



From the Manager

Andrew Marino

Angel Flight West at WHP. Recently I had the pleasure of speaking with a few volunteers of Angel Flight West based here at WHP and was very impressed with all that they do. While I'm sure many of you are aware of their great work I thought this would be a nice opportunity to let those who are not familiar learn more about this great organization. After exchanging a few emails with Angel Flight West Executive Director (and WHP tenant) Alan Dias, he provided the following information.

Angel Flight West (AFW) arranges free air transportation in response to health care and other compelling human needs. AFW links volunteer pilots in private aircraft with people in need whose health care and other circumstances require them to travel to and from California and 13 other Western states. Their volunteer pilots donate the costs of all flights and so there is never a charge for an Angel Flight West mission.

They also arrange transportation for other humanitarian purposes: individuals and families escaping domestic violence; kids attending special needs camps; injured soldiers and their caregivers taking part in therapeutic programs offered by the Wounded Warrior Project and other veterans' organizations; prospective parents hoping to adopt a child and even assist in disaster response, such as arranging flights, donated by Alaska Airlines, for relief workers to travel to Haiti.

Angel Flight West began its first year of service in 1984 when a dozen pilots undertook 15 missions to a handful of medical facilities and by 2010 AFW had completed over 4,200 missions. Here is just one example of a typical AFW mission. "KT" lives in Arizona and was diagnosed with melanoma and given six months to live. She had been turned down for an FDA study on a new drug near her home but her doctor contacted a friend from medical school, and she came to UCLA to meet him for an evaluation. Remarkably the doctor at UCLA was also conducting the same trial study, and because of his relationship with KT's doctor in Arizona, she was put in the study.

After originally being told that she only had six months to live, on a recent visit to UCLA she found out that all traces of melanoma were gone! The doctor and his team told KT that she was the one they had been waiting for; that she was their hero. She was the first case of melanoma that had been cured by the drug and because of that, they could continue to expand the study!

K.T. says that Angel Flight West helped save her life. That it was solely because of Angel Flight, and the pilots who volunteer their time, airplanes, and money, that she was able to make the weekly travel back and forth to Santa Monica for treatment at UCLA. Without AFW, she would have had no way to get back and forth every week.

Whiteman Airport is the home base to the Executive Director, Alan Dias and the Chairman of the Board of Angel Flight West, Steve Danz. WHP is also the home to nineteen other AFW pilot members and several missions originate or have WHP as a destination. What a great way to use your GA skills! For more information, visit their web site at www.angelflightwest.org or contact info@angelflightwest.org.

Whiteman Airport Association BBQ a great success. The Airport Association's annual BBQ held on Sunday, July 10th, was a roaring success. Good weather, tasty food and great friends contributed to a fun filled day for all that were involved. People flew in from TOA, SMO, POC and even from places down in Orange County. If you weren't able to make it to the event mark your calendars for next year (or if you can't wait till then make sure to attend the Association's holiday party in December!)

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Andrew Marino
Airport Manager

Photo of the Month



Airport Association members enjoying the annual BBQ on July 10th

Quote of the Month

Aviators live by hours, not by days.

— T. H. White



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Spotlight on...

FAA Launches Study of GA Airports

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The FAA is taking a top-down look at the current general aviation airport system in the U.S. to better describe and explain the roles and functions these airports serve in their communities. The review, which began last fall, is focusing on infrastructure needs, according to FAA officials.

In recent years, the FAA has conducted two studies to look at capacity and development needs at commercial service airports, and now the agency is turning its attention to general aviation airports.

There are 2,950 nonprimary airports included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), including nonprimary commercial service, reliever and general aviation airports. This is in contrast to the four distinct categories for the nation's 368 primary airports.

Defining these airports simply as "nonprimary" does not adequately describe the many diverse roles these airports play in their communities, FAA officials said. General aviation airports provide a variety of functions, ranging from access for emergency medical services, disaster relief, aerial firefighting, law enforcement and border control to agricultural functions, flight training, charter passenger and time-sensitive air cargo services, among others.

The FAA is working with the aviation industry including associations, state aeronautical agencies, airport directors, airport authorities, airport planners, local councils of governments, and aviation user groups to classify general aviation airports based on the roles they support. All agree that more descriptive categories are needed in order to help the general public understand the importance of these airports and their capital investment needs.

With from those in the aviation industry, the FAA will develop a list of classifications for general aviation airports and publish a report by January 2012. The report will:

- Propose updated federal airport classifications for general aviation airports that reflect the airports' roles in their community, region and national system
- Provide examples to illustrate the value of each airport category
- Provide a framework for a strategic vision for the national system

For more information: FAA.gov

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Rocky's

CAP Squadron 35

Every Wednesday — 7:00 PM

CAP Trailer

Latin American Pilot's Association

Every 2nd Wednesday — 7:30 PM

Rocky's

Whiteman Airport Association

Every 3rd Thursday — 7:00 PM

Rocky's

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Every 3rd Saturday — 9:30 AM

Rocky's

Aviation Explorer Post 747

2nd & 4th Monday's

6:30-8:00

Pilot's Lounge

Young Eagles

Every 4th Saturday

10:30 AM

Grassy Area adj. to Pilot's Lounge

Whiteman Display Day

Every 2nd Sunday

10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Aviation Commission Meeting Calendar

August 31, 2011

Compton/Woodley Airport

7:00 PM

September 28, 2011

General Wm. J. Fox Airfield

7:00 PM

October 26, 2011

Whiteman Airport

7:00 PM

November 30, 2011

El Monte Airport

10:00 AM

December 2011

NO MEETING