



# Whiteman Airport

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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



## From the Manager..

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**Contract Control Tower Funding Update.** The Federal Government's fiscal year ends September 30<sup>th</sup> and with that the funding for Contract Control Towers. There seems to be cautious optimism that some sort of temporary funding will be approved though that will keep the tower open in the short time, possibly until December 15<sup>th</sup> according to the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). A key question though is whether or not the FAA will take steps in the near term under a continuing resolution to close towers, arguing that doing so is necessary because of likely funding reductions later in the fiscal year. Many members of Congress however are supporting the continued funding of the contract towers and would probably not be in support of the closures.

Funding beyond any continuing resolution and through the 2014 fiscal year remains an open question however. The FAA stated in a meeting with industry representatives this summer that sequestration could force an additional \$697 million in cuts. FAA Administrator Huerta warned that those cuts could include furloughs, deferring controller hiring and

shrinkage of services. Specific examples of shrinking services identified by the Administrator included phased out funding for contract towers, flight service stations, and contract weather observers.

Knowing this I urge you to continue to make your voice heard to your congressional representation letting them know that our tower is an important and necessary asset that helps keep our airport, the surrounding airports and the neighboring community safe.

**Whiteman Airport Open House.** Our annual Airport Open House will take place on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 2 pm. The event will be held in the grassy area in front of the Administration Office as well as on the adjacent transient parking ramp. I welcome any and all suggestions and ideas that will help make the day a successful and fun one for all. Please contact me at (818) 896-5271 with your questions, suggestions and comments.

**Storm Water Season.** The official start of the rainy season is October 1<sup>st</sup> and we must ensure all rain water entering our storm water drains does so without picking up any pollutants along the way. Please remember that painting,

sanding, or using 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 Airport Administration Building and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next Airport Association meeting will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**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 – 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!



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## Quote of the Month

*You haven't seen a tree until you've seen its shadow from the sky.*

— Amelia Earhart

## Aviation Commission Meeting Calendar

October 30, 2013  
7:00PM  
Whiteman Airport

November 27, 2013  
10:00AM  
El Monte Airport

**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



**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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**Spotlight on:****GAO Worried About Controller Shortage**

by Russ Niles, Editor in Chief-AvWeb.com

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The FAA says it needs to train 11,700 new air traffic controllers in the next eight years to cover retirements and budget-related staff cuts, but the Washington Times reports the General Accounting Offices is worried the agency's training arm won't be able to do it. For the past several years, the FAA has been trying to devise programs to speed up the training of controllers. The result is that it now takes 2.68 years to certify a controller compared to 1.9 years in 2009. The GAO says part of the problem is the revolving door in the training department at the FAA. In four years, there have been three reorganizations and no fewer than 20 initiatives started to speed up the training process. None of those initiatives has been completed.

Meanwhile, the GAO says the goal of ensuring all controllers get proper rest before their shift has been met with roughly 1 percent of controllers arriving for work without the required rest period. "Ensuring a well-rested, alert controller workforce is essential to the safe and efficient operation of the [national airspace system]," the GAO said. After a spate of high-profile incidents in which controllers were found sleeping during their shifts, the FAA enacted new rest rules. It also added a second person to graveyard shifts at facilities that only had one person on duty. The GAO says the agency should eliminate overnight shifts at 72 facilities that don't have the traffic to warrant them to save some of the \$1.9 million the extra staffing and longer rest periods are costing the FAA.

**Don't Miss the other Open House/ Fly-in  
Events at the following LA County Airports**



**Brackett Field Airport  
Fly-in/ Open House**

**October 20, 1013  
10 AM—2 PM**

**Whiteman Airport  
Fly-in/Open House**

**October 26, 2013  
10 AM — 2 PM**