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News & Announcements:

Photo of the Month



One Very Happy Aviation Explorer

Aviation Explorer, Erin Thorpe, after her first solo flight at Whiteman Airport.

March 2009 Commission Meeting

The March Aviation Commission meeting will be held at El Monte Airport at 10:00 a.m. on March 25, 2009.

Spotlight on...

Aviation Explorers at Whiteman Airport

"Pure joy!" are the words that come to mind when looking at Aviation Explorer Erin Thorpe. Erin had just completed her first solo flight when the picture was taken. Little did any of us realize at that moment, it would be her first step in becoming a naval officer and being accepted for military flight training at NAS Pensacola. Erin's success story is one of many associated with Aviation Explorer Post 747. There was Genesis Rivas, living with her sister and brother-in-law in a small apartment in North Hollywood, who took the bus to Whiteman after school for flight lessons. Genesis won a \$3,000 scholarship for flight training from Learning for Life (LFL). Genesis is now a private pilot and attending UC Davis majoring in Aeronautical Engineering. Explorer Daniel Jones received a \$10,000 scholarship from LFL for college tuition. Daniel is now attending the University of North Dakota fulfilling his dream of becoming an air traffic controller. Ian Doolittle has a CFI-I rating and Sean Rozenberg has CFI-I and MEI ratings.

My name is Ruth Logan and I'm the founder and one of the advisors for Aviation Explorer Post 747. Exploring is part of Learning for Life, a career education program for youth between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one. With help from the San Fernando Valley 99s (SFV99s) and American Airports, the Post was started in 2002. Each explorer is required to participate in community service, maintain good grades, pass the FAA private pilot written exam and pay for half of their flight training.

With financial and moral support from the SFV99s, donations from EAA Chapter 40, Whiteman Airport Association, individuals and fundraising our post has helped eight young people to become pilots. Most have gone on to receive advanced ratings. Explorer Post 747 received Exploring Rookie Post of the Year in 2002 and 2004 and Exploring Post of the Year in 2006. The SFV99s received an Aerospace Innovation Award in 2003 from the International Organization of Ninety-Nines for their sponsorship of Aviation Explorer Post 747. The Post is also featured in a promotional video for Learning for Life.

Post 747 will be hosting airplane washes the last Sunday of every month to earn money. If you want to schedule an appointment to have your plane washed, please call me at 818-364-1224. We also welcome local pilots who would like to share their aviation expertise, history and/or stories with the post. Please call the phone number above to arrange a time. Why get involved? I think that Erin's picture says it all.

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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
Storage Space – From \$179.10/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
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

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

From the Manager:

With spring just around the corner (officially begins on March 20th) we're moving quickly into 2009. Please keep your comments and suggestions coming in. They are very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Airport Master Plan Update – PUBLIC MEETING

The next public meeting for the Whiteman Airport Master Plan Update is scheduled for March 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the David M. Gonzales Recreation Center (near the Airport on 10943 Herrick Street in Pacoima). Information about the Airport Master Plan Update can be found online at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/AVI/commission/Page_53.cfm. If you have any questions and/or comments about the Master Plan Update, please don't hesitate to contact Jason Morgan at (818) 896-5271.

Airport Safety & Security Working Group

We have established a WHP Safety and Security Working Group which will be holding its first meeting mid-March. 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. Working Group members include representatives of the Whiteman Airport Association, commercial and non-commercial tenants, the Air Traffic Control Tower and American Airports. Guest participants may also include, among others, members of the L.A. County Aviation Commission, L.A. County Aviation Division, Federal Aviation Administration, or non-profit organizations active at Whiteman Airport. Meetings will be held quarterly during the months of March, June, September, and December.

The Working Group has been organized, and meetings are coordinated, by American Airports. Please direct all questions and/or comments to Jason Morgan at (818) 896-5271 or jmorgan@americanairports.net.

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 March 19, 2009.

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