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- Shaun Tomson

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Jet Center Los Angeles Is an Overnight Sensation ...

11 years in the making

Something big is taking off in Hawthorne.

We're not talking about the KingAir 350, although you'll definitely find a few of them – as well as some G550s and Falcon 7xs – lifting off from the runway at Jack Northrop field.

We're talking about how Jet Center Los Angeles is elevating the Hawthorne Airport to a happening hub of transportation and entertainment.

In this town, it's hard to keep something special under the radar. Once considered Los Angeles aviation's best kept secret, word is spreading as the company expands its footprint, business relationships and takes partnership opportunities to a new level.

You could say it's having a moment.

If you haven't been watching closely, it might seem like an overnight success but that couldn't be further from the truth.

The real story involves more than a decade-long investment of blood, sweat and tears (and millions of dollars) and features a collective of people who share perseverance, professionalism and a passion for aviation.

It began simply enough. David Wehrly and Greg Geiser were looking for a hangar for their aircraft. Wehrly approached the once thriving, but seemingly forgotten, strip of land called the Jack Northrop Field.

In the process of locating a home for the aircraft, he volunteered to become "interim" Hawthorne City Airport manager. That's when he connected with Kearny Real Estate, and in 2005, the partners took over the master lease for the airport and started to revitalize the property.

Thousands of miles away, young Levi Stockton, 23, was working as a commercial pilot for a commuter airline when Wehrly, Geiser and their partners hired him to fly their King Air 350.

Stockton, armed with a youthful "I can do anything" attitude, approached the men about getting their own charter certificate. He drew up a business plan and presented it to the owners. Their response: "Let's give it a shot."

There was a backlog of applicants for charter certificates at the Los Angeles FAA office, so he went to Vegas, opened an office and applied. After 18 months, Stockton got his Part 135 Air Carrier Charter Certificate and Advanced Air Charters was born. He recalls, "In 2008, I think we were logging 125 hours a year. I would take any trip I could get."

These numbers are a far cry from the impressive hours they log today.

Advanced Air, a full-service charter and airplane management company, is the anchor of Jet Center Los Angeles, which currently employs 60 people in 8,000 square feet of office space. Advanced Air not only owns their own planes, but provides the service of buying and selling aircraft.

The company's footprint includes more than 43,000 square feet of hangar space which houses the state-of-the-art planes it operates, manages and services.

The hangars themselves were uniquely built with input from the film industry and have become a coveted spot for shooting films, TV shows, music videos and hosting high-profile brand events.

As recently as this past July, Nike took over the hangar, transforming it into a state-

JetCenter Los Angeles

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It was truly a "wow" moment. It's this kind of activity that makes Jet Center Los Angeles not just a place to take off and land, but a *true* destination.

"We are starting to see the rewards of a lot of hard work," says Donny Sandusky, Vice President of both Advanced Air and Jet Center Los Angeles, about the growth, expansion and ascent of Jet Center Los Angeles.

Despite this momentum, both partners believe the work is just beginning. In fact, up next is the development of the Northside of the airport with another 70,000 to 100,000 square feet of hangar space in 2017.

"This is a long term play," according to Stockton, as the partners have the ground lease on the airport until 2053.

The two men met in flight school. Sandusky trained Stockton, unaware then that – a decade later – Stockton would be in the Captain's seat and lure him back into the aviation world.

Sandusky was on a flight "sabbatical," living in Northern California and working as project manager with a successful contracting company. "Levi called and said, 'I want you to be part of this.'"

In 2009, at the tipping point of the economy, no one was sure what "this" was going to be. But Sandusky was intrigued. He missed flying. "Every day, I would see a plane overhead or look over my shoulder and think, man what am I doing?" Now, he says, "I'm not missing out on anything." Quite the opposite.

With proximity to downtown, TESLA and Space X as neighbors, and the recent announcements of two new stadiums being built nearby, Jet Center Los Angeles is perfectly situated.

