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News & Announcements:

Photo of the Month



Air Explorers @ WHP:

Welcome Air Explorers! Seen here are volunteer flight instructors, organizers, and student pilots.

October Commission Meeting

The October Commission meeting will be held at Whiteman Airport at 7:00 pm on October 29, 2008.



Spotlight on...

Air Explorers Now at Whiteman Airport

Low cost flight training is now making it possible for many young men and women to learn how to fly at Whiteman Airport. Air Explorers Squadron 3, a non-profit organization started at Whiteman Airport in 1951 and sponsored by the Optimist Club of North Hollywood, recently moved their Cessna 172 back to Whiteman Airport from Van Nuys Airport.

The Air Explorer program provides flight training to men and women ages 14 to 21. The program depends primarily on donations to cover the high costs of insuring, operating, and maintaining their aircraft. Student pilots pay only \$65.00 per hour for a wet airplane and a volunteer certified flight instructor. And, the instructors are unquestionably top of the line.

Ralph Truglio is the chief pilot and has taught many young and older men and women how to fly since he joined the Optimist Club in 1955. In fact, Ralph taught Don Hagopian, President of the Whiteman Airport Association, to fly at Whiteman Airport back in 1965. Don played an instrumental role in bringing the Air Explorer's airplane to Whiteman Airport. Keith Burton, a retired airline pilot and long-time tenant at Whiteman Airport, also volunteers his time to provide flight instruction for the program.

Since its move to Whiteman Airport, the Air Explorers have picked up numerous new student pilots, including one of American Airports' employees, and logged over 87 hours of flight instruction time in its first six weeks at the Airport. While rent and fuel are discounted by American Airports for the Air Explorers, contributions are still very much needed and greatly appreciated.

For more information on, or to make a contribution to, the Air Explorer program, please contact Don Hagopian at (818) 782-1654 or Ralph Truglio at (818) 766-5971.

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs – From \$52.00/month
Standard T's – From \$428.51/month
Square Hangars – From \$382.94/month
Executive Hangars – From \$778.61/month

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/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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

From the Manager:

Building on last year's success, Challenge Air for Kids & Friends, in coordination with American Airports, will be holding its second annual "Fly Day" event at Whiteman Airport on October 18, 2008.

Challenge Air for Kids & Friends is a national, nonprofit organization that offers motivational, inspirational, and life-changing experiences to physically challenged children and youth through aviation. Challenge Air events are designed for all special needs, physically challenged and seriously ill children and young adults.

Highlights of the November 3rd event are anticipated to include an educational ground school, a 30-minute flight over L.A., food and beverages and many fun ground-based activities.

We're pleased that Challenge Air has chosen the L.A. County system of airports for this event – let's make it a memorable one! Volunteers (flying and non-flying) are still needed and greatly appreciated.

Event: Challenge Air for Kids & Friends
Date: Saturday, October 18, 2008
Place: Whiteman Airport

Contact Information for sponsors, volunteers, pilots and participants (physically challenged children):

Website: www.challengeair.com
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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 October 16th at 7:00 pm.

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