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## From the Manager..

### 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

**Whiteman Airport Open House.** Our annual Airport Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We'll be hosting it at our new Terminal Building at 10000 Airpark Way (the building with the Vista sign). Those that would like to participate by exhibiting their aircraft or hosting a booth for an aviation club or organization should contact my office no later than September 9<sup>th</sup> at (818) 896-5271 to make arrangements. For those that have come out in past years, we hope to see you again this year and for those that have not attended before, we encourage you to come out to say "hi" and meet with fellow pilots and members off our surrounding community!

**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 September 15<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

**Need 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.

**Reminder-the New Terminal is complete.** Just a reminder that we are in our new terminal building, with a new address. Please direct any correspondence to 10000 Airpark Way, 2nd Floor, Pacoima, CA 91331. The phone numbers remain the same. We are now located on the second floor, in the same building as Vista. The terminal has undergone a complete transformation and now contains the Administration Office as well as Airport Ops, a conference room and the future space for a café. If you have not done so already, please stop by and see the new space, we hope you're as happy with it as we are!

### 2016 Airport Commission Meetings

Sept 28, 2016 7:00 PM	KWJF
October 26, 2016 10:00 AM	KWHP
Nov 30, 2016 10:00 AM	KEMT
December 2016 No Meeting	

### Aviation Quote of the Month

"It's congenital really. We're an aspiring species that doesn't have wings. What else would we dream of?"

— Mark Vanhoenacker

### 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

# Spotlight on...

## FAA Rules that Santa Monica Must Keep Airport Open

by Matt Thurber-August 16, 2016 | AINonline

The FAA associate administrator for airports yesterday affirmed an earlier director's determination that requires the city of Santa Monica, Calif., to keep its airport (SMO) open until 2023. In a final decision and order, the associate administrator responded to the city's appeal of the Dec. 4, 2015 director's determination, which found that the city was obligated by receipt of grant funds to keep the Santa Monica Airport open at least until Aug. 27, 2023. The city appealed that determination, and the FAA re-examined the record. "Based on this re-examination," the final decision and order noted, "the FAA concludes that the director's determination is supported by a preponderance of reliable, probative and substantial evidence, and is consistent with applicable law, precedent and FAA policy."

This latest legal dispute centered on Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant funding that the city accepted on Aug. 27, 2003. This particular grant was an amendment of an earlier grant first issued in 1994. AIP obligations generally require maintaining the airport's status quo for 20 years after receipt of funds. The city's leaders, who have unequivocally stated that they intend to close SMO, hoped to shutter the airport last year because under an agreement reached in 1984, the city had agreed to "operate and maintain SMO without derogation of its use as a reliever airport until July 1, 2015."

The legal move that led to the director's determination, the appeal and yesterday's affirmation started with a Part 16 complaint filed by NBAA and airport users such as actor and pilot Harrison Ford, Krueger Aviation, flight school Justice Aviation (which has since closed under a settlement agreement with the city), maintenance shop Kim Davidson Aviation, Aero Film, Wonderful Citrus, which operates business aircraft into SMO, and local aircraft owners.

While the city of Santa Monica has kept its end of the agreement to continue operating the airport, it has begun chipping away at some property, recently removing 12 acres of ramp area, which it is converting into additional park space. There are currently 312 aircraft based at SMO, including 16 jets, 13 turboprops, 11 helicopters and 272 piston airplanes.

In 2013, the city raised landing fees and also imposed them on based tenants. The result has been a drop in piston airplane traffic, but jet traffic since then has climbed. Looking at June 2013 and June 2016 numbers, piston operations are down by about one-third, while jet operations climbed to 46 per day from 34. Overall operations are down, however, to 211 in June from 271 in June 2013.



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## Available for Lease

<b>Whiteman Airport</b> (818-896-5271) <u>Standard Hangars (832 sf)</u> starting at \$362.82/month →	<b>San Gabriel Valley Airport</b> (626-448-6129) <u>Standard Hangars (857 sf)</u> starting at \$454.29/month →
<b>Brackett Field Airport</b> (909-593-1395) <u>Standard Hangars (1013 sf)</u> starting at \$445.14/month →	<b>Fox Airfield</b> (661-940-1709) <u>Standard Hangars (950 sf)</u> starting at \$364.85/month
<b>Compton/Woodley Airport</b> (310-631-8140) <u>Standard Hangars (1024 sf)</u> starting at \$472.58/month	

## Airport Display Days

<b>KPOC</b> Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10AM-2PM
<b>KCPM</b> Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday 10AM-2PM
<b>KEMT</b> Every 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 9AM-1PM
<b>KWJF</b> Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday All Day
<b>KWHP</b> Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10AM-2PM