



# 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

No one can realize how substantial the air is, until he feels its supporting power beneath him. It inspires confidence at once.

— Otto Lilienthal



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## From the Manager..

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[Air Traffic Control Tower Update.](#) As many of you are aware our Air Traffic Control Tower had been scheduled for closure on Sunday, April 7th due to the Federal government budget sequestration. Aviation coalitions and professional organizations like the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and others had filled legal challenges to the closures and because of this the FAA delayed closure of all 149 towers until June 15th in order to reevaluate things. In addition, several pieces of legislation have been introduced in the House of Representative and Senate that would prohibit the closure of Contract Air Traffic Control Towers in the future.

On Thursday, April 4th we hosted a meeting with airport users to discuss Non-towered airport operations and our tower guys Mike and Ed were kind enough to give their time to talk about WHP specific issues. The turnout was amazing, over 250 people came out, and I think we covered a lot of very important information. Should a tower

closure still occur please be on the lookout for further meetings to discuss operations.

One of the questions we received at the meeting was what you could do as an airport user to make your voice heard. One answer is to contact your elected officials and ask that they support the legislation that has been introduced in congress. Furthermore, anyone with questions about the possible closure are encouraged to visit the County Public Works 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 website. 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, all the latest legislative efforts, and contact information for channeling concerns.

[Pancake Breakfast, Aviation Memorabilia Sale & EAA Young Eagles Recap.](#) Aviation Explorer Post 747, the San Fernando Valley 99's and EAA Chapter 40 hosted their annual event on Saturday, March 23rd here at Whiteman. The event was a roaring success as the Aviation Explorers sold all their breakfast (over 200 orders!) and many children got the opportunity to participate in the Young Eagles event. Once again airport tenants and members from our surrounding community came out and filled the grassy area in front of the Admin Building! Congrats to all those involved for putting on such a great event here at the Airport and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

[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 May 16, 2013.

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

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Airport tenants and members of the community enjoying the Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles event at WHP on March 23rd

## It's Survey Time!

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 with the attached self-addressed, stamped envelope or fax to (626) 300-4620.

## 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



## 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

May 29, 2013

7:00PM

El Monte Airport

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

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## Spotlight on: Lawsuit on GA emissions dismissed March 31, 2013 by General Aviation News Staff

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia court has dismissed a lawsuit by environmentalist group Friends of the Earth pushing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to decide whether lead emissions from general aviation aircraft endanger public health and welfare. The court said the issue is not one that it can take up under a provision of the Clean Air Act allowing "citizen suits."

The ruling has freed the EPA from having to "make an accelerated endangerment finding" on emissions from general aviation aircraft, officials with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association said.

"This ruling will help to ensure that efforts to find an unleaded replacement fuel will continue in a manner that will guarantee aviation safety,"

AOPA officials said in a statement released March 29.

Friends of the Earth originally filed a petition with the EPA in 2006, detailing harms from lead emissions. The group alleged that by failing to make an endangerment finding, the EPA caused an "unreasonable delay." The Clean Air Act allows citizens to sue the government if they feel the agency is delaying action without good cause.

The court found that Friends of the Earth's request fell outside the bounds of the Clean Air Act's citizen suit provision. "While the allegations raise significant concerns, they do not bear on the narrow jurisdictional issue now before the Court," the ruling states.

"AOPA and the general aviation community long ago publicly recognized the need to find a safe, acceptable alternative to leaded avgas,"

said AOPA President and CEO Craig Fuller. "The entire case proved to be an unnecessary diversion in the ongoing efforts to move general aviation to an unleaded fuel. We all know that the solution to an avgas alternative won't be found in a courtroom."

The FAA's new fuels program office and the general aviation industry are continuing coordinated efforts to evaluate fuel alternatives and to ultimately transition the existing fleet to an unleaded fuel, Fuller noted. The recommendations include the establishment of a "fuels development roadmap," centralized testing of possible fuel alternatives, establishing standard procedures for soliciting and selecting fuels to be tested, and establishing a centralized certification office to support unleaded fuel projects, he said.