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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

**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

### Upcoming Airport Commission Meetings

April 30, 2014  
7:00PM  
Whiteman Airport

May 28, 2014  
7:00PM  
San Gabriel Valley Airport

June 25, 2014  
7:00PM  
Brackett Field Airport



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### From the Manager..

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**Access Gates and Perimeter Fencing Project Update.** Construction equipment has moved in and prep work has begun for the County gate and fence project here at the Airport. All three airport access gates will be replaced, starting with our main gate located next to the Administration Building . One gate will be worked on at a time to ensure that access to the Airport is not adversely affected. The new gate system will include separate entry and exit points as well as enhanced security features that will help eliminate potential security issues such as an unauthorized entry and "piggybacking". Anyone with questions is welcome to call me at (818) 896-5271.

**FAA Contract Tower Funding Update.** As I am sure you all remember, last year we fought (and won!) the battle to maintain the funding for FAA contract tower for fiscal year 2014 which ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2015 was released and once again it proposes to eliminate the guaranteed funding bill language for the FAA Contract Tower Program. It is time once again for those who value our tower to get re-engaged and ensure dedicated funding continues into the future. As the House and Senate gear up for the fiscal year 2015 Appropriations cycle, I encourage you to contact your House members and our two U.S. Senators at your earliest convenience and urge them to submit requests to their respective Appropriations Committees asking that the FY 2015 DOT/FAA spending bill includes bill language providing full and dedicated funding at \$149 million for the Contract Tower Program and Cost-Share Program.

**Hangar Inspection Update.** For those unable to make their hangar inspection date please contact us at the Airport Administration Office at (818) 896-5271 so that we may arrange for a time to complete the inspection. The inspection only takes a few minutes and will focus on fire hazards or hazardous materials in the hangar, making sure there is a working fire extinguisher in the hangar, checking to see if the aircraft in the hangar matches the aircraft on record and any signs of unauthorized commercial operations.

For those in third party hangars, inspection dates are being arranged with your landlord and you may contact them for the details on date and time for the inspection. I greatly appreciate your help in completing this process quickly and efficiently. I know it is often an inconvenience to come out for the inspection and I appreciate your efforts in helping us complete this County mandated process.

**Looking For a New or Different Hangar?** If you currently lease a tie down or if you're in a hangar and would like to move to a different hangar please stop by the Administration Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, to discuss hangar spaces that are currently available. If the particular hangar of your choice is not available now, we will provide you with a hangar waitlist application to fill out so that we can move you in to the hangar of your choice as soon as possible.

### Photos of the Month



Blue Angels taking flight over Fox Field during the inaugural LA County Air Show

**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

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

Flying is more than a sport and more than a job; flying is pure passion and desire, which fill a lifetime.  
- Adolf Galland

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**Spotlight on:****AOPA asks CBP Head to Investigate Stops**

March 13, 2014 | By Elizabeth A. Tennyson | [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)

Just days after he was confirmed as Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, Gil Kerlikowske received a letter from AOPA asking him to immediately fulfill a commitment he made to review the agency's zero-suspicion enforcement activities regarding general aviation.

In the March 10 letter, AOPA President Mark Baker noted that the association has now received nearly 50 reports of stops of general aviation aircraft made without a warrant, probable cause, or reasonable suspicion that illegal activity was taking place. Some of those stops involved officers with drawn weapons and dogs, and many resulted in aircraft being searched and passengers and pilots being questioned or detained.

AOPA began seeking information and answers about these stops from CBP's Air & Marine Division in January 2013 and has yet to receive satisfactory responses.

The association is particularly concerned that the stops are being made without proper authority. In some cases CBP Air & Marine Division has said that it is stopping aircraft based on FAA regulations that require pilots to produce certain documents when asked by a law enforcement officer.

But AOPA contends that, while those regulations require pilots to comply after they have been stopped, they do not give CBP or any other law enforcement agency the authority to make a stop in the first place unless there is probable cause or reasonable suspicion of illegal activity. FAA, which does have the authority to conduct ramp checks, has said that it has not sought help from CBP or any other agency to carry out such checks.

"We need to know why general aviation is apparently being singled out for this kind of treatment, and we need it to stop," Baker said.

AOPA will continue to seek cooperation from CBP and work with Congress, the FAA and others to bring an end to these incidents.

The County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works invites you to participate in their annual Airport Customer Service Survey. Surveys are available in the Pilot's Lounge, Manger's Office and at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/avisurvey>. Please submit hardcopy surveys with the attached self-addressed and stamped envelope or fax to (626) 300-4620.

**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

→

**San Gabriel Valley  
Airport  
(626-448-6129)**

Tie Downs

From \$60.00/month

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**Fox Airfield  
(661-940-1709)**

Tie Downs

From \$54.00/month

Standard Hangars

From \$374.24/month

Large Hangars

From \$712.96/month