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News & Announcements:

Photo of the Month



New Vista Aviation Facility Open for Business

Dusty Rhodes, proprietor of Vista Aviation standing in front of his new building. Check out the new Vista Aviation facility which is now open for business.

March 2009 Commission Meeting

The April Aviation Commission meeting will be held at Whiteman Airport at 10:00 a.m. on April 29, 2009.

Spotlight on...

“Operation Playbook”

Increased security may be coming to an airport near you as the Transportation Security Administration puts renewed effort into “Operation Playbook”. “Operation Playbook” is a program that the TSA tried, and failed, to implement late last year. But now, the TSA is taking a hard line when it comes to security at airports served by both commercial airline and general aviation traffic.

A Security Alert issued this week by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) contained the following information: “In response to concerns raised by AAAE and airport operators regarding TSA’s Operation Playbook, TSA is re-launching the initiative...TSA encourages airports that are interested in participating to sign a Memorandum of Agreement which broadly outlines the roles and responsibilities of TSA and the participating airport under Operation Playbook. It is important to note that Operation Playbook remains a voluntary program for airport operators and signing the MOA is optional as well.”

The program appears to focus primarily on improved airport surveillance in the form of increased, nonspecific security patrols (i.e. patrols conducted at random times) and random checks of personnel – including pilots – on the ramp at participating airports.

As stated by AAAE, TSA notes “Operation Playbook” is a voluntary program, but the impetus is clearly on airports to adopt the TSA guidelines, despite the fact that those facilities will be responsible for all costs incurred on their side to comply with requirements of the agreement. Stay posted...this is only the beginning. For more information: www.tsa.gov, www.aaae.org

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs – From \$52.00/month
End Room - From \$240/month
Square Hangars – From \$645.00/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
Hangars – From \$413.20/month

Fox Airfield: (661-940-1709)

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

Whiteman Airport: (818-896-5271)

Tiedowns – From \$96.00/month
T-Hangars – From \$380.66/month

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 1 - PEMIA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 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
- 9 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 9 - Brackett 99s: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 11 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 11 - Ca. Black Aviation Assoc.at CPM: 11am - 1pm, Admin Bldg.
- 11 - Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day (all day)
- 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
- 14 - Latin American Pilots' Assn at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ Rocky's
- 15 - PEMIA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 15 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 16 - Whiteman Airport Association Meeting: 7:00 pm @ Rocky's
- 16 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 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
- 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 @ 10:00 am 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:

Vista Aviation

The new Vista Aviation facility is now open for business. Four large hangars for aircraft maintenance and storage as well as the main building containing their administrative offices, flight training areas, lounge area and pilot shop have been completed. Soon to be completed are an additional 35 hangars of various sizes which will be available for rent. Access to the facility is currently from the airside. However, when the fencing is erected in the coming weeks, the primary access for the facility will be off of Airpark Way. Vista's current hours of operation for their flight school, aircraft rentals, pilot supply shop, avionics and aircraft parts, sales, and maintenance are from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The doors are open for pilot supplies and parts also on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Dusty or Penny at (818) 896-6442 or visit Vista Aviation's website at <http://www.vistaair.com>.

Airport Master Plan Update – PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting for the Whiteman Airport Master Plan Update was held on March 11th. The interim report which was discussed at the recent meeting is available online at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/AVI/commission/Page_53.cfm. If you have any questions or comments about the Master Plan Update or the Interim Report, please contact Andrew Scanlon or DMJM Aviation or Jason Morgan at (818) 896-5271.

Airport Safety & Security Working Group

The first meeting of the WHP Safety and Security Working Group was held on March 12th. The Working Group is comprised of a group of airport stakeholders who will meet on a regular basis to discuss current, pending and potential measures to improved safety and security at Whiteman Airport and to make recommendations to the Los Angeles County Aviation Division and/or American Airports regarding the same. Regular updates on the Working Group's progress will be reported in upcoming newsletters.

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 April 16, 2009.

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