations include: a detailed analysis of single-pilot business aviation accident data, interactive discussions on mitigation best practices and leadership briefings from NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) President and CEO Mark Baker and Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) CEO and Chairman Jack Pelton.

**NBAA NATIONAL SAFETY FORUM**

NBAA’s fourth annual National Safety Forum is set for Thursday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. EST. Following the theme of “Safety Begins with You,” this critical event will focus on the basics of maintaining skills and understanding automation in aircraft; examine the physiology and psychology that affects human performance and explore the relationship of leadership and professionalism in aviation safety.

“Continuing with our town-hall format, the National Safety Forum will engage with operators on several topics, including airmanship, fitness for duty and professionalism/safety leadership,” said Ryan. “We encourage NBAA-BACE attendees to plan their travel accordingly to attend these two outstanding ‘bookend’ safety events.”

NBAA-BACE is business aviation’s most important annual event, where participants have an unequaled opportunity to view the latest business aircraft, products, technology, and services the industry offers. Held this year at the Orange County Convention Center and Orlando Executive Airport, the event also offers a premier networking venue and dozens of educational sessions.

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