In August, Will Ferrell and Magic Johnson broke ground on a new 22,000-seat soccer venue in the former LA Sports arena space. Beginning 2018, this will be home to the LA Football Club (LAFC), as part of the Major League Soccer (MLS) expansion.

And of course, the LA Rams "City of Champions" Stadium is coming in just next door.

"When we heard that Stan Kroenke (LA Rams Owner) had bought 60 acres nearby, we said to each other, 'Imagine if the Rams built a stadium nearby, what would that be like?'" They're about to find out.

Hawthorne is the airport closest to the new stadiums, so their arrival will be a game changer, but it won't change the way they will do what they already do so well. They are known for a relentless attention to details – from the big picture to the minutia.

This is what sets Jet Center Los Angeles and Advanced Air apart from others. You could say the business operates like an FBO with OCD, driven by a relentless attention to details. They pride themselves on an all-encompassing white glove concierge service that extends from the runway to the freeway.

This means the plane is serviced and detailed flawlessly; even the managed aircraft owner's car is fueled with VIP amenities and waiting for them when they land.

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Get the Pulse of the Medical Device Industry at DeviceTalks West in Newport Beach on December 12

DeviceTalks West, the live-interview series and targeted staff development program featuring today's top medtech influencers, returns to Newport Beach on December 12, 2016 with a look inside Google and Johnson & Johnson's spinout, Verb Surgical, and the state of medtech innovation entering 2017.

Held three times annually across the United States, DeviceTalks provides exclusive insights with industry leaders changing the course of medicine. From entrepreneurial stories to technological breakthroughs, these conversations touch upon the most relevant issues in medicine, covering the technology that saves lives, the people behind them and the latest industry trends.



On December 12, DeviceTalks will convene 200-300 leaders from Medtronic, Halt Medical, Heartflow, Merit Medical and more, for in-depth panels and workshops centered on the state of medical device innovation going into 2017. We'll go inside the future of medtech, dig into key supply chain issues and examine the state of investment, reimbursement and other hot topic issues in our workshops.

In addition, DeviceTalks will take you inside the future of robotic surgery with the new CEO of Verb Surgical, the exciting spinout from Google and Johnson & Johnson.

Check out www.devicetalks.com and use the promo code "OCBJ" to save 15% on the cost of registration. DeviceTalks is the live event series created by the makers of MassDevice.com and Medical Design and Outsourcing, which serves more than 100,000 readers each month.

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- Scott Huennekens, CEO, Verb Surgical



Who attends DeviceTalks: DeviceTalks brings together 200 medical device leaders from across the spectrum of the industry. Past attendees include CEOs and senior leaders from Allergan, B. Braun Medical, Boston Scientific, Covidien, Edwards Lifesciences, Masimo, Medtronic, Merit Medical, Nihon Khoden and many more.

What: DeviceTalks West

Where: Fairmont Newport Beach

When: December 12, 2016, 1 pm – 8 pm (Lunch and dinner will be served)

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For more information, contact Brian Johnson; publisher, co-founder; DeviceTalks, MassDevice, Medical Design & Outsourcing at brian@massdevice.com or 617.905.6116.



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When their customers want a bite, the Eureka! Tasting Kitchen is conveniently located in Jet Center Los Angeles. It has been wowing diners and critics alike, and is consistently one of the best reviewed food destinations in the area; another example of partnership and relentless attention to details.

From fuel to fries, Jet Center Los Angeles customers expect the best and they get even better. Customer service experience is anchored by Ryan Emslie who heads up "Project Thunder Rising" with the sole purpose of elevating this personalized concierge level of service.

The staff is sent to the Ritz Carlton customer service training school to guarantee top tier performance. This is proof that the company is investing in a lasting relationship with their partners, as well as their employees.

Knowing their origins, it's no surprise to discover the corporate culture of Jet Center Los Angeles is fueled by an "I can do that!" attitude. The company values hard work, steady growth and hires people that will grow from the inside – like Jocelyn Molina who is currently the Flight Coordinator Manager.

