

Standing Meetings and 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

2015 Airport Commission Meetings

January 21, 2015 10:00 am	KPOC
February 25, 2015 10:00 am	KCPM
March 25, 2015 10:00 am	KWJF
April 29, 2015 7:00 pm	KWHP
May 27, 2015 7:00 pm	KEMT
June 24, 2015 7:00 pm	KPOC

From the Manager..



Andrew Marino, Airport Manager
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Whiteman Airport hosts Santa Claus! On Saturday, December 13th, Whiteman hosted our third annual helicopter fly in for Santa Claus. The event benefits MEND, the poverty fighting organization based across the street from the Airport. Every December MEND hosts a Christmas Basket Event at their facility where families in need from our community come and receive toys and other goodies for their children and also get a chance to meet Santa. Group 3 Aviation provided the helicopter and our Tower guys cleared our "sleigh" to orbit over the MEND facility while Santa waived to all the children below. Thanks also to WHP tenant Jon Carpenter who arranged for (and drove) the beautiful red Cadillac that chauffeured Santa around.

Airport Association Holiday Party Recap. The Whiteman Airport Association held its annual holiday party in the meeting room at the Administration Building on Thursday, December 11th. Over 75 Association members were in attendance and enjoyed

the lasagna, sausage and peppers and the other delicious food and desserts that were served. Numerous gifts were raffled off including some vouchers for free avgas. I would like to thank all members of the WAA that contributed food donations for MEND at this year's event. We were able to collect over 200 pounds of food donations for those in need! Thank you! For those that have not made it out to one of these events I highly recommend attending next time around. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow airport users and aviation lovers and enjoy a fun evening together!

Storm Water Season. Our storm water monitoring season started on October 1st and we must ensure all rain water entering our storm water drains does so without picking up any pollutants along the way. Please remember that painting, sanding or the use of any chemicals or solvents is not permitted in or around storage hangars or tie downs. If you see potential storm water issues around the airport please do not

hesitate to contact my office at (818) 896-5271 or Airport Operations at (818) 312-2911 so that we may clean up any potential problems before they become one. Thanks in advance for your help!

Fire Extinguisher Recertification Pickup. For those that dropped off a fire extinguisher for our November 17th fire extinguisher recertification; the extinguisher is ready for pickup if you have not already done so.

FAA Monthly Seminars. There is an FAA Safety meeting every month. For meeting information, please see the website at <http://faasafety.gov>. It is held in the Civil Air Patrol trailer.

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

Photo of the Month



Santa Clause arriving at Whiteman on December 13, 2014

Aviation Quote of the Month

The very existence of aviation is proof that man, given the will, has the capacity to accomplish deeds that seem impossible.

— Eddie Rickenbacker,

Spotlight on...

2014 was a great year for the County of Los Angeles airport system. We had a number of significant accomplishments that I would like to share with you and also give you a roadmap for where we are headed in 2015.

Over the past year, we invested nearly \$10 million in capital improvement projects, new facilities, equipment, engineering design, planning studies, and smaller scale maintenance and improvement projects across the County airports. Projects include construction of three new helicopter parking pads and new beacon tower at Brackett Field Airport, replacement of perimeter fencing and gate access control systems at Fox Airfield and Whiteman Airports, design of pavement reconstruction for nearly all of the aircraft parking ramps and aprons at San Gabriel Valley Airport, design of the exit taxiway for runway 06 at Fox Airfield, and design for the south runway and taxiway reconstruction at Compton/Woodley Airport.

Additional funding for capital and other projects comes from the County's Aviation Enterprise Fund, which is really just airport revenue that we put right back into airport improvements. Put in another way,

the money that is generated from hangar rents, commercial leaseholds, fuel flowage fees, etc. is all the money we are able to use to maintain the airports day in and day out. Some of the improvements that were funded exclusively with enterprise funds this year were construction of terminal entry rehabilitation and accessibility ramps at Fox Airfield; replacement of the beacon tower at Brackett Field Airport; two new first response vehicles; and other large and smaller scale maintenance projects. Enterprise funds also provided the means to complete one of our most exciting projects in years:

We recently acquired a portion of a master development at Whiteman Airport that will serve, among other purposes, as the airport's new terminal building. The recently acquired facility will soon undergo minor reconstruction of the second floor to accommodate airport administration offices, a café/restaurant, and a conference room. The first floor already offers a lounge area, flight planning resources, and public restrooms. Additionally, a new vehicle parking lot is being designed to accommodate over sixty vehicles, and it will be constructed directly across the street from the new facility. It is anticipated that, within the next 4 to 6 months, the improvements to the new facility will be complete

and it will be officially open for business. Long-time aviation businesses, Vista Aviation, and Vista Air moved into the facility after it was constructed 5 years ago. They will remain in the building and hangars as welcomed neighbors and new County tenants providing invaluable pilot and aircraft services. The project total was just under \$4 million, but it saved us more than \$12 million and many years of construction of other enabling projects to get us where we are today. Another great benefit of this project is that it enables us to considerably expedite projects related to airfield safety and operational efficiency that could not occur until a new location for the terminal was found.

2014 was a year of change for the County airport system as well. El Monte Airport has a new name: San Gabriel Valley Airport, which was an effort geared toward marketing the airport to the broader region. We stopped watering our lawns and began focusing on sustainable landscape management plans. General William J. Fox Airfield held the inaugural "Los Angeles County Air Show" that boasted an appearance by the Blue Angels as the headlining act and 103,000 attendees! The Los Angeles County Aviation Commission saw two of its members retired: Commissioners Bobby Chase and Aron Wolf of

A Year in Review

Richard L. Smith, Chief, Aviation Division-County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works

San Gabriel Valley and Whiteman Airports, respectively. Bobby and Aron brought a depth of knowledge to the Commission that was relied upon to provide guidance on aviation-related issues affecting all of Southern California. We lost a few friends this year as well, including former County Aviation Division Chief Jack Tippee. Thank you Jack for all you did for this amazing system of airports that we all enjoy a little more because of your invaluable work.

2015 is shaping up to be a very busy and productive year already. We have a commitment from the Federal Aviation Administration to fund two projects at a cost of \$5 million, which includes Phase 1 of the apron pavement reconstruction project at San Gabriel Valley Airport and the exit taxiway for runway 06 at Fox Airfield. Other projects to look forward to next year are a new monument sign and landscaping improvements at San Gabriel Valley Airport, generator replacement at Fox Airfield, and the wash rack restroom replacement at Brackett Field. And do not forget to mark your calendars for the 2nd Los Angeles County Air Show at Fox Airfield featuring the USAF Thunderbirds, on March 21 and 22, 2015.

Thanks for another great year from all of us at the Public Works Aviation Division!



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Available for Lease

Whiteman Airport
(818-896-5271)

Tie Downs
From \$96.00/month
T-Hangars
From \$364.78/month
→

Compton/Woodley Airport
(310-631-8140)

Tie Downs
From \$49.00/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

San Gabriel Valley 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

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