

WHITEMAN AIRPORT

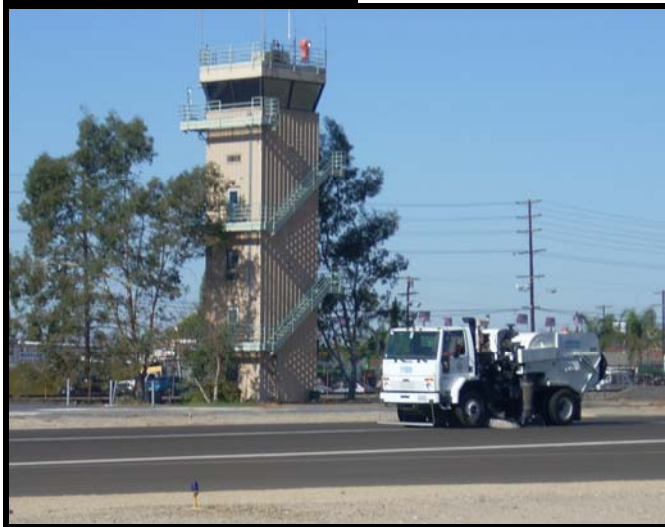


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Photo of the Month:



Runway Cleaning:

Fall and winter winds keep the airport sweeper busy on the runway!

No Commission Meeting in December

The next Aviation Commission meeting will be held in January. Details will be announced in January's newsletter.



Spotlight on...

Light-sport Aircraft

Light-sport aircraft, or LSA, are the new generation of general aviation aircraft. The Federal Aviation Administration defines a light-sport aircraft as an aircraft with a maximum gross takeoff weight of less than 600 kilograms (1320 pounds); a maximum airspeed in level flight of 120 knots (222 km/h); a maximum stall speed of 45 knots (83 km/h); either one or two seats; fixed undercarriage and fixed-pitch or ground adjustable propeller; and a single electric motor or reciprocating engine, which includes diesel engines and Wankel engines.

Aircraft which qualify as LSA may be operated by holders of a Sport Pilot certificate, whether they are registered as Light Sport Aircraft or not. Pilots with a private, recreational, or higher pilot certificate may also fly LSA, even if their medical certificates have expired, so long as they have a valid driver's license to prove that they are in good enough health to fly. LSA also have less restrictive maintenance requirements and may be maintained and inspected by traditionally certificated Aircraft Maintenance Technicians, by individuals holding a Repairman: Light Sport certificate, and (in some cases) by their pilots and/or owners.

There are approximately sixty-five manufacturers to date selling planes that range in price from \$53,000 to \$139,000, with the average price being about \$100,000. Range of flight for a light-sport aircraft is about 400 NM, with some of the upper level planes flying 600-700 NM and more. And finally, an average speed for an LSA is approximately 112 knots.

If you'd like to find out more about Light-sport aircraft, visit www.sportlight.org and join the craze!

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs – From \$52.00/month
Executive Hangars from \$779.00/month

Compton Airport: (310-631-8140)

Tie Downs – From \$49.00/month
Storage Space – From \$179.10/month

El Monte Airport: (626-448-6129)

Tie Downs – From \$60.00/month
Standard T – From \$435.60/month
Large Rectangle – From \$678.85/month

Fox Airfield: (661-940-1709)

Tie Downs – From \$54.00/month
Hangars – From \$180 - \$650/month
4000 sq ft office space
→ Land for Development

Whiteman Airport: (818-896-5271)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

From the Manager:

Time has sure flown by quickly in 2008! Throughout the year we continued to make improvements to the Airport while hosting and participating in numerous successful events held by various organizations including, but certainly not limited to, Young Eagles, Aviation Explorers, Experimental Aircraft Association, SFV 99's, Civil Air Patrol, the Whiteman Airport Association's annual summer barbeque and aircraft display days, the American Heroes Air Show, and for the second year in a row, Challenge Air for Kids and Friends. Along the way we lost some good friends and members of the Whiteman Airport family. However, we also gained many new and terrific tenants at the Airport.

The coming year promises to bring to the Airport new and positive developments, service and facility improvements, and minimum standards for aviation businesses and activities. We also anticipate that the Master Plan Update for the Airport will be completed which will help to set the course for the future of Whiteman Airport. As always, each of you will be invited and encouraged to participate along the way.

On behalf of the American Airports team, I'd like to thank all of you who have helped to make 2008 a safe, secure, compliant and really fun year at Whiteman Airport. We wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful new year!

Airport Stakeholder Meeting

This year's second airport stakeholder meeting will be held in the Pilots Lounge at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2008. The meeting will be an opportunity for tenants and users to discuss/review key issues relevant to Whiteman Airport with Airport management and representatives of the Los Angeles County Aviation Division.

Airport Association Holiday Party

All are welcome to attend this year's **Airport Association Holiday Party** to be held on **December 11th at 6:30 p.m. at Rocky's Restaurant**. As usual, the Holiday Party will include good food, beverages, giveaways and more. Hope to see you all there!

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. **There will not be a general meeting held during the month of December 2008.**

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