



# Whiteman Airport



## 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

Nov 30, 2016 10:00 AM	KEMT
December 2016 No Meeting	

### Aviation Quote of the Month

*Can the magic of flight ever be carried by words? I think not.*

— Michael Parfit

### Did You Know?

You can arrange to pay your monthly rent via credit card so it gets automatically charged every month.

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

**Open House Recap.** This year's edition of the Whiteman Airport Open House took place on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, and was a roaring success, crushing our previous attendance records! Over 1,000 people from the airport and neighboring community came out to enjoy a day of airplanes, aviation seminars, aviation club booths, vendor booths, Young Eagles flights, classic cars, food trucks and more.

Thank you to all that participated in the event by either displaying an airplane, a classic car or hosting a booth. Among the many display aircraft were Mark Drew's three T-28's, Barry Klein's Aztec, Dick O'Reilly's Interstate Cadet, the CAP Cessna 206, a brand new Baron brought in by Beechcraft and brand new C-182 courtesy of Cessna, a Bonanza, Dusty's Travel Air and Josh Oakes' C-150. Over 15 classic and super cars were also on display ranging from an Austin-Healey, several Alfa's, a Pantera and 1930's hotrods to a Ford GT. Over 65 children were flown by members of EAA Chapter 40 during their Young Eagles event and thank you to the other organizations that hosted booths at the event; The Whiteman Airport Association and Kitty Hawk Squadron, The Air Explorers Post 747 and Gifts by Ruth, The San Fernando Valley 99's and The Civil Air Patrol. And finally a special thanks to Dusty, Brenda, Mark, Penny and the whole team at Vista Aviation for their hard work and assistance in the planning and setup of the event and sharing in the hosting duties by generously allowing us to use their large hangars for our booths and food tables and for opening up their ramp for our static displays.

If you didn't make it out this year, we hope to see you next year! I had many great conversations with members of the community, many of whom have grown up next to the airport and were visiting for the very first time in 20, 30 or even 40 years! It was fun connecting with all of them and letting them know that this airport belongs to us all and that there are opportunities here for both them and their children should they want to get involved in this wonderful world of aviation.

**Fire Extinguisher Recertification.** This year's fire extinguisher recertification will take place on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The program is intended to help tenants maintain current and fully-functional fire extinguishers in the hangars. Simply bring your fire extinguisher to the office (at the new building, second floor) during the collection period (all non-commercial tenants are welcome) and American Airports will have it inspected and recertified. We will be accepting fire extinguishers at the Administration Office November 7<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup> between 8AM and 5PM . If you cannot drop off the extinguisher during the above days/hours please contact the office at (818) 896-5271 and we can make arrangements to collect the extinguisher after hours or on a weekend day. The extinguishers will be ready for pickup on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Storm Water Season.** Our annual storm water monitoring season has started and requires that we inspect all ramps for possible pollutants. 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!

**Support your Airport Association.** Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to the Old Airport Administration Building and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next Airport Association meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Vehicle Access Gate Cards.** As a reminder; the new vehicle access gate cards that were issued in 2014 when our new gates were installed require annual renewal, which is scheduled to coincide with the holder's birthday. Please stop by the office before your birthday or call us during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm) at (818) 896-5271 to have your card renewed.

### Photo of the Month



Several of the aircraft and classic cars on display at the 2016 Whiteman Airport Open House.

## Spotlight on...

### AOPA URGES FAA TO STOP DISMANTLING OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT

Posted October 13, 2016 on AOPA.org | By Elizabeth A Tennyson

AOPA is asking the FAA to take quick, decisive action to stop the strangulation and dismantling of Santa Monica Municipal Airport.

Two weeks after the FAA reiterated its longstanding and unambiguous view that Santa Monica Municipal Airport must continue operating on "fair and reasonable terms" until 2023 at least, the city issued eviction notices targeting both of the airport's fixed base operators, Atlantic Aviation and American Flyers. Photo by Chris Rose.

In a strongly worded letter, AOPA President Mark Baker urged the FAA administrator to issue a cease and desist order or seek a federal court injunction to stop the city of Santa Monica from continuing to destroy the airport.

"It is vital that the FAA hold the city accountable, especially as the city has accepted federal grants and is therefore obligated under Federal Grant Assurances," Baker wrote. "Moreover, the city is also accountable to the federal government through Surplus Property Obligations, which requires the property to be used for public airport purposes for the use and benefit of the public on reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination and without grant or exercise of any exclusive right."

He noted that other airports have similar obligations and warned that "what is now occurring at Santa Monica will have far-reaching consequences throughout the United States if the FAA allows this to continue."

The airport is an important reliever in the congested Los Angeles basin. It also has a rich history as the home of Douglas Aircraft and the first Powder Puff Derby, an all-women air race led by Amelia Earhart.

The battle over the future of the airport has been raging for years, and the city has made numerous attempts to close the field. Among those efforts, the city claimed that its federal grant obligations expired in 2014. But the FAA issued a final decision in August overruling that claim, determining that the airport's obligations extend into 2023.

In the weeks since that decision, the city has overtly acted to drive businesses and users from the field.

"At the direction of the city council, the city has taken anti-airport actions including refusal to enter into new rental agreements with aviation tenants, refusal to accept rent payments from existing tenants, eviction notices to two Fixed Base Operators (FBOs), and tripling monthly rent for the iconic Typhoon Restaurant, which has led to the restaurant to announce it is closing next month," Baker wrote. "This strangulation strategy employed by the City of Santa Monica does not comport with the intent of the federal grant obligations. We urge the agency to act on this request as quickly as possible."

In September, the FAA expressed concerns about the city's actions and warned that it was "prepared to pursue all legal remedies at its disposal" if the city council acted to undermine the FAA's determination that the airport must remain open and operating at least until 2023.

Now, AOPA is calling on the FAA to put those legal remedies to work.

"Santa Monica has been a vibrant, active airport that has brought city residents more than \$250 million in annual economic impact, hosted 175 businesses, and been responsible for more than 1,500 jobs in the city. It's a rare open space in an increasingly crowded skyline, and it provides a home base for charitable and disaster relief efforts," Baker said. "It's almost inconceivable that the city is actively trying to destroy one of its greatest assets. We need the FAA to step in and compel the city to live up to its obligations for the benefit of its citizens."



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## Available for Lease

**Whiteman Airport**  
(818-896-5271)

Standard Hangars (832 sf)  
starting at  
\$362.82/month



**Brackett Field Airport**  
(909-593-1395)

Standard Hangars (1013 sf)  
starting at  
\$445.14/month



**Compton/Woodley Airport**  
(310-631-8140)

Standard Hangars (1024 sf)  
starting at  
\$472.58/month

**San Gabriel Valley Airport**  
(626-448-6129)

Standard Hangars (857 sf)  
starting at  
\$454.29/month



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

Standard Hangars (950 sf)  
starting at  
\$364.85/month

## 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