"That's the most enjoyable thing to see. Not long ago I remember her at the front desk at Jet Center Los Angeles. We are building something from the ground up. Our goal is to not just hire people to fill a space but give them an opportunity to make it a career," says Sandusky.

Cris Lopez, line service manager and employee number one says, "This is what keeps me here. To look at what has been built. I'm just glad to be a part of it."

The personal history of the men at the helm and their commitment seems to be a guiding principle for the environment they are nurturing. They value longevity and loyalty in everything they do, especially their relationships with clients.

This is different than how most companies approach the business. Whereas some companies see a plane, they see a relationship. People have personal relationships with their planes. And Advanced Air and Jet Center Los Angeles build relationships with both the people *and* the plane.

Since he started out representing owners, Stockton is certain that will always be at the heart of the company. Those relationships are built on trust and transparency. The trust extends from the safety of the plane to faith in the partnership. And transparency means, if something is wrong, they'll have a conversation about it and fix it.

"The plane is their pride and joy, so we take pride in it too." Stockton says the same thing about every relationship they enter, "I want this airplane on my certificate for life. We want quality partners. We look at the overall picture when looking to add aircraft to our fleet. Our goal is to over-deliver. If we are not the right operation, due to location of the aircraft, aircraft type or other factors, we point the owner toward one that is a better fit. We want to maximize every asset for a lifetime."

Sandusky adds, "We're so grateful to have our customers' business. As we grow, we remember where we came from. Back in 2010, we'd get a jet a week and we'd be thrilled. We put everyone on it – to put on the best show we could." They still do.

Unlike many competitor FBOs, Jet Center Los Angeles is not a franchise or a chain. This is a group of folks who care about people who care about airplanes. The "flying solo" approach allows them to control their own destiny and has motivated them to push their credentials and ratings even higher.

Last year, they became only the second FBO in the country to go through the rigid and respected ISBAH audit. Meanwhile, Advanced Air is ISBAO certified and received a Platinum rating from ARG/US, one of the world's most prestigious third-party vetting system for charter operations given to less than 4% of worldwide operators. They are also an Air Charter Safety Foundation (ACSF) audit registered operator.

Both Stockton and Sandusky are still active pilots and fly the line. They stay in the game simply because they love it. As a result, they stay laser focused on what's happening in the air, as well as on the ground. This passion for flying keeps them ahead of the curve – and competition – in all things, including technology.

