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# WHITEMAN AIRPORT

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## Spotlight on...

### LEARNTOFLY.COM LAUNCHES

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In support of International Learn to Fly Day, which was announced at AirVenture 2009, Pilot Journey has launched **LearnToFlyDay.com**, a website that will list Learn to Fly Day events across the country.

Through LearnToFlyDay.com, *Pilot Journey*, a web-based referral service that helps link students with flight schools, will provide a collection of services at no charge to flight schools, instructors, EAA chapters and any organization promoting a Learn to Fly Day event. This also includes marketing materials, PowerPoint presentations and local news media promotion. "Pilot Journey will use its extensive database of prospective pilots to help drive attendees to each Learn to Fly Day event, at no charge to the event organizers," said Gary Bradshaw, president of Pilot Journey.

Pilot Journey has been preparing for Learn to Fly Day since August, just weeks after the announcement was made at AirVenture 2009, he added. "This event is critical to the future of our flight schools and general aviation and has been a priority here at Pilot Journey the last six months," Bradshaw added.

The inaugural event is scheduled for March 15, 2010, with the intent to make it an annual event.

If you own a flight school, or are an aviation supporter or a pilot – Learn to Fly Day needs YOU! For more information on hosting a presentation at your airport or office please call the Learn to Fly Day Hotline at (800) 399-6144 or visit them on the web at [www.learntoflyday.com](http://www.learntoflyday.com) and complete the form. This is free and you will greatly help share the passion for flight.

## From the Manager



### Challenge Air is Here Again!

Challenge Air for Kids & Friends will be holding its third "Fly Day" event at Whiteman Airport on March 6, 2010. The Challenge Air events are designed for all special needs, physically challenged and seriously ill children and young adults, including children from wheelchair athletic groups, hospitals, therapy/rehab programs, Blind and Deaf association, United Cerebral Palsy, Easter Seals Society, Spina Bifida Association, American Cancer Society groups and many others.

Highlights of the March 6<sup>th</sup> event are anticipated to include an educational ground school, a 30-minute flight over Los Angeles, face painting, craft activities, static displays, food and beverages, service animals and much more. We are very pleased that Challenge Air has continued to chose Whiteman Airport for this event – let's help to make it another memorable one! (continued pg.2)

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## Aviation Trivia

Which one of The Marx Brothers developed parts for aircraft during World War II?

- A. Groucho
- B. Harpo
- C. Zeppo
- D. Chico

(answer on pg.2)

### Photo of the Month



Aviation Explorer Post 747 hosted a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on January 23rd at Whiteman Airport. The event coincided with the EAA's Young Eagles Day and was a tremendous success. With great food and a raffle of fuel and other items, over 100 people attended the event. All funds raised will be used to help pay for flight lessons for the Explorers. The two Explorers in the photo flipping pancakes are Nick Meyer and Brian Paris.

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**MARCH AVIATION  
COMMISSION MEETING**



March 24, 2010  
10:00 AM  
El Monte Airport

Trivia Answer: C. Zeppo.  
Zeppo founded Marman Products in 1941. They made clamping devices and straps. During WWII, they produced the "Marman Clamp", designed to secure cargo during transport. It was used to support the atomic bomb carried on the Enola Gay. Aeroquip acquired Marman Products in 1955.

**From the Manager cont.**

**Event:** Challenge Air for Kids & Friends  
**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2010  
**Place:** Whiteman Airport, 12653 Osborne Street, Pacoima, CA 91331

For information regarding volunteering, sponsorship, or participation in this great event, please visit the Challenge Air website at [www.challengeair.com](http://www.challengeair.com) or contact Jason Morgan 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 18, 2010.

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**Calendar of Events  
March 2010**



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