



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

Quote of the Month

The greater the difficulty the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.
— *Epicurus*



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From the Manager..

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Air Traffic Control Tower Update.
On May 10th the Department of Transportation announced that all 149 Contract Air Traffic Control Towers (including Whiteman's) scheduled for closure on June 15th would remain open through the end of the fiscal year, September 30th.

Much work has been done in recent weeks and months to push elected officials to save the towers and during the first week of May, 41 United States Senators and another 81 members of the House of Representatives signed a letter addressed to Department of Transportation Secretary LaHood and FAA Administrator Huerta urging them to prevent the closure of Contract Air Traffic Control Towers through the authority granted in the Reducing Flight Delays Act of 2013.

In addition to this letter the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and the United States Control Tower Association (USCTA) continued their litigation to stop the tower closures in the ninth circuit court per the schedule agreed to several weeks ago by the Department of Justice and the lawyers involved in the litigation.

For more information on everything that has occurred County Public Works web site at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/>. There you will find a link labeled "Proposed Tower Closures" which will bring you to the County Airports' webpage and on that page will be a link to the Contract Tower Association web-site. All information regarding this issue can be found on their site by clicking the top link entitled "Save Contract Towers Now!" There you will find letters from airports and all legislative efforts that helped keep the towers operating.

American Heroes Air Show at Hansen Dam. After a one year hiatus the American Heroes Air Show will be held place at the Hansen Dam Recreation and Sports Complex on Saturday, June 29th from 9:00am until 4:00pm. Parking and admission are free and we'll also be there hosting a tent representing the Airport. The focus of the event is helicopters serving with the military, law enforcement, public service, the media and more. The LASD Golden Stars Parachute Team is also scheduled to perform and helicopters will be operating in and around the dam so please keep that in mind for that

day as operations in the air will be even busier than normal.

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 the hangar space that is 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!

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 June 20, 2013 at 7 pm.

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



B24 "Liberator" taking off after it's stop at Brackett Field Airport during the "Wings of Freedom Tour".



The prop of the B17 -Flying Fortress that visited Brackett Field Airport during the "Wings of Freedom" Tour

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

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

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

October 30, 2013

7:00PM

Whiteman Airport

November 27, 2013

10:00AM

El Monte Airport

Spotlight on:

FAA Continues To Face Challenges in Implementing a Risk-Based Approach for Repair Station Oversight

Requested by the former Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation

May 01, 2013

Project ID: AV-2013-073

SUMMARY

On May 1, 2013, we issued our final report on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) risk-based oversight of aircraft repair stations. Currently, FAA is responsible for overseeing nearly 4,800 repair stations used worldwide by U.S. air carriers. We found that while FAA developed a risk assessment process to aid repair station inspectors in identifying areas of greatest concern, its oversight continues to emphasize

completing mandatory inspections instead of targeting resources where they are needed based on risk. Less than half of its inspection elements are evaluated based on risk, and foreign repair stations are not inspected using a risk-based system. In addition, FAA's oversight of foreign and domestic repair stations lacks effective, standardized processes for identifying deficiencies and verifying that they have been addressed. As a result, we found numerous systemic discrepancies at the repair stations we visited during our review. FAA concurred with all nine of our recommendations to enhance the Agency's oversight of repair stations, citing its plans to

implement a new oversight system—the Safety Assurance System (SAS)—in fiscal year 2015, and proposing actions to address our concerns in the interim. However, we are requesting additional information or alternative actions for three recommendations to ensure adequate oversight until SAS is complete.

A full copy of the report can be found here:

<http://www.oig.dot.gov/sites/dot/files/FAA%20Repair%20Station%20Oversight%5E5-1-13.pdf>