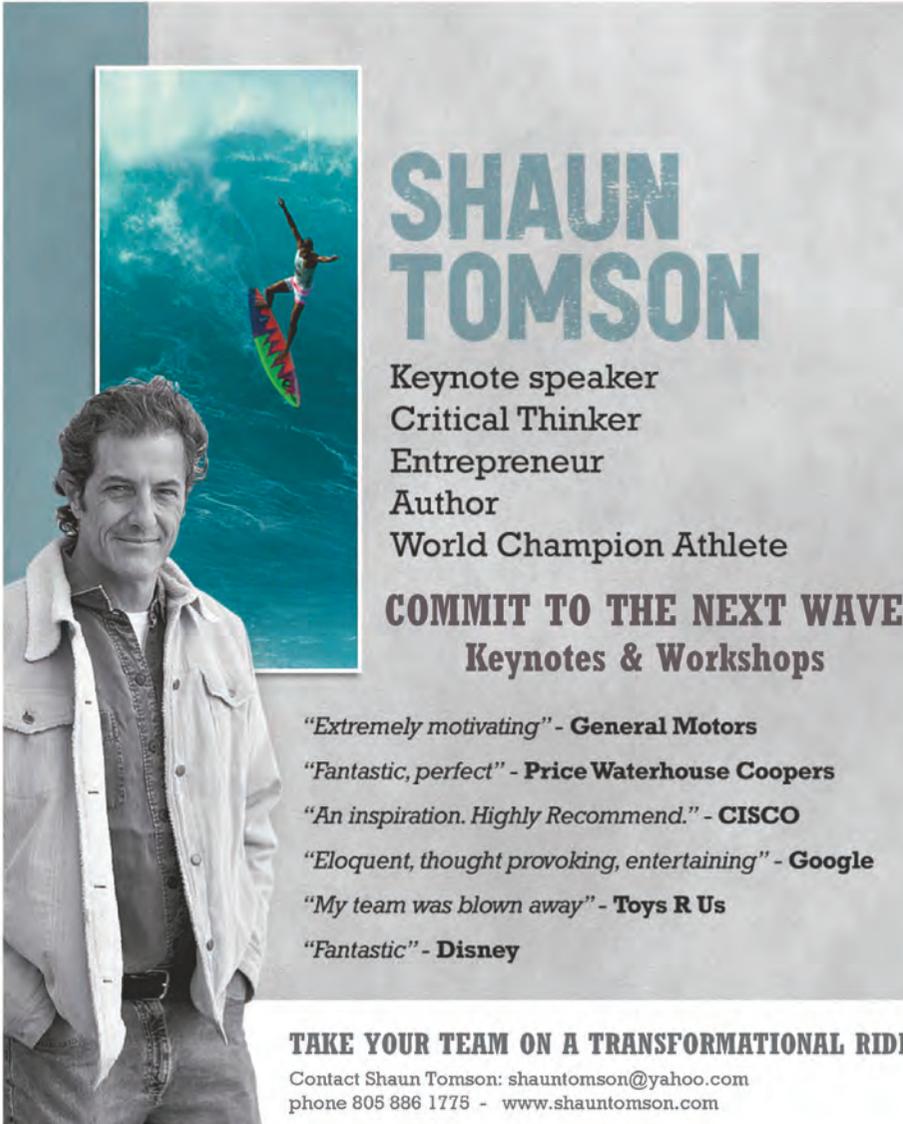
For example, Sandusky says, "We are moving to an all Wi-Fi fleet, and have already upgraded to the most modern avionics and are looking for ways to continuously improve.

Stockton is proud of the collaborative community of people and partners that form the foundation of the companies. "We found a way to create a business out of what we love and share that with our partners and employees."

When he compares the escalation of Jet Center Los Angeles with flying a KingAir 350, Sandusky has no hesitation, "We're still climbing. We haven't reached cruise altitude yet."

He pauses and smiles, "We've come a long way but we have a long way to go."

For more information about Jet Center Los Angeles and Advanced Air Charters, visit www.jetcenterla.com and www.advancedaircharters.com.



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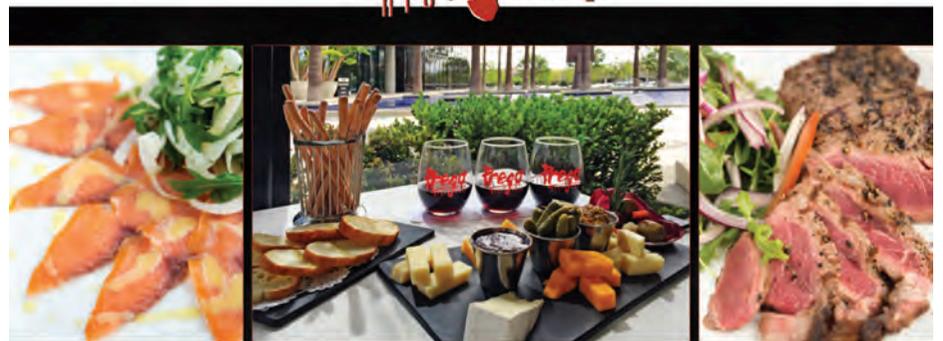


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Director Nancy Montgomery (third from right) and Ezekiel Hall (center) help more than 850 veterans who visit IVC's one-stop resource center each year. Pictured from left to right are Timothy Eaton, Stephen "Mickey" Freck, Mitchell Mayers, Jack "L.J." Ho, Joseph Stauffacher, Scott Vales and Michael Austin.



Director Nancy Montgomery stands with student veterans and other supporters during "Operation Veteran Funding," which brought veterans and legislators together in Sacramento in April to discuss funding for centers like IVC's Veterans Services Center.



