

# THE RUTHERFORD Report

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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.

— Helen Keller

## County Airports Perform Many Functions

Time is money, and when a tractor-trailer hauling tens of thousands of dollars worth of goods breaks down on the I-15 in the remote Mojave Desert and needs a replacement part to get on the road again, the Baker Airport is there to help.

The tiny airport, which primarily functions as a launch and landing site for California Highway Patrol aircraft, also serves as a conduit to quickly transport truck parts to repair teams waiting to fix inoperative trucks.

That's just one of the many functions the general aviation airports (Apple Valley, Barstow-Daggett, Chino, Needles, Baker, and Twentynine Palms) in the San Bernardino County Department of Airports system perform on a regular basis.

High-ranking military officials often use the Barstow-Daggett and Twentynine Palms airports to get to nearby bases while the Apple Valley Airport offers flight training,

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## Volunteer Helps With Upkeep of Preserve



When Thomas Munn moved to Rancho Cucamonga in 1985, he discovered the beauty of the undeveloped San Gabriel Mountain foothills where the cacophony of city life is muted by the sweet sounds of nature.

Munn—an avid outdoorsman—enjoyed hiking in the foothills, but he was always bothered by the disrespect of some visitors who left their trash behind or scrawled graffiti on boulders, so

he often carried a trash bag with him to pick up the mess others left behind.

About five years ago, Munn noticed some work taking place in the foothills, and he discovered that San Bernardino County was embarking on a project to create a more walkable nature sanctuary called the North Etiwanda Preserve.

The idea was to improve existing trails and install interpretive signs explaining the Preserve's natural, historical, and cultural features in order to attract visitors

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aircraft rentals, and hanger space for private aircraft as well as other services.

The County inherited some of its airports after the sites were no longer needed for military purposes following World War II.

The Barstow-Daggett Airport was used to launch Lockheed P-38 Lightnings so the propeller-driven airplanes' arsenal could be calibrated, and the then-privately owned Chino Airport served as a training facility for Army pilots. Over the years, the Department of Airports has helped propel its airports with the help of more than \$50 million in grants from the Federal Aviation Administration, which views the County's six airstrips as an integral part of the nation's transportation system.

"We get extra points with the FAA because we offer a system of airports," Airports Department Director James Jenkins said.

With the exception of Apple Valley Airport, which gets some funding from property taxes, the County airport



system operates off revenue generated by hangar leases, user fees, and other activities.

The Chino Airport—the largest operated by the Department of Airports—produces the most revenue thanks to its multiple hangars, three runways, and proximity to the Ports of Los Angeles and warehouse distribution centers in the Inland Empire.

Planes loaded with goods on their way to the East Coast and private jets ferrying business executives regularly use the airport. Revenue generated by Chino Airport subsidizes other airports in the County system that would otherwise not generate enough money to maintain operations.

"That is the ideal method to support a system of airports," Jenkins said. "They are all still important to the transportation system."

For more information about the County Department of Airports visit <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/airports/Home.aspx>.

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who would help repel deleterious activities such as illegal dumping, off-road vehicle riding, and vandalism.

"It's certainly gotten a lot better; it's pretty darn clean," he said. "It's been a blessing for the community. Many people use it."

But even with those extra eyes and ears, the North Etiwanda Preserve still needs a little help from volunteers like Munn.

"You have to keep it up," Munn said. "There are people who will just drink a water bottle and then toss it. If you just let off, and say 'I didn't drop it,' then it will turn into another Cucamonga Canyon."

Cucamonga Canyon is well known for its litter and graffiti despite the efforts of well-intentioned visitors and groups.

In addition to picking up litter during his frequent hikes in the Preserve, Munn cleans up the nature park's one toilet using supplies provided by the San Bernardino County Department of Special Districts, which oversees management of the protected area located at the northern terminus of Etiwanda Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga. Special Districts also provides Munn with cleaning supplies and wire brushes to remove vandals' markings from rocks.

"It takes some guy 10 seconds to spray paint his name on a rock, and it takes me hours to clean it off," he said.

There isn't an official North Etiwanda Preserve volunteer group yet, and Munn does most of his work ad-lib. But he often sees fellow hikers carrying out bags of trash they've collected during their visit.

"There's a lot of positive stuff going on up there," he said.

Munn leads a group hike in the Preserve on Thursdays. The informal group meets about 5 p.m. and usually completes the 3.5-mile loop trail at dusk. The group will meet earlier when the time changes in November.

"I don't fool around with treadmills at the gym," Munn said. "I've got the Preserve."

For more information about the North Etiwanda Preserve, visit [www.sbncnep.org](http://www.sbncnep.org).

Visitors are encouraged to report illegal activity such as shooting, drug and alcohol use, and off-road vehicles to the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department at (909) 477-2800.

If you know a Second District volunteer who would make a good profile, please let me know by sending an email to [Supervisor.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Supervisor.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov) or calling (909) 387-4839.

# Green Valley Lake General Store Revived

The closure of the Green Valley Lake General Store about two years ago left a big void in this mountain hamlet, which began as a logging camp in the early 1900s.

“The General Store has been in existence for as long as anyone around here can remember,” said Michael Sullens, who purchased, renovated, and then reopened the business in April. “To have something that is the cornerstone of your community close, it really shakes the foundation.”

Sullens, 57, was no stranger to Green Valley Lake when he decided to purchase the General Store.

His first trip to the community occurred when he and some friends—then just 12 years old—hitchhiked to the mountains after hearing tales about Deep Creek.

Later on, he and his family camped in the area, and about five years ago, he purchased a cabin and began living part-time in the community.

“I don’t want to say there’s a spiritualness to it, but there is a relaxing quality,” Sullens said. “It’s one of those places where you can recharge your batteries.”

