

Public Affairs Programming for 2nd Quarter 2015. All programs air at 10AM on Sundays and are 30 minutes in length. All City of Phoenix, Skyharbor Airport shows are hosted by David Ramirez, Public Information Officer for the Airport.

Date: 4-5-2015 repeat of 3-29-2015

Date: 4-12-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Rob Hyde, Navigator for Ambassador Program

Topic: Airport Ambassador Program. Mr. Hyde had a career in sales and joined the program three years ago. Many questions he gets are about logistics. There is an eight week training program. There is a lot to learn about all the terminals; from gates to water fountains. When travelers are stressed he tries to put them at ease and ask questions to find out what the real question is. This is a volunteer position and Mr. Hyde does it because he likes to help people.

Date: 4-19-2015 repeat of 4-12-2015

Date: 4-26-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Sam Gonzales, Supervisor Airport

Topic: The Sky Train now reaches all four terminals. The train is working better than forecasted; ten thousand people a day are using the train. The train is operated by Lombardi Transportation. The train is operating very efficiently, the most efficient in the Lombardi system. Each car holds 53 persons and two cars travel together. The system is computer operated. The train does not go to the car rental center but will in the future. The airport is not supported by tax dollars. The only time the train has been down is when the track flooded.

Date: 5-3-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Lanai Elder, Curator for the Airport Museum

Topic: The museum has over 900 pieces of art. Lanai is retiring soon. The first exhibition she opened was on dental pictures done by children. They had an old dental chair. The second exhibit was costumes from the ballet. When she began terminal four was under construction. One of the early exhibits was photos of Weimaraner dogs acting as humans. She belongs to an organization composed of other airport curators. They share ideas and resources. People come to the airport for date night to see the art and eat at any one of the restaurants.

Date: 5-10-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Jerry Haus from the Airport and Candace Snorgras who owns a couple of eateries in the Airport

Topic: Recycling Program with food stuff. The food scraps program includes any food leftover on the plate. Food that is green (compostable) is being composted. The city of Phoenix just started composting. The Airport is a testing ground. Candace's businesses are composting to save on trash. The Airport hopes to compost 40% of all trash from the Airport. They are now at 28%. They are hoping to have all restaurants composting food stuff by year end instead of only Snorgras' enterprises. All plastic is recyclable, all paper even with food stuff on it, all glass, all cardboard.

Date: 5-17-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Christy Puetz and Tanya Rodham, Artists

Topic: Creature Feature Art Exhibit. One piece is called Barney, which shows how people change the environment in an animal habitat. A piece from Tanya looks like a dragon fly because it is whimsical. Tanya is from Brazil and the art she creates feature insects that are large. Some of the pieces are created quickly and some slowly. The artists are trying to tell stories with their art. Tanya has a piece called Itsy Bitsy and it highlights mundane objects made into insects. Tanya's favorite piece is from 2000 and it is a canoe with an elk inside. The exhibition is level 3 terminal 4.

Date: 5-24-2015

Host: Mel Young

Guest: Ted Taylor, Executive Director of Family Promise

Topic: Churches unite and house homeless people at the church site. They eat dinner there and sleep on blow up mattresses. The congregations love the people who are homeless. Children benefit greatly. The loss of a job and loss of savings and loss of support from family and friends causes homelessness. The children are more likely to be sickly. Many of the children are taken from their parents. Family Promise will take the family pets also. PetSmart National is working with Family Promise to include pets in the shelter. Gifting money to Family Promise will reduce the donor's taxes, both State and Federal. The organization is interfaith.

Date: 5-31-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Gary Martelli, Art Specialist

Topic: Airport Museum Vault contains mostly photography pieces. One hundred pieces are photos of ranching families in Arizona. They are all size photos and they are black and white. Early art was acquired by donations from local businesses. In 1909, Phoenix had an airshow and postcards from the exhibit are in the collection. Mark McDowell draws on wood with colored pencils and he lives in an artist colony north of Scottsdale. There are 35 exhibit spaces in the Airport. They have an exhibit of airline uniforms.

Date: 6-14-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Floyd Johnson, Superintendent, Dean Zitar, Landside Operations Manager

Topic: Travel to the Airport. When dropping off or picking up at the Airport many people get confused about the lay of the land. People also have trouble with parking. Pre-plan before going to the Airport by going to the website and studying the terrain. The people in yellow vests are there to direct traffic. It is immediate loading and unloading with no parking at the curb. The 44th Street station has a cell phone lot connected to the train and early bag check in. SkyHarbor Airport is known for good customer service. Early bag check in handles about 700 bags a day. SkyHarbor Airport has grown greatly since its beginning.

Date: 6-21-2015

Host: David Ramirez

Guest: Ron Neilson, Instructor and Retired Pilot

Topic: Fear of Flying. Fearless Flight holds classes at the Airport to teach people how to fly without fear. It usually takes one class to lose the fear. Audio stimulation can make you forget the fear. A Psychologist started the program in 1987. Neilson was a pilot in the military and then pilot for the industry. The number one fear people have is public speaking and then fear of death.

Date: 6-28-2015 repeat of 6-21-2015