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### Standing Meetings and Events

- **CAP Squadron 35**  
Every Wednesday  
7:00 PM—CAP Trailer
- **Whiteman Airport Association**  
Every 3rd Thursday  
7:00 PM—Admin Building
- **Aviation Explorer Post 747**  
2nd & 4th Monday's  
6:30-8:00—Pilot's Lounge
- **Young Eagles**  
Every 4th Saturday  
10:30 AM—Grassy Area adjacent to Pilot's Lounge
- **Whiteman Display Day**  
Every 2nd Sunday  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### 2017 Airport Commission Meetings

April 26, 2017 7:00 PM	KWHP
May 31, 2017 7:00 PM	KEMT
June 28, 2017 7:00 PM	KPOC
July 2017 No Meeting	

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# Whiteman Airport



## From the Manager..

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**County Hangar Inspections.** — We've completed our first round of County hangar inspections and thank you to all that came out to help us complete this important process. For those that missed the inspections; please give us a call in the office at (818) 896-5271 to set up a time for your inspection. We are available seven days a week, by appointment, to complete your quick and easy hangar inspection.

**Explorer Post 747's 2nd Annual Gala.** It's not too late to purchase tickets to Aviation Explorer Post 747's Second Annual Fundraising Gala on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Angeles National Golf Club. For those not familiar with the Explorers or their annual Gala; the organization helps students pursue their passion for aviation by helping them earn their private pilot's license. Explorers Post 747 has the distinction of graduating private pilots at a rate that's twice the national average and the really amazing thing is that they're all high school students. Post 747 was founded 14 years ago by aviation enthusiast and airport tenant Ruth Logan.

Starting Explorer Post 747 blended well with Ruth's longstanding commitment to the Young Eagles Program, a once a month event that is held here at Whiteman and sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 40. The Young Eagles introduces young people to the thrill of flight with free rides offered to students ages 8 to 17 and is supported by generous donations and a national squadron of volunteers. Over the years Ruth has flown more than 300 kids.

Keeping the Explorers program going does not only take commitment and time but also money. As many of us know a pilot license runs upward of \$5,000, if all goes according to schedule--more if training takes longer. The local Ninety Nines offer scholarships of \$2,500, half the average cost, but each Explorer who pursues a license is responsible for the balance. To help with this Explorers are constantly fund raising by hosting pancake breakfasts and airplane washes.

This Gala was started last year as a way to increase funding and therefore the opportunities for these good kids to achieve their dream of earning their license. The event will include dinner, silent and live auctions (highlighted by tickets for a flight aboard the B-25 Executive Sweet!), entertainment, and guest speaker Rod Machado. The aviation community, as well as members of the community at large, is encouraged to attend. It promises to be a memorable evening for a cause well worth supporting. Ruth notes that a shortage of commercial pilots is looming on the horizon. "Most pilots right now are nearing retirement," she said. "A whole generation...these kids are in the perfect spot to fill that void."

You can help! To make a donation to a great group of kids, or for more information and tickets to the Explorer Post 747 Gala, please visit their Facebook page "Aviation Explorer Post 747".

**Vehicle Access Gate Cards.** — As a reminder; the new vehicle access gate cards that were issued in 2014 when our new gates were installed require annual renewal, which is scheduled to coincide with the holder's birthday. Please stop by the office or call us during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm) at (818) 896-5271 before your birthday to have your card renewed.

### Aviation Quote of the Month

*Flight is the only truly new sensation than men have achieved in modern history.*

James Dickey

## Spotlight on...

### Aviation Advocates Press Against Privatizing ATC

By Mary Grady | March 21, 2017 | [www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com)

Sixteen general aviation advocacy groups joined forces on Tuesday to express their concerns to leaders in the House and Senate about efforts to privatize air traffic control. The organizations cited a proposal promoted by some big airlines for the creation of a new governance and funding model for our nation's aviation system. "The general aviation community has very real and long-standing concerns, which include but are not limited to user fees," the letter states. These concerns, the letter said, are based on experiences the advocates have had operating in privatized systems in other countries, where they've had a negative impact on general aviation.

"Under such a system, ATC would be overseen and managed by a board made up of commercial interests, with the nation's airlines having the most powerful and numerous voices," EAA President Jack Pelton said. "These interests would inevitably drown out whatever token representation and economic impact GA would have on such a board, creating an ATC system that would serve commercial interests with the greatest financial resources."

Along with EAA, the letters to congressional leaders were signed by the Air Care Alliance, Aircraft Electronics Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Citation Jet Pilots, Commemorative Air Force, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Helicopter Association International, International Council of Air Shows, National Agricultural Aviation Association, National Association of State Aviation Officials, National Air Transportation Association, National Business Aviation Association, Recreational Aviation Foundation, U.S. Parachute Association, and Veterans Airlift.



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#### Airport Display Days

**KPOC**  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
10AM-2PM

**KCPM**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday and Sunday  
10AM-2PM

**KEMT**  
Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
9AM-1PM

**KWJF**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
All Day

**KWHP**  
Every 2nd Sunday  
10AM-2PM