



## From the Manager

Andrew Marino

*Helping to Make Aviation Dreams a Reality!* Congratulations to Aviation Explorer Nick Meyer who completed his first airplane solo flight on June 14, 2011, his sixteenth birthday! Nick is the President of Aviation Explorer Post 747 and some of you may recognize him as he organizes the Post's monthly airplane wash fundraisers. As many of you are already aware WHP is home to several groups that help youth accomplish their aviation goals. Aviation Explorer Post 747 is one of those groups and was founded and sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chapter 99s Women Pilots in 2002. Through fundraising and monetary support from the 99s, EAA Chapter 40 and the Van Nuys Prop Association, the Post has provided subsidies for flight training to youth between the ages of 14 and 21 helping to keep the dream of flying alive for many kids who otherwise could not afford to do so.

In addition to sponsoring the Explorers, the San Fernando Valley 99s also award a \$3,000 aviation career scholarship each year. The scholarship is open to qualified men and women who wish to pursue an advanced rating or a career in aviation. This year, two scholarships were awarded to two deserving young men, Adam Gillohm and Peter "Bud" Weber. Both young men will use their scholarships to complete their instrument ratings. Adam will train at Vista here at WHP and Bud will be training at CP Aviation in Santa Paula. The ability to award two scholarships this year was made possible by Ceci Stratford, a 99 and WHP tenant. Ceci donated \$3,000 in the name of her recently deceased father, Walter Schmah.

The SFV99s also recently held a field trip as Kathryn Presson, former chairperson of the organization and a WHP tenant, arranged for a tour of the TRACON facility at Miramar on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The tour group consisted of twenty-two people; 99s, their guests and Explorers. Some car pooled, some airplane pooled. Whatever the mode of transportation, all who made the trek enjoyed an extremely informative tour of the busiest air traffic control center in the world. The tour gave all the attendees a new appreciation for how difficult a job air traffic controllers' have. Special thanks to the tour coordinator, Jennifer Gendron, who was very gracious and their entertaining guide, ATC Manager Paul Langston. It was a five-star tour, and well worth the trip to San Diego.

If you would like more information about the 99s or Aviation Explorers, please contact Ruth Logan at 818-364-1224. Explorer airplane wash fundraisers are held the second Sunday of each month and for a donation of \$35 for single engine and \$50 for twins, your airplane will receive the best belly washing in town! To schedule an appointment, please e-mail Nick Meyer at [nickmeyer861@aol.com](mailto:nickmeyer861@aol.com).

*Summer BBQ Time!* The Whiteman Airport Association's Annual BBQ will be held on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am until 2 pm in the public viewing area next to the Administration Office and Rocky's Restaurant. Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be served for all paid Association members and spouses. If you have not renewed your Association membership in the last year or have never been a member all are welcome to attend the BBQ and join for the very low rate of \$10 in yearly dues. In addition to the food, Aviation Gift's by Ruth will have a booth. Stop by and join in the fun!

*Need Hangar Repairs?* If you are having difficulty with your hangar please to not hesitate to call the office at (818) 896-5271 so that we may diagnose the problem and make the appropriate fixes.



Andrew Marino  
Airport Manager  
[amarino@americanairports.net](mailto:amarino@americanairports.net)

## Photo of the Month



The picture says it all, "Pure joy!" Aviation Explorer Nick Meyer completed his first airplane solo flight on June 14, 2011, his sixteenth birthday!

## Quote of the Month

Pilots take no special joy in walking. Pilots like flying.

— Neil Armstrong



## Need Fuel?

Operations staff can be contacted for fuel and services by phone at any time by calling

818-312-2911

Or

Unicom at

122.95

## Spotlight on...

### Ultimate Air Racing Championship takes off

by Janice Wood-General Aviation News

The FAA has given the go ahead for The Ultimate Air Race Challenge (UARC).

May 27-29th pilots from around the country were put through their paces in a series of qualifying trials in the high desert of Southern California. Seven pilots met the qualifications to be issued the highly specialized UARC Racing Qualification License, which allows them to participate in UARC Races worldwide, according to race officials. To be considered for UARC Racing, pilots are required to have 2,000 hours of experience plus formation cards and aerobatic waivers.

