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News & Announcements:

Photo of the Month



American Heroes Air Show:

Representatives from the EAA Chapter 40 Young Eagles Program, San Fernando Valley 99s and Aviation Explorers, Latin American Pilots Association, California Pilots Association, and American Airports attended the American Heroes Air Show held at the Hansen Dam Sports and Recreation Complex on July 12th. American Airports sponsored the booth and the event's sky dive team. Thanks to all for your participation!

August Commission Meeting

The August Commission meeting will be held at Compton/Woodley Airport at 7:00 p.m. on August 27, 2008.



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Spotlight on...

Vanquishing the V/PD

A cursory look at the Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviations (V/PDs) that have occurred in the Western-Pacific Region, from the beginning of Fiscal Year 2008 to date, revealed an alarming trend: Over half (12 out of 21) of the V/PDs occurring at general aviation airports can be directly traced to improperly escorted individuals.

Management at general aviation, as well as certificated airports, must impress upon their tenants that escorting individuals onto the airfield is a serious and full time responsibility. Once a tenant assumes the responsibility of escorting visitors, they become responsible for the actions of those escorted individuals for the entire time that they remain on the airfield. Too often a tenant will allow an individual onto the airfield and provide very little supervision. This is unsafe for the visitor and the aircraft operators. The poorly escorted visitor is not familiar with airport operations. So often, improperly escorted individuals wander onto active taxiways and runways, exposing themselves to very serious danger and creating a hazard to aircraft operators as well.

Airports and airport tenants should follow these rules when escorting individuals or vehicle drivers on the airport:

- Do not "point the way" for visitors and expect them to navigate the airfield alone.
- Do not open a combination gate or door for a visitor unless you intend to escort them.
- Provide escorts for all delivery vehicles, every time, no exceptions.
- Supervise visitors during the entire time of their visit
- Supervise visitors closely during their visit to the airfield.

-Steven Oetzell

Airport Certification/Safety Inspector

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs – From \$52.00/month
Standard T's – From \$421.00/month
Terminal Office – 500 sq.ft.

Compton Airport: (310-631-8140)

Tie Downs – From \$49.00 / month

El Monte Airport: (626-448-6129)

Tie Downs – From \$60.00/month
Hangars – From \$428.00/month

Fox Airfield: (661-940-1709)

Tie Downs – From \$54.00 / month
→ Land for Development

Whiteman Airport: (818-896-5271)

Tie Downs - From \$96.00/month
T-Hangars - From \$380.66/month

Third-party lessee offering 2,000 square feet of office (including two restrooms and a kitchen) attached to 3,000 square feet of hangar (50' x 60') and a single hangar of 2,500 square feet (50' x 50') for lease – contact (818) 890-7662

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 2/3 - Compton Antique Aircraft & Auto Display: 10:00 am -2:00 pm
- 4 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 5 - EAA Chapter 49 at Fox: 7:30 pm @ WJF Terminal Building
- 6 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 6 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 7 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 7 - Brackett Pilots' Association: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 9 - Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day (all day)
- 9 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 10 - Whiteman Display Day: 10 am-2 pm
- 11 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 12 - SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 13 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 13 - Latin American Pilots' Assn at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ Rocky's
- 14 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 14 - Brackett 99s: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 16 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 16 - EAA Chapter 96 at Compton: 10:00am, EAA Hangar
- 16 - EAA Chapter 40 at Whiteman: 9:30 am @ Rocky's
- 17 - Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display:
10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ POC Transient Parking Lot
- 18 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 20 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 20 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 21 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 21 - Whiteman Airport Association Meeting: 7:00 pm @ Rocky's
- 23 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 24 - El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display:
9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ EMT Center Field
- 25 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 26 - SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 27 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 27 - L.A. County Aviation Commission Meeting at
Compton/Woodley Airport @ 7:00 pm in Terminal Building
- 28 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 28 - Pomona Valley Pilots' Association at Brackett:
7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 30 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot

From the Manager:

Russ Watts (aka "Mountain Man"), a long-time pilot and well-known resident of Whiteman Airport, was killed when his Cessna 152 crashed south of Fillmore on July 2, 2008. He was 55 years old. Russ was a licensed Airframe and Powerplant mechanic and held a Commercial Pilot airman certificate. Russ played an instrumental role in establishing the Whiteman Airport Association and truly loved general aviation and Whiteman Airport. He performed the necessary, but often dangerous, job of conducting aerial inspections of gas pipelines and powerlines throughout the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Russ will most certainly be missed by his friends here at Whiteman Airport.



**Russell Watts
1953-2008**

Airport Association Annual BBQ

The 5th Annual Whiteman Airport Association BBQ was held at Whiteman Airport on July 13th. Association President, Don Hagopian, and Secretary, Shellie Hagopian along with numerous Association member-volunteers did another terrific job in conducting the event – nearly 250 people attended!

Aviation Meetings & Seminars

For FAA meeting information, please see the FAA's website at <http://faasafety.gov>. Meetings are typically held in the Civil Air Patrol trailer or the Pilots Lounge. For information on aviation seminars regularly offered by Richard Mend, please visit his website at <http://www.mendaviation.com>.

Support your Airport Association

Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to **Rocky's Restaurant** and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next Airport Association meeting will be held on August 21st at 7:00 pm.

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