



Whiteman Airport Newsletter

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Whiteman Airport

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Standing Meetings/ Events

CAP Squadron 35

Every Wednesday
7:00 PM
CAP Trailer

Whiteman Airport Association

Every 3rd Thursday
7:00 PM
Administration Building

EAA Chapter 40

Every 3rd Saturday
9:30 AM

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



From the Manager..

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Sequestration Update. As many of you have probably heard, the Department of Transportation and FAA issued an open letter to the aviation community indicating that sequestration could result in the closure of both FAA and Contract Air Traffic Control Towers. A list of 238 ATCTs for possible closure was released and Whiteman's Contract Tower operated by Serco was on it. Since that time the County Aviation Division and I have been working with our counterparts at other SoCal area airports and major aviation coalitions to stress the importance of these towers to the national aviation network, and in our case the entire Los Angeles metro area, to our elected officials. As of the time of this writing nothing official has been decided but keep an eye on the situation as things are moving quite quickly.

Get to know you Airport Businesses! We are lucky to

have many excellent aviation businesses located here at WHP and I thought I'd take the next several months to speak about them.

This month I am spotlighting **Vista Aviation**. Vista Aviation has been based at WHP for 32 year and continues to expand its' expertise in many areas of aviation. Originally a parts store, Vista quickly grew by adding an avionics shop, and then the flight school and maintenance operations and is now a 4 acre complex housing Vista Aviation, Vista Air and Specialty Aero Leasing, with hangars for rent. The parts and pilot supply shop is a great resource at the Airport and almost anything a pilot needs can be purchased in the store and if it's not in stock, they are always happy to order it for you. Vista is a Single engine Cessna service center with parts for Single and Multi, as well as parts for many other makes

and models of GA aircraft. Vista also has licensed qualified mechanics for inspections, maintenance, and Pilot Static certifications on 40+ models of aircraft and oxygen is available. Vista's radio shop, an FAA repair station offers Avionics bench repair. They also offer 10 aircraft for rent and are a Written FAA Exam Testing Center. Specialty Aero Leasing which handles hangar rental at the facility currently has a waiting list for hangars, but office space is available. If you have not stopped in Vista before I recommend you do as they do a great job and are a valuable member of our aviation community.

Support your Airport Association. Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to the Airport Administration Building and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next Airport Association meeting will be held on April 18, 2013.

Hangar Repairs? If you are having difficulty with your hangar please to not hesitate to call my office at (818) 896-5271 so that we may diagnose the problem and make the appropriate fixes.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Vista's Pilot Shop; read more about them in our first article spotlighting WHP aviation businesses

Quote of the Month

You haven't seen a tree
until you've seen its
shadow from the sky.
— Amelia Earhart



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Airport Display Days

KPOC

Every 3rd Sunday
10AM-2PM

KCPM

Every 1st
Saturday and Sunday
10AM-2PM

KEMT

Every 4th Sunday
9AM-1PM

KWJF

Every 2nd Saturday
All Day

KWHP

Every 2nd Sunday
10AM-2PM



Need Fuel?

Operations staff can be contacted for fuel and services by phone at any time by calling

818-312-2911

Or

Unicom at
122.95



AWOS

Up to the minute weather information can be found outside of Tower Operating hours (8PM-8AM)

by calling

818.899.9820

or dial into the frequency at

132.1

Contact us

Accounting Customer Service:

310.752.0559

AAC Customer Service:

310.752.0578

Email

AACService
@americanairports.net

Available for Lease

Whiteman Airport (818-896-5271)

Tie Downs

From \$96.00/month

T-Hangars

From \$364.78/month



Brackett Field Airport (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs

From \$52.00/month

Port-a-Ports

From \$260.56/month

T-Hangars

From \$463.85/month

Executive Hangars

From \$831.67/month



Compton/Woodley Airport

(310-631-8140)

Tie Downs

From \$49.00/month

Hangars

From \$484.49/month

El Monte Airport (626-448-6129)

Tie Downs

From \$60.00/month

Hangars

From \$465.77/month



Fox Airfield (661-940-1709)

Tie Downs

From \$54.00/month

Standard Hangars

From \$374.24/month

Large Hangars

From \$712.96/month

Aviation Commission Meeting Calendar

April 24, 2013

10:00AM

Whiteman Airport

May 29, 2013

7:00PM

El Monte Airport

June 26, 2013

7:00PM

Brackett Field Airport

August 28, 2013

7:00PM

Compton/Woodley Airport

September 25, 2013

7:00PM

Gen. William J. Fox Airfield

Spotlight on:

Skyship to launch in May

March 10, 2013 by General Aviation News Staff

ORLANDO, Fla. — Skyship Services Inc., owner of the Type Certificates for the largest certified non-rigid airships in the world, recently signed a contract that will launch the first of a new era of Skyships.

The 200-foot flying machine is being assembled at a hangar facility near Elizabeth City, N.C., that was originally used as a US Navy airship base. The Skyship will be ready to commence operations in May and will then begin a tour that will bring it to Florida before it flies from the East Coast to the West Coast.

Julian Bensch, president of Skyship Services Inc. stated that "...most people

think of airships as representative of a bygone era but in fact they provide the world's most stable flying aerial platform with unparalleled endurance capabilities."

Skyships are ideal for aerial photography and survey work and can do the job of 12 helicopters and multiple drones at a fraction of the cost and in a far more environmentally friendly fashion, he noted.

This Skyship will initially be used for a series of scientific experiments measuring our impact on the environment and as an equipment test bed. The airship is capable of loitering for up to two days and can be configured to

carry in excess of a ton of equipment. As the effects of the sequester kick in, there will be an increasing need for cost effective, survey, surveillance and border patrol solutions and the Skyship has been resurrected to meet these needs, company officials noted.

The latest version of the Skyship was originally developed by a subsidiary of Westinghouse Electric Corporation and a total in excess of \$200 million has been spent on design, development and certification.

For more information: SkyshipServices.com