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News & Announcements:

Photo of the Month



Happy Holidays:

Airport Association President, Don Hagopian and Association Secretary, Shellie Hagopian greet attendees of the 2008 year-end Holiday Party at Rocky's Restaurant.

January 2009 Commission Meeting

The January Aviation Commission meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Brackett Field Airport on January 28, 2008.

Spotlight on...

What is the Future of VLJ's?

Last month, we did a spotlight on Light Sport Aircraft and this month we have decided to cover the recent news surrounding Eclipse Aviation and the very light jet. Eclipse Aviation, the Albuquerque manufacturer of the six-seat Eclipse 500 filed for bankruptcy protection on November 25, 2008. The company indicated it was unable to produce its very light jet as fast as its business plan required therefore forcing the manufacturer to take a loss on each aircraft it built.

"In the face of unprecedented economic challenges, it is clear that the sale of the Eclipse business through the Chapter 11 process was the right course of action to maximize the value of the business, secure its future and protect the best interests of Eclipse's stake holders," acting chief executive Roel Pieper said in a news release.

Under Chapter 11, a company seeks an order from a bankruptcy judge that prevents creditors from immediately seizing company assets. Most companies continue to operate in some form while seeking to reorganize and reduce their debt.

"The good news is we're still here and the great news is that someone wants to continue to operate the company," said Mike McConnell, Eclipse's vice president of marketing and sales. Eclipse Aviation plans to sell nearly all its assets – valued at between \$100 million and \$500 million – at a public auction that would be held in January. Barring an offer from a higher bidder, the company would be sold to an affiliate of its largest shareholder, ETIRC Aviation, called EclipseJet Aviation International, Inc.

According to acting chief executive Roel Pieper, the sale will position Eclipse "for aggressive global expansion, allowing the company to fulfill its promise and solidify its position as the world's leading manufacturer of very light jets."

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs – From \$52.00/month
Square Hangars – From \$645.00/month
Executive Hangars - From \$779.00/month

Compton Airport: (310-631-8140)

Tie Downs – From \$49.00/month
Hangars – From \$274.80/month

El Monte Airport: (626-448-6129)

Tie Downs – From \$60.00/month
Standard T – From \$435.60/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
Third-party lessee renting 2,000 square feet of hangar (40' x 50') w/ office + restroom
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
- 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 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 10 - Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day (all day)
- 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
- 13 - Latin American Pilots' Assn at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ Rocky's
- 14 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 15 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 15 - Whiteman Airport Association Meeting: 7:00 pm @ Rocky's
- 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
- 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 Brackett Field
Airport @ 10:00 am in 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
- 31 - CPM Airport Users Meeting: 1:00 pm @ CPM Terminal Bldg
- 31 - SGV 99s Poker Run: 8 am – 3 pm, Cable

From the Manager:

Happy New Year! All of us at American Airports are looking forward to a new year of continued efforts towards achieving the goal of ensuring that Whiteman Airport is safe, secure, compliant and compatible with market-appropriate and high quality products, services, and facilities – overall a great general aviation airport to visit or to call home.

As always, we are open to comments and suggestions on how we can better serve the general aviation community here at Whiteman Airport. All are welcome to visit us at the Administration Office or give us a call at (818) 896-5271. Also, please look out for the 2009 Airport User Survey that will be implemented by the L.A. County Aviation Division sometime around April or May. We certainly value your input.

2009 Airport Developments & Projects

This year promises to be another busy year in terms of new facility developments at Whiteman Airport. The new Vista Aviation facility (building and hangars) should be completed early in the year and additional hangars are anticipated to be constructed by other airport tenants. Also to occur early in the year, L.A. County will be constructing approximately 70 new aircraft tiedowns at the old Vista Aviation and Sun Quest site.

Some of the projects anticipated for the New Year include:

- Potential Acquisition and Installation of an AWOS
- Survey to be Conducted and Potential Installation of a LPV Instrument Approach
- Completion of the Airport Master Plan Update
- Development and Implementation of Minimum Standards
- Improvements to the Airport Entrance on Airpark Way and Osborne Street
- Security Enhancements (Access Gate Upgrades and Additional Security Cameras)

For more information on any of the development or projects occurring at, or planned for, Whiteman Airport, please contact Jason Morgan, Airport Manager, at (818) 896-5271.

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 January 15, 2008.

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