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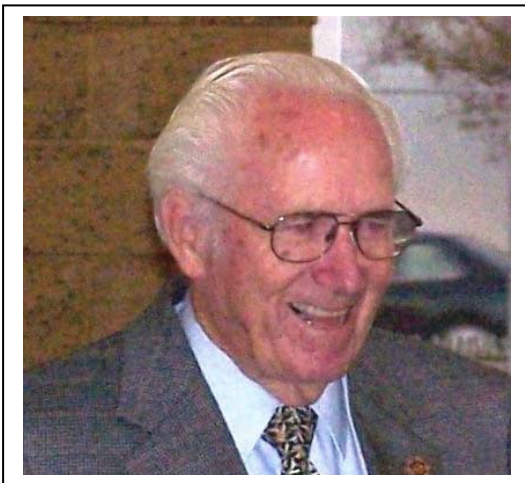


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Photo of the Month:



Roger Persons, Aviation Commissioner

May Commission Meeting

The May Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 28th, at Fox Airfield, and will begin at **7:00 p.m.** in the Terminal Building.



Spotlight on...

The Life of Roger Persons

Roger Persons, a long-serving member of the Aviation Commission since 1975, passed away on April 4, 2008. He was 81 years old.

“Aviation has always been of prime interest to me and I appreciate being asked to serve on the Commission,” said Persons.

Born in Pomona and raised in Walnut, Persons has been a licensed pilot since 1947. He served two years in the Army in World War II as an instructor in the medical department, after which he attended the California College of Mortuary Science in Los Angeles. He settled in the Antelope Valley and later owned and operated the Chapel of the Valley Mortuary.

Persons had a long history of involvement in community affairs, having served on countless boards in the Antelope Valley, including the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club International and the Antelope Valley Board of Trade. In addition, Persons was a founding director and 1999/2000 chairman of the Edwards AFB Civilian/Military Support Group. He was also a longtime member of the Board of Governors of Farmers Insurance, having once served as its Chairman. He started the Palmdale Sheriffs’ Booster Association. Lastly, he brought his outstanding record of advocacy to the Aviation Commission, where he championed the advantages and rewards of general aviation, particularly as to how it impacted the Antelope Valley and Fox Field Airport.

Commissioner Persons loved to sail, to fish and going to Alaska, where he went every year with his son and a few locals. He was known as an open and honest person, with a wonderful sense of humor.

Roger is survived by his wife, Beverly, his children Cindi, Dennis and Nancy and two grandchildren Amy and Rose. Roger will most certainly be missed.

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs – From \$52.00/month
Portable Hangars – From \$273.00/month
Standard T's – From \$408.00/month
Executive Hangars 1,824 sq.ft – From \$724/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 \$294.00/month

Fox Airfield: (661-940-1709)

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

Whiteman Airport: (818-896-5271)

Third-party lessee offering 2,000 square feet of office 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

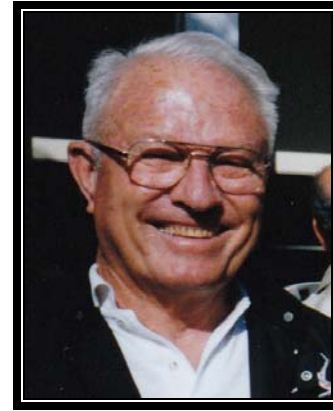
- 1 - Brackett Pilots' Association: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 1 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 3 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 3/4 - Compton Antique Aircraft & Auto Display: 10:00 am -2:00 pm
- 5 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 6 - EAA Chapter 49 at Fox: 7:30 pm @ WJF Terminal Building
- 6-8 - Wings of Freedom Tour at Brackett: B-17, B-24, B-25 and P-51 on display May 6, 2-5pm; May 7, 9am -5pm; May 8, 9am-12pm
- 7 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 7 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 8 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 8 - Brackett 99s: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 10 - Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day (all day)
- 10 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 11 - Whiteman Display Day: 10 am-2 pm
- 12 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 13 - SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 14 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 14 - Latin American Pilots' Assn at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ Rocky's
- 15 - Whiteman Airport Association Meeting: 7:00 pm @ Rocky's
- 15 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 17 - EAA Chapter 96 at Compton: 10:00am, EAA Hangar
- 17 - EAA Chapter 40 at Whiteman: 9:30 am @ Rocky's
- 17 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 17 - SGV 99's 50th Anniversary Celebration @ Flabob Airport 6-10 pm. Call (734) 658-4375 for information or reservations.
- 18 - Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display:
10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ POC Transient Parking Lot
- 19 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 21 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 21 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 22 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 24 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 25 - El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display:
9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ EMT Center Field
- 26 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 27 - SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 28 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 28 - L.A. County Aviation Commission Meeting at Fox Airfield
7:00 pm @ Terminal Building
- 29 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 29 - Pomona Valley Pilots' Association at Brackett:
7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 31 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot

From the Manager:

We recently lost another member of the Whiteman Airport family. Malcolm Neal passed away on April 5, 2008. He was 84 years old. To celebrate Malcolm's life, many of his friends and family gathered at Rocky's Restaurant at Whiteman Airport on April 13th. Over a dozen aircraft were flown overhead Whiteman Airport for the occasion – including a missing man formation flyover.

Upon retiring in 1987 from a 47-year career as a Corporate Aviation Maintenance Director with the Walt Disney Aviation Department and Unocal Aviation Department, Malcolm relocated his 1948 Emigh Trojan A-2 to Whiteman Airport from Santa Paula Airport. He began building and completed an RV-4 while he participated in about 25 aviation-related projects at Whiteman Airport over the next 20 years. He truly enjoyed helping others and the challenges presented by those opportunities. He had a genuine interest in contributing to the overall safety of all of the projects he was involved in.

Malcolm is survived by his son and Whiteman Airport tenant, Tom, his daughter Nancy, and his three grandchildren, Tom, Jenny, and Jeff. Malcolm will most certainly be missed!



Malcolm Neal

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 May 15th at 7:00 pm.

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