



# 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

## Quote of the Month

*I have often said that  
the lure of flying is the  
lure of beauty. That the  
reasons flyers fly,  
whether they know it or  
not, is the aesthetic  
appeal of flying.*  
— Amelia Earhart



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## From the Manager..

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**Hangar Inspection Schedule.** As a reminder, hangar inspections are scheduled for this month. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter the emphasis of these inspections is both safety and lease compliance. Hangar tenants located in third party hangars will be contacted by their landlords with the dates and times of their inspection as well. If you are unable to be at the hangar on the date and time listed sometime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. please contact the Airport Administration Office at (818) 896-5271 so that we may arrange another appointment time for the inspection. The inspection will only take 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.

Each hangar row is listed below with a date. We will be stationed at these hangar rows on the date listed below from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and you may show up anytime during these hours for the inspection.

- B, C, D Rows: Wednesday, February 19th
- E, F, G, H, J Rows: Thursday, February 20th
- BB, CC, DD, U & T Rows: Friday, February 21st

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 annual requirement. As mentioned earlier, if the date and time listed above does not work for you please contact me and we can arrange for a more convenient time. Thank you in advance for all your cooperation!

**New Access Gates and Perimeter Fencing Coming Soon.** The County will begin the installation of new access gates and airport perimeter fencing in the coming month. All three airport access gates will be replaced; one being 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 unauthorized entry and "piggybacking". Anyone with questions is welcomed to call me at (818) 896-5271.

**Fire Extinguisher Recertification Pickup.** For those that dropped off a fire extinguisher for our November 4th fire extinguisher recertification; the extinguisher is ready for pickup if you have not already done so.

## Photo of the Month



LA County Fire working the fire near Glendora from Brackett Field Airport

## Upcoming Airport Commission Meetings

February 26, 2014  
10:00AM  
Compton/Woodley Airport

March 26, 2014  
10:00AM  
General Wm J Fox Airfield

April 30, 2014  
7:00PM  
Whiteman Airport

**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

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**Spotlight on:****FAA asks court to dismiss lawsuit over Santa Monica**

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<http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/January/13/FAA-files-motion-to-dismiss-SMO-lawsuit.aspx>

In court documents filed late Jan. 10, the FAA has asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit brought by the city of Santa Monica over use of the site of Santa Monica Municipal Airport. The lawsuit is the latest in a long line of legal challenges aimed at closing the venerable field.

In its lawsuit, filed Oct. 31, 2013, the Santa Monica City Council asks the court to give the city clear title to airport property and challenges the current effectiveness and constitutionality of agreements that require the city to operate the airport in perpetuity.

But in the motion to dismiss filed Jan. 10, attorneys for the federal government argue that the city is disputing the terms of the land agreement decades too late. According to the court filing, the city had 12 years under the Quiet Title Act to bring suit against the federal government once the city learned of the government's interest in the property. But the city signed the property over to the federal government in 1948, more than 65 years ago, and has repeatedly acknowledged the government's interest in the land over the intervening years.

The motion also argues that the constitutional claims are "unripe" because they can only be triggered by the government's action to take control of the airport, events that have not taken place. The property continues to be used as an airport, and the options that would allow the federal government to decide whether to take title to the property have not been triggered. Other claims in the city's lawsuit are not under the court's jurisdiction, but rather need to be brought, if at all, in another court.

While the city has argued that its claim to the property must be resolved before July 2015 when it says its contractual and legal obligations to operate the airport expire, government attorneys dispute that position, saying the obligations remain in effect through August 2023 regardless of other factors raised in the lawsuit.

The city of Santa Monica has repeatedly attempted to close the popular airport, which serves as an important reliever for nearby Los Angeles International Airport. AOPA has spent hundreds of hours engaging the pilot community, talking to community leaders, working with the FAA, and at times participating in legal actions in support of the field.

"The government's brief is compelling, and we agree that the case is without merit and should be dismissed," said AOPA General Counsel Ken Mead. "These issues have been exhaustively researched, and like it or not, the city is obligated to keep the airport open under the terms of its original agreement in taking the airport back after the war and those terms accord with the multiple agreements the city has made through the years. At the same time, we hope the city will come to recognize that Santa Monica Municipal is a valuable economic asset as well as an important part of the regional and national transportation network."

The city has the chance to respond to the motion, and then it will be heard by the judge who will decide whether to dismiss the city's case or allow it to proceed

**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

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From \$260.56/month

T-Hangars

From \$463.85/month

Executive Hangars

From \$831.67/month

**Compton/Woodley  
Airport**

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Hangars

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Airport**

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