The General Store fell into foreclosure after the previous owners struggled to keep it going amidst the recession and the emergency closure of State Route 330 following the Slide Fire.

As a founding member of the The Whittier Conservancy, Sullens had experience with historic renovations, and he decided to put his skills to work revitalizing and restoring the Green Valley Lake General Store with the help of old photographs from the local museum and his memory of the business.

“I kept it as historic as possible, especially on the façade,” he said.

Sullens also created a small bed and breakfast called “The Welcome Inn” to add another source of revenue, and he plans to open a craft brew pub and café with the remaining empty space in the historic building.

Sullens picked the name “The Welcome Inn” because it was the name of the first roadhouse that sprang up in the community, which then featured a 14-mile toll road linking travelers to Fawnskin near Big Bear.

In addition to being the place where residents and visitors can purchase food, cleaning products, batteries, camping supplies, and other essentials, the General Store is also the gathering place where locals sit and talk about issues in their tight-knit community.

The local Post Office is also located on the same property.

Sullens said he had a good first summer season, and he is looking forward to building the business.

“The community’s support has been extremely nice,” he said.

The Green Valley Lake General Store is located at 33257 Green Valley Lake Road. For more information, visit the business’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/gvlgeneralstore](http://www.facebook.com/gvlgeneralstore).

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## 2nd District Trivia

**Last Issue’s Answer:** The small airstrip that later became part of Ontario International Airport was called Latimer Field. It was named after an orange-packing company next to the airstrip.

**Question:** What Second District community was once known as Hunsaker Flat?

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# Upcoming Events

October 6-7, 2012	Lake Arrowhead will celebrate Octoberfest from noon to 5 p.m. in the Village with German beer, food and music every Saturday and Sunday in October. Attendance is free; food and drink available for purchase. Call the Lake Arrowhead Village at (909) 337-3715 for more information.
October 6, 2012	The Crestline Chamber of Commerce will host the Art-Tiques & Wine Walk from 4 to 8 p.m. This free event takes place in the lot at the corner of Lake Drive and Forest Shade in Downtown Crestline. Food, drink, and crafts are available for purchase.
October 6, 2012	The Friends of the Lewis Library and Technology Center will host an employment training workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The library is located at 8473 Sierra Avenue in Fontana. There is no cost. Please call (909) 838-5623 for more information.
October 9, 2012	Supervisor Janice Rutherford is the featured speaker at the Fontana Chamber of Commerce legislative speaking series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fontana, 10543 Sierra Avenue. The cost per person is \$35. Register at (909) 822-4433 or visit <a href="http://www.fontanachamber.org">www.fontanachamber.org</a> .
October 11, 2012	Teen Game Night will take place from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the Paul A. Biane Library, 12050 Cultural Center Drive in Rancho Cucamonga. This event is free. Call (909) 477-2720 for more details.
October 13, 2012	The Cucamonga Fire District will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the corner of Jersey and Milliken. This is a free event. Call Kelley Donaldson at (909) 477 2770 x 3008 for more information.
October 13, 2012	The sixth annual Pine Cone Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m at the Rim Park District's Twin Peaks Facility located at 675 Grandview Rd. Twin Peaks. The event is free. Call (909) 337-3715 or visit <a href="http://www.pineconefestival.com">www.pineconefestival.com</a> for more information.
October 13, 2012	The Fontana Farmers Market will take place from 8 a.m. to noon in the Center Stage parking lot near the Lewis Library in downtown Fontana. The market is open every Saturday in October at the same time and place.
October 16, 2012	"Getting Your Z's: Secrets To Getting A Good Night's Sleep" will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Rancho Cucamonga Community Center, Big Horn Room, 11200 Baseline Road. This event is free. Register at <a href="http://www.PatientAdvocatesofSoCal.org">www.PatientAdvocatesofSoCal.org</a> .
October 16, 2012	The City of Rancho Cucamonga in partnership with Fire Station 173 will host a CPR training class from 6 to 10 p.m. at 12270 Fire Courthouse, Rancho Cucamonga. This event costs \$60. Register by calling (909) 477-2765 or visiting <a href="http://www.rcpark.com">www.rcpark.com</a> .
October 16, 2012	The "Tour de Fork: A Taste of all Things Delicious" will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Victoria Gardens Chaffey Town Square. This event costs \$30 per person. Register at <a href="http://www.ranchochamber.org/spevents.html">http://www.ranchochamber.org/spevents.html</a> .
October 16, 2012	The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will meet at 10 a.m. at the County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue in San Bernardino.
October 20, 2012	The Mountain Skies Astronomical Society will host Astronomy ABC's from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2001 Observatory Way in Lake Arrowhead. Please call for tickets and more information at (909) 336-1699.
October 20, 2012	The Big Truck Round-Up will take place at 11 a.m. at the Archibald Library located at 7368 Archibald Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga. Enjoy a story and then get a look at some of the City's biggest trucks. This event is free. Call the children's desk at (909) 477-2720 x 5025 for more information.
October 23, 2012	The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will meet at 10 a.m. at the County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue in San Bernardino.
October 27, 2012	Crestline merchants will host the Kids Merchant Trick or Treat from 2 to 5 p.m. at Lake Drive. The event is free but participants are asked to wear costumes in order to participate. Call (909) 338-2718 for more information.
October 29, 2012	The Fontana Car Show will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. at Fontana City Hall, 8353 Sierra Avenue. This event is free. Call (909) 349-6900 for more information.
October 31, 2012	"The Halloween Scary A Faire" celebration will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Downtown Upland. This is a free event. Call Janis Rice at (909) 931-4281 for more information.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at [www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford](http://www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford).