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SPOTLIGHT ON...

GENERAL AVIATION PREPARES FOR AN UNLEADED FUTURE

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has formally begun the regulatory process required by the Clean Air Act that may ultimately result in standards mandating the industry's transition to unleaded aviation gasoline (avgas). The EPA has issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR), which is a key opportunity for the general aviation community to provide comment regarding this possible new environmental standard and into the development of a plan for identifying, evaluating, and ultimately transitioning to an unleaded fuel, according to EAA officials, who note this is particularly important given the technical complexity and safety implications of removing lead from aviation gasoline since there is not a high-octane replacement unleaded avgas available today that meets the requirements of the entire GA fleet.

In the ANPR, the EPA recognized the complexity involved in identifying and safely transitioning to an alternative gasoline, stating, "Converting in-use aircraft/engines to operate on unleaded aviation gasoline would be a significant logistical challenge, and in some cases a technical challenge as well."

The agency also acknowledged that a joint effort will be critical in the likely case that engine modifications will need to be developed and certified. The EPA continued, "Given the potentially large number of affected aircraft and the potential complexities involved, a program affecting in-use aircraft engines would need careful consideration by both EPA and FAA and the two agencies would need to work together in considering any potential program affecting the in-use fleet."

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA), the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), the National Air Transportation Association (NATA), and the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) have devoted more than 20 years of research and development to identifying a viable alternative to the 100LL avgas formulation used today by most piston-powered aircraft. Association officials say they look forward to continuing their work with the EPA and the FAA on establishing a realistic standard to reduce lead emissions from GA aircraft along a transition timeline which balances environmental benefit with aviation safety, technical feasibility and economic impact upon the GA industry.

You can view the ANPR at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/aviation.htm>

Posted by Janice Wood · April 21, 2010-www.generalaviationnews.com

FROM THE MANAGER

Volunteerism in Aviation is Alive and Well!

The Challenge Air for Kids & Friends event was held at Whiteman Airport on May 8th and it was a tremendous success. In the midst of a slow-moving aviation industry, over 100 volunteers (including numerous tenants of Whiteman Airport) showed up with enthusiasm and a total of 37 volunteer pilots flew 315 people - 124 special needs kids, 125 adults and 65 siblings or friends! The kids had a fun filled day at the Airport with a visit from Ronald McDonald, Mr. Incredible, a drummer as well as miniature ponies, helicopter rides (courtesy of Doug Abney and Wayne Spears), face painters and airplane crafts by Art of Elysium and the Sunshine Kids Foundation, the San Fernando R/C Flyer Airplanes, Canine Companions, Love on 4 Paws, animals from the Wildlife Waystation, hot dog lunch and much more! A big thanks to the organizers of Challenge Air and the countless volunteers who made the event such a success at Whiteman Airport.

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Photo of the Month



The sign says it all! One of the participants in the Challenge Air event recently held at Whiteman Airport excited about the opportunity to fly. As part of the event, over 100 special needs children, nearly all of whom have never been in a small airplane, were introduced to the joy of flight on May 8th at Whiteman Airport.

Aviation Trivia

In WWII the Cessna UC-78/T-50 Bobcat and the deHavilland Mosquito were known by nick-names. What were they?

(answer on pg.2)



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FROM THE MANAGER CONT..

Team Flying Tigresses Strikes Again

Whiteman Airport tenants and members of the San Fernando Valley 99s, Anne Marie Radel (pilot) and Juliann Sikora (co-pilot) will be racing for their third year together in the upcoming Air Race Classic – an all-women air race starting in Fort Meyers, Florida and finishing in Frederick, Maryland (home of the AOPA). Follow the team (racer #18) along their journey and/or see how you can help to sponsor them on their blog at www.teamflyingtigresses.blogspot.com.

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 11th from 11:30am to 2:00 p.m.

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 June 17, 2010.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
JUNE 2010



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

**JUNE AVIATION
COMMISSION MEETING**



June 30, 2010

7:00 PM

Brackett Field
Airport

Trivia Answer:

The Cessna U-78/T-50 Bobcat was known as the "Rhapsody in Glue" and as the "Bambo Bombber". It was built of wood, fabric, tubular aluminum, and lots of glue.

The deHavilland Mosquito was known as the "The Wooden Wonder", or "The Timber of Terror" as it was built almost entirely of wood.