Irvine Valley College Rallies for Veteran Funding

To best serve our post-9/11 veterans returning from active duty after several deployments, Irvine Valley College is leading the effort to improve veteran resource centers at California community colleges.

Director of IVC's Veterans Services Center Nancy Montgomery RN, MSN put together a team at IVC to work with teams from Pasadena City College, American River College in Sacramento and Las Positas College in Livermore to change this issue and provide funding for the 70,000 veterans enrolled in the 113 California community colleges.

"Operation Veteran Funding" brought 150 veterans from community colleges across the state to the Capitol to tell legislators their stories and why funding and support for veteran resource centers is vital to their educational and individual success. The veterans discussed coming home with "silent injuries" to find a lack of support systems. They spoke about issues receiving quality health care, how difficult attending college can be as a non-traditional student and how a large percentage need remediation in math and English classes because they have been out of school for so long.

In all, on April 27, 2016, the veterans visited more than 70 legislative offices, including Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin, who took the funding issue to the forefront. More than half of the Assembly has signed a letter to support IVC's efforts to assist veterans. Director Montgomery wrote a proposal for \$15 million to fund veteran resource centers across California, with the intent to increase funding in the next three to five years. This was not a grant proposal. Rather, the proposal set criteria for data collection, restricted funding and adherence to the needs of veterans. The funding proposal passed the Assembly budget but did not make it past the state Senate.

This has not deterred the IVC Veterans Team and its partners. In addition to support from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the proposal received active support from the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges during the Sept. 18-19 meeting. Upon hearing testimony from Director Montgomery, the veterans directors at Pasadena and Las Positas and veterans from numerous colleges, the board recommended an allocation request of \$25 million in next year's budget. This funding could help define and set criteria for veteran resource centers, including size, required staff, what a one-stop service center is, which services to provide and how to collaborate with outside agencies to bring those services to the center, develop strategies to collect and assess data to customize veteran resource centers for each campus and evaluate how we can add to veteran success.

IVC's Veterans Services Center continues to assist this underserved population with funding from grants and outside donations. More than 850 veterans annually stop by the one-stop holistic environment for support services. Our programs include developing financial plans, mental health building, peer support, tutoring, leadership training, support for homeless veterans, scholarships, a food bank, emergency funding, disability certification and vocational rehabilitation services.

Director Montgomery was recently recognized for her efforts to help veterans with a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators (NAVPA). This award honors an individual or organization for outstanding leadership in NAVPA, and/or one who has made a significant contribution to veterans' programs at the national, state or regional level and has contributed to the betterment of veterans' education and supports the goals of NAVPA.

In addition to Operation Veteran Funding, her nomination highlights her work to develop a veteran suicide prevention program that educates college faculty and staff throughout Los Angeles and Orange County on warning signs, talking to students about suicide and where to find help. She has served for two years as president of the California Region 8 Veterans Program Directors Consortium, where she worked hard to bring local colleges and universities together to share ideas, best practices and resources. She also created the inaugural Orange County Women Veterans Leadership Summit that brought together over 100 women veterans from Southern California for a day of empowerment, camaraderie and inspiration.

Irvine Valley College is committed to assessing veterans' needs by collecting data to help campuses in California improve yearly. In the Fall of 2014, the year for which the latest data is available, we had an 11 percent increase in rates of veterans who re-enroll, earn a degree or certificate, or who transfer to a four-year institution in the last year. Veteran resource centers across the state should have the opportunity to provide the same tools. Help us reach our funding goal by writing to your Assembly or Senate member. Together, we can give our veterans the best chance at success.

For more information about IVC's Veterans Services Center, visit students.ivc.edu/veterans.

Veterans from the following colleges took part at Operation Veteran Funding.

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- ▶ Pasadena City College
- ▶ Las Positas College
- ▶ Saddleback College
- ▶ Butte College
- ▶ Merced College
- ▶ Los Medanos College
- ▶ Diablo Valley College
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