

From the Manager..



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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

2016 Airport Commission Meetings

March 30, 2016 10:00 AM	KWJF
April 27, 2016 7:00 PM	KWHP
May 25, 2016 7:00 PM	KEMT
June 29, 2016 7:00 PM	KPOC

Did You Know?

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Contact your Airport Manager for more information or to enroll in auto pay

Explorer Post 747's 1st Annual Gala. Many of you may be familiar with Aviation Explorer Post 747 based here at Whiteman. The organization helps students pursue their passion for aviation by helping them earn their private pilot's license. Explorers Post 747 has the distinction of graduating private pilots at a rate that's twice the national average and the really amazing thing is that they're all high school students. Post 747 was founded 13 years ago by aviation enthusiast and airport tenant Ruth Logan.

Starting Explorer Post 747 blended well with Ruth's longstanding commitment to the Young Eagles Program, a once a month event that is held here at Whiteman and sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 40. The Young Eagles introduces young people to the thrill of flight with free rides offered to students ages 8 to 17 and is supported by generous donations and a national squadron of volunteers. Over the years Ruth has flown more than 300 kids. Among those is former Explorer Jesse Galeas, the son of a day laborer, he rode his bike to the airport and traded odd jobs for lessons and earned his pilot's license! The most recent Explorer to pass his check ride is 17 year old Moises Robles. His mother Miriam said, "Without this program we couldn't see this happening financially."

There are many more inspiring stories like this, but getting the Explorers program off the ground in the first place came with hurdles that would have kept most folks grounded. To Ruth's credit though she launched the program by obtaining a charter, non-profit status, a meeting facility, insurance, a plane, ways to raise thousands of dollars for flight training and a community outreach program that would find eager young pilots in waiting. Funding though remains an ongoing issue. As many of us know a pilot license runs upward of \$5,000, if all goes according to schedule--more if training takes longer. The local Ninety Nines offer scholarships of \$2,500, half the average cost, but each Explorer who pursues a license is responsible for the balance. To help with this Explorers are constantly fund raising by hosting pancake breakfasts and airplane washes.

The more that is raised though increases the opportunities for these good kids to achieve their dream of earning their license. So, a fundraiser is planned for Post 747 on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Angeles National Golf Club. The event will include dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment, and a guest speaker. The aviation community, as well as members of the community at large, is encouraged to attend. It promises to be a memorable evening for a cause well worth supporting. Ruth notes that a shortage of commercial pilots is looming on the horizon. "Most pilots right now are nearing retirement," she said. "A whole generation...these kids are in the perfect spot to fill that void."

You can help. To make a donation to a great group of kids, or for more information on Explorer Post 747 or the Gala, contact Ruth Logan at the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the NinetyNines: www.sfv99s.org.

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 March 17th.

Annual Customer Service Survey

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, manager's office, and at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/avisurvey>. Please submit hardcopy surveys in the included self-addressed, stamped envelope or fax to (626) 300-4620.

Aviation Quote of the Month

I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things

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— *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*

Spotlight on...

LOS ANGELES COUNTY AIR SHOW ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL GRAVITY-DEFYING PERFORMERS FOR A BLOCKBUSTER LINE UP

www.lacountyairshow.com

The Los Angeles County Air Show, powered by Lockheed Martin, today announced additional gravity-defying performers that will take your breath away! Fans won't want to miss the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, scheduled for *March 19-20, 2016*, at William J. Fox Airport, along with jaw-dropping excitement of jets, gravity-defying aerobatic performers, wing-walking, historic aircraft, a tribute to Pearl Harbor featuring the Commemorative Air Force's Tora! Tora! Tora!, a Wall of Fire that will knock your socks off and so much more.

"We have an epic line up of performers planned for the 2016 Air Show," said Dennis Dunbar, executive director of the Los Angeles County Air Show. "We are bringing some of the best aerobatic performers and wing-walkers from around the country to the Aerospace Valley along with warbirds, military aircraft, pyrotechnics and so much more!"

Skip Stewart Airshows - Skip's high-flying aerobatic performance would not be complete without his modified Pitts S2C, PROMETHEUS. The aircraft brings the flaming fury of Skip's gyroscopic and brain-melting maneuvers to life. Skip and PROMETHEUS will tear through a high alpha pass on takeoff, and proceed to demonstrate jaw-dropping maneuvers merely feet off the ground. Skip is also the recipient of the prestigious 2015 Art Scholl Showmanship Award, selected by the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS).

Melissa Pemberton of Pemberton Aerosports - Melissa's aerobatic routine combines high-performance aerobatics with thrilling gyroscope maneuvers - skills learned from years of practice, mentorship and World Level competition. The routine finishes with an exciting Inverted Ribbon Cutting sequence, only 23 feet above the ground!

Shockwave Jet Truck - Get ready Los Angeles County for the reigning Guinness World Records speed holder for fastest jet truck, SHOCKWAVE! Owned and operated by father and son team, Neal and Chris Darnell of Darnell Racing Enterprises, Shockwave is a triple jet engine Peterbilt Semi, boasting 36,000 horsepower and a top speed of 376 MPH.

Tinstix - Combining the talents of Skip Stewart, Melissa Pemberton and Shockwave Jet Truck, fans won't know where to look first! Watch keenly for a battle that takes place both in the sky and on the ground between two aircraft and the jet truck, resulting in a head-to-head race that will have you begging for more!

Kent Pietsch Airshows - During Kent's performance, fans are treated to three separate routines with comedic narration. A fan favorite, Kent performs a dead-stick routine in which he turns off the engine from 6,000 feet above the ground and free falls towards the tarmac with a rooftop landing on a moving RV, a comedy act featuring a detached aileron, otherwise known as the wing flap, and a mesmerizing wingtip-scraping pass down the runway.

Third Strike Wing-Walking - The action-packed Third Strike performance will not only demonstrate the team's original wing-walking routine, but will be followed by the industry's only dual wing-walking act featuring two stunt-women traveling atop a vintage Stearman bi-plane! The performance concludes with a Stearman solo performance that is just as entertaining as it is impressive.

For a complete list of performers please visit <http://www.lacountyairshow.com/performersdisplays/in-the-sky/>.

The Show will also focus on the innovative aircraft whose roots are tied to the Aerospace Valley. On the ground, spectators will be able to explore static aircraft displays, interact with pilots and crewmembers, and experience attractions and educational exhibits designed to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).



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Standard Hangars

starting at
\$368.10/month



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(909-593-1395)
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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