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## SPOTLIGHT ON...

### THE LAST TIME' PLANS RECORD-SETTING DC-3 FLIGHT



The world's largest reunion of Douglas DC-3s since World War II, dubbed "The Last Time", has appointed eight industry experts to assist in the planning for an historic and world record-setting formation flight. Not since D-Day in 1944 and the invasion of France have this many vintage aircraft planned to operate together in flight, organizers say.

Overseeing the flight operation to ensure the highest level of safety are Mike Filucci, Project Lead, Terry Calloway, Jim Goolsby, Dave McGirt, Ken Terry, Sherman Smoot, Pat McGinn, and Jon Goldenbaum. Together, these individuals have logged more than 163,000 hours.

"It is an honor for all of us to have been asked to assist in an event of this magnitude," said Filucci. "It is of great importance that this historic flight will be conducted as safely as possible and we intend to work to that end."

Due to the age of these aircraft and the people that they represent, it is likely that this effort truly will be "The Last Time" that it will be possible to observe such a flight of this magnitude, organizers note. The 75th anniversary of the Douglas DC-3 will also be celebrated this summer by the people associated with the legendary DC-3 and C-47.

The mass of vintage aircraft will assemble at the Whiteside County Airport (SQI) in Rock Falls, Ill., July 24-26 and prepare for their departure during the afternoon of July 26 for EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Posted by Janice Wood · May 17, 2010– GeneralAviationNews.com

## FROM THE MANAGER

### Update on Airpark Way Entrance Improvements

Los Angeles County is expected to start construction of the enhanced Airport entrance at Osborne and Airpark Way sometime around mid-July. The project will include the widening of the roadway and enhanced lighting, landscaping and signage and may require the closure of the entrance for up to three (3) weeks. Access to Airpark Way will remain open from the DeFoe Street entrance. Please contact Airport management at (818) 896-5271 if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your cooperation during this improvement project!

### 2009 Airport User Survey

The results of the 2009 Los Angeles County Airport User Survey are in. Over 100 Whiteman Airport tenants and users submitted constructive comments on topics ranging from airport facilities and products and services, to safety and security at the Airport. We will

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### Photo of the Month



San Fernando Valley 99s – Career Scholarship:

Airport Operations Coordinator, Dan Fallman was recently awarded a \$3,000 career scholarship from the SFV 99s. Scholarships are awarded each year for individuals pursuing careers in aviation. Dan has his Private Pilots License and is now completing his instrument rating. Congratulations Dan!

## Aviation Trivia

What special piece of equipment did Wilbur Wright carry aboard his aircraft when he flew over New York Harbor during the Hudson Fulton Celebration in 1909?

(answer on pg.2)



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**JULY AVIATION  
COMMISSION MEETING**



No meeting this month

Trivia Answer: A red canoe

Worrying about where to land should his engine fail over the Hudson, Wilbur visited the Folsom Arms Company and purchased a red canoe with a watertight canvas cover. He suspended the canoe between the flyer's skids.

The canoe is at the Carillon Historical Park in Dayton Ohio where it is well preserved, although mysteriously green in color.

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certainly be busy addressing the comments and suggestions in the months and year to come and will be reporting our progress back to you at the Airport Association meetings and in future newsletters. As usual, your comments and/or suggestions are always welcome and appreciated.

**Airport Association BBQ**

The Whiteman Airport Association Summer Bar-B-Que will be held at the public viewing area next to the Administration Building and Rocky's Restaurant on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 2:00 p.m. Per the Airport Association President, all members and their families are welcome. New members are also welcome to join the Association at the event and participate in the BBQ.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to *Rocky's Restaurant* and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. There will be no meeting in July.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
JULY 2010**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 10:00-2:00 Compton Antique Auto & Aircraft Display
4 10:00-2:00 Compton Antique Auto & Aircraft Display	5 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	6	7 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	8	9	10 All Day Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day
11 10:00-2:00 Whiteman Display Day	12 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	13 7:30 pm Latin American Pilot's Assoc. (Rocky's)	14 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	15	16	17 9:30 am EAA Chapter 40 (Rocky's)
18 10:00-2:00 Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display	19 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	20	21 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	22	23	24 10:30 am Young Eagles (Grassy Area Adj. to Pilot's Lounge)
25 9:00-1:00 El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display	26 6:00 pm Pacoima Rotary Club (Rocky's)	27	28 7:00 pm CAP Squadron 35 (CAP Trailer)	29	30	31