



CHARLES M. SCHULZ - SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT

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Sonoma County Airport now offers free Wi-Fi

SANTA ROSA - Free access to wireless Internet (Wi-Fi) is now offered at Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport (STS), courtesy of Sonic.net. Travelers and visitors to the Airport can use their laptops and smart phones to conduct business, send email, play games, or cruise the Internet while waiting for their flight to depart. The new hot spot includes the terminal lobby, passenger hold building, Sky Lounge Restaurant and their patio, the breezeway, and limited areas in front of the terminal.

“We’re pleased to provide another amenity for travelers as a way to differentiate Sonoma County Airport from airports that charge for Wi-Fi service. STS is convenient and easy to use; free Wi-Fi is another benefit to flying from STS,” said Jon Stout, Airport Manager.

When asked why Sonic.net is providing free Wi-Fi service at the Airport, Dane Jasper, co-founder, president, and CEO of Sonic.net, Inc said, “Sonic.net is Northern California's largest independent Internet Service Provider. Based in Sonoma County, it's our goal to deliver unique and innovative services for residents of this area. We hope that they will also consider Sonic.net for their residential or business Internet access.”

Jasper went on to say, “The availability of Wi-Fi in the terminal is a great compliment to the service on the Airport Express buses. Whether travelers are flying direct from Santa Rosa or from SFO via the bus, the Sonoma County Airport is a travel hub that allows them to stay connected to the Internet at high speed.”

Anyone who is using the facility is welcome to use the Wi-Fi network connection. It is expected business travelers will use it for email and casual users for entertainment. To access the system, users can simply connect to the "Sonic.net Open Wi-Fi" signal with their laptop or smart phone devices. Then when they visit a web site the system will display an introductory splash screen that forwards them to the website they want to visit. Users who want to use an email client or VPN software should run a web browser first in order to be granted access via this splash screen.

Banking, shopping and other financial transactions via the network are secure. Open wireless networks do not include encryption, but online banking, shopping and financial sites do. Users can determine if a website is secure by looking for a locked padlock icon in the lower right corner of most web browser applications.

Horizon Air offers nonstop service to and from Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle from the Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport. The air service is proving to be very popular; 157,555 passengers have flown in and out of STS between January and September this year.

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