Launched in 2010, the UARC debuted in cities across China to crowds of more than 500,000 and unprecedented television coverage, organizers said. Now for the first time, the UARC is coming to America, starting its 2011 season with racing in Camarillo California Aug. 20-21.

"The UARC is a combination of NASCAR on steroids, a cage fight with airplanes and Formula 1 with wings all rolled into one," says UARC's CEO Frederico Lapenda. "When you see six pilots battle it out 10 feet above the ground, just a few feet apart at speeds faster than any car race it will blow your mind."

The UARC pilots are selected from the world's best military aviators, Hollywood stunt pilots, civilian test pilots and competition aerobatic pilots from around the globe. "We started with a pool of over 500 applicants from 11 countries and put them through an intensive evaluation and qualifying process," says former FAA Inspector/NTSB Investigator Ben Coleman.

Gary Thomason, a former New Zealand combat aviator who put together the UARC Series initially in China, comments "UARC is confident we have selected a unique profile of aviator and ones who are competitive and capable of the unique requirements of UARC Competition. This style of air racing is not for the faint of heart and we have found the top pilots in the world and ran them through a punishing series of trials to test their courage, skill and capabilities. The pilots performed beyond expectations and we are ready for the season opener in California." The FAA has granted the UARC America's first license for closed course pylon slalom racing using multiple aircraft.

The 2011 UARC season sees the return of 2010 UARC competitor Dave "Hollywood" Riggs. Riggs is the holder of five NAA/FAI Aviation World Speed Records, more than any living person, and lead the American Air Race team to victory in China during 2010. Riggs comments: "UARC Racing is demanding and dangerous, with seven bogeys on the course 15 feet AGL and pulling G's around closely positioned pylons it takes concentration and stamina to make it through. We spent six months of elimination flying to narrow down the pilots who would be allowed to attend the racing trials this weekend and then another three full days of racing practice to get seven competitors ready for the UARC Series." The Bi Plane class winner in the UARC China 2010 series, Chris "Red Knight" Rounds, will be racing in the USA-based UARC series as well.

The initial seven pilots approved by the FAA Accepted UARC Racing Protocol are:

- Dave Riggs
- Chris Rounds
- Craig Schulze
- Torrey Ward
- Danny Bond
- David Lafaille
- Eric Zine

The UARC Season, which includes six performances throughout the Americas and Asia, begins Aug. 20-21, at Camarillo Airport, California. The two-day event includes aerial performances by the Red Bull Stunt Helicopter, The Goodyear Blimp, US Military Jet Fighter Demonstration Teams and World War II Vintage Aircraft displays.

For more information: 310-463-0115, [UARC.TV](http://UARC.TV)

## Available for Lease

### Whiteman Airport (818-896-5271)

#### Tie Downs

From \$96.00/month

#### T-Hangars

From \$390.84/month



### Brackett Field Airport (909-593-1395)

#### Tie Downs

From \$52.00/month

#### Port-a-Ports

From \$286.00/month

#### T-Hangars

From \$432.00/month

#### Executive Hangars

From \$782.00/month

#### Commercial Space

6000 sqft Commercial Hangar

Call for rates



### Compton/Woodley Airport (310-631-8140)

#### Tie Downs

From \$49.00/month

#### Standard Hangar

From \$389.00/month



### El Monte Airport (626-448-6129)

#### Tie Downs

From \$60.00/month

#### Hangars

From \$424.40/month



### Fox Airfield (661-940-1709)

#### Tie Downs

From \$54.00/month

#### Standard Hangars

From \$340.00/month

#### Large Hangars

From \$1091.48/month



American Airports Corporation

### Contact us:

#### Accounting Customer Service:

310.752.0559

#### AAC Customer Service:

310.752.0578

#### Email

[AACService@americanairports.net](mailto:AACService@americanairports.net)

## KWHP Airport Events

### Standing Meetings/Events

#### Pacoima Rotary Club

Every Monday — 6:00 PM  
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

#### EAA Chapter 40

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

### July 2011

NO MEETING

### 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