



# Whiteman Airport

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The Los Angeles County Air Show will be held at William J. Fox Airfield, on **Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22, 2014.**

Air Show gates open at 9AM and close at 4PM with performances from approximately Noon to 3:30PM each day of the two-day show.

For tickets and more information:

[www.lacountyairshow.com](http://www.lacountyairshow.com)



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### From the Manager..

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**Access Gates and Perimeter Fencing Project Scheduled to start in March.** The County's Contractor will begin the installation of new access gates and airport perimeter fencing in March. Work on the main gate located at the Administration Office is scheduled to start on March 10th. 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.

**Hangar Inspection Schedule.** We are currently in the middle of our yearly hangar inspections at this time. By the time this newsletter is published inspections of County hangars should be completed. For those that were unable to make their hangar inspection dates 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.

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

**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.

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

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**MAN MUST RISE ABOVE THE EARTH— TO THE TOP OF THE ATMOSPHERE AND BEYOND—FOR ONLY THUS WILL HE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE WORLD IN WHICH HE LIVES.— SOCRATES**

### Upcoming Airport Commission Meetings

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

April 30, 2014  
7:00PM  
Whiteman Airport

May 28, 2014  
7:00PM  
San Gabriel Valley 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
10AM-2PM

**Standing Meetings/  
Events****CAP Squadron 35**

Every Wednesday  
7:00 PM  
CAP Trailer

**Whiteman Airport  
Association**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
7:00 PM  
Administration Building

**Aviation Explorer Post  
747**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's  
6:30-8:00  
Pilot's Lounge

**Young Eagles**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
10:30 AM  
Grassy Area adjacent to  
Pilot's Lounge

**Whiteman Display Day**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

**Spotlight on:****Judge dismisses Santa Monica suit**

City will stop at nothing to close airport, AOPA ready for long fight

February 14, 2014 | By Alyssa J. Miller

<http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/February/14/Judge-dismisses-Santa-Monica-suit.aspx?CMP=ADV:1>

U.S. District Judge John F. Walter on Feb. 13 granted a motion from the Department of Justice and FAA to dismiss the city of Santa Monica's lawsuit to release it from its obligation to operate Santa Monica Municipal Airport as an airport.

This is a major victory for the airport, and a blow to the city's latest attack on the airport. In its October 2013 suit, the city claimed that when it agreed to the transfer of federal land to the city in 1948 it did not know the United States claimed an interest in the title to the airport property. If the city were to ever close the airport, the government could take back the land.

The city made several allegations to the court, including that the city owned the airport before leasing it to the federal government and that the city had not been put on notice that the United States claimed an interest in this airport property.

The judge found that the city had been put on notice of the United States' interest in the airport property, and that the statute of limitations for the city to make the claim expired decades ago. The city also raised various constitutional issues. These, too, were dismissed as not "ripe" for judicial review.

"The city's claim was absurd," said AOPA's General Counsel Ken Mead, "and the judge simply applied the law.

"However, this doesn't mean the city will give up. The city continues to strangle the airport while spending millions to try to close it. We're ready for whatever they bring on."

In a statement released by the city of Santa Monica, City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said, "the attorneys representing the City are already looking forward and focusing our energies on the City's options."

For full article go to: <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/February/14/Judge-dismisses-Santa-Monica-suit.aspx?CMP=ADV:1>

**Related news:****AOPA, NBAA file friend of the court brief in Santa Monica suit**

February 10, 2014 | By Elizabeth A Tennyson

<http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/February/10/AOPA-NBAA-file-friend-of-the-court-brief-in-Santa-Monica-lawsuit.aspx?CMP=ADV:1>

AOPA and the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) have joined forces to file an amicus, or friend of the court, brief in support of an FAA motion to dismiss a federal lawsuit over the future of Santa Monica Municipal Airport. While the city of Santa Monica and the FAA have presented the technical arguments over the terms of an agreement signed decades ago, AOPA and NBAA intend to present the court with the bigger picture of what is at stake if the city is allowed to breach its agreement leaving the future of the Santa Monica airport to the city's whim.

AOPA and NBAA point to the protections that the federal government puts in place when it transfers federal airport property to sponsors such as the city of Santa Monica, including the obligation to maintain the property as an airport until such time as the federal government determines that it may no longer serve the purpose for which it was conveyed. These protections are intended to recognize and preserve the importance of the airport to the national air transportation system so that the public has assurance of a safe and efficient national transportation infrastructure. The closure of the Santa Monica airport, like so many airports across the United States, could create significant safety and congestion problems for air traffic in its geographic area, with ripple effects being felt nationwide. Santa Monica hosts more than 102,000 operations each year, an average of 280 per day—operations that could not readily be absorbed by other airports in the already congested Los Angeles Basin.

The filing warns that allowing the city of Santa Monica to close the airport could have unintended consequences for more than 200 other airports that operate under surplus property transfer agreements similar to the one between the federal government and the city of Santa Monica.

Those airports include Van Nuys Airport, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, and San Francisco International Airport, among others. If other cities were to follow Santa Monica's lead to up-end obligations that it knowingly accepted and attempt to gain unilateral control to restrict or close these airports, the national air transportation system could be devastated, the associations argue.

And the amicus brief stresses that the airport is an important economic engine for Santa Monica and the surrounding area, hosting some 175 businesses and creating 1,500 jobs with an estimated economic output of \$275 million a year.

For full story go to: <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2014/February/10/AOPA-NBAA-file-friend-of-the-court-brief-in-Santa-Monica-lawsuit.aspx?CMP=ADV:1>

**Available for Lease****Whiteman Airport  
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**T-Hangars**

From \$364.78/month

**Brackett Field Airport  
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**T-Hangars**

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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

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

From \$54.00/month

**Standard Hangars**

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**Large Hangars**

From \$712.96/month

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