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From the Manager..

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Standing Meetings and Events

- **CAP Squadron 35**
Every Wednesday
7:00 PM
- **Whiteman Airport Association**
Every 3rd Thursday
7:00 PM—Admin Building
- **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 adjacent to Pilot's Lounge
- **Whiteman Display Day**
Every 2nd Sunday
10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

2017 Airport Commission Meetings

November 29, 2017 10:00 AM	KEMT
December 2017	No Meeting

Did You Know?

Payments made via credit/debit card over the phone to the Airport or Accounting Customer Service are subject to a \$10 convenience fee.

Avoid the fee and sign up for Auto Pay and pay your monthly rent via credit/debit card every month automatically at NO CHARGE.

Contact your Airport Manager for more information or to enroll in auto pay.

2017 Whiteman Airport Open House Recap. We held our annual Airport Open House on Saturday, September 23rd, and it was by far the best one yet! Over 1,400 people walked through our gates and joined the rest of our airport community for a day of all things aviation. Over 20 airplanes were on display as well as classic cars, aviation booths and displays and food trucks. Display aircraft included three T-28 Trojans, "Screaming Mimi" the Sikorsky S-58DT, a Pitts, Cheyenne Turboprop, multiple beautifully restored Cadets, Luscombe's and Cessna 120's, Cessna 206's and 177's, two Civil Air Patrol aircraft (the C182 and C206), an Ercoupe and a Comanche. Many of our airport based organization also hosted booths at the event including the Air Explorer Kitty Hawk Squadron, Air Explorer Post 747, Civil Air Patrol Squadron 35, EAA Chapter 40, Gifts by Ruth, the San Fernando Valley 99's, Vista Aviation and the Whiteman Airport Association. In addition, the EAA held their monthly Young Eagles event during the Open House and volunteer pilots flew over 110 children! We had such a great turnout this year with so many of our airport tenants participating. It was really wonderful that so many of you generously gave your time and also displayed your beautiful aircraft. Thank you to all that participated and helped with set-up, during the event and with clean up afterwards! You all made the event extra special this year and I greatly appreciate all of your efforts. For those that didn't make it out, please join us next year! And for those that would like to display an aircraft next year, reach out to us in early August so that we can plan a space for you. Looking forward to seeing you all out there and making it even better next year!

American Heroes Air Show at Hansen Dam. The annual American Heroes Air Show will take place at the Hansen Dam Recreation and Sports Complex on Saturday, November 4th from 9 am until 4 pm. Parking and admission are free and we'll also be there hosting a tent representing the Airport. The event features a diverse collection of helicopters on static display as well as flying demonstrations. Helicopters from local, county, state and federal agencies will be on display plus displays of specialized rescue vehicles and tactics, technical rope rescues and safety demonstrations. Several helicopters will be operating in and around the dam so please keep that in mind for that day as operations in the air will be even busier than normal.

Vehicle Access Gate Cards. As a reminder; the new vehicle access gate cards that were issued in 2014 when our new gates were installed require annual renewal, which is scheduled to coincide with the holder's birthday. Please stop by the office or call us during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm) at (818) 896-5271 **before your birthday** to have your card renewed.

Support your Airport Association. Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to the Airport Meeting Room at the Old Admin Office (new Civil Air Patrol HQ) and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next Airport Association meeting will be held on November 16th.



Photo of the Month

An overview of some of the display aircraft on the ramp during the 2017 Whiteman Airport Open House

Spotlight on...

Drone Hits Charter Flight In Canada | OCTOBER 15, 2017 BY RUSS NILES | WWW.AVWEB.COM

In the first documented incident of its kind in Canada, a Skyjet Aviation flight hit a drone while on approach to Jean Lesage Airport in Quebec City on Thursday. The aircraft suffered minor damage and no one was injured. Skyjet flies King Airs and Beech 1900s for charter and medevac. Canada's Transport Minister Marc Garneau was quick to condemn the incident, which appears to have violated a host of regulations aimed at preventing mishaps like this. He noted that drone violations are a major concern for the government and that to date there have been 1,596 drone incidents reported to Transport Canada.

"It was our concern for incidents like this that prompted me to take action and issue [measures] restricting where recreational drones could be flown," Garneau said in a statement issued Sunday. "I would like to remind drone operators that endangering the safety of an aircraft is extremely dangerous and a serious offense. Anyone who violates the regulations could be subject to fines of up to \$25,000 and/or prison." He noted that all airports, heli-pads and seaplane bases are off-limits to drones.

ATC Privatization Vote Delayed | OCTOBER 7, 2017 BY GEOFF RAPAPOPORT | WWW.AVWEB.COM

The House bill sponsored by Republican Bill Shuster to privatize the U.S. air traffic management system failed to appear on the Congressional schedule for the week of Oct. 9—seemingly a surprise to the Pennsylvania congressman and Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, who had expected it to come to a vote next week. Shuster has been telling the Washington newspaper Politico that he expects a vote on H.R. 2997 "next week" for a month now, leading some in Congress to speculate that Republican leadership isn't sure the bill could pass the House, much less the Senate. House Transportation Committee member Thomas Massie told Politico, "My theory would be there's a lot of undecideds that, probably, if the vote were called on the floor, would vote 'yes.' But it's probably a risk they don't want to take. That's my guess." The House schedule has been busy with unplanned disaster relief bills, which may also explain the delay.

NetJets recently added their name to the list of Part 121 airlines supporting the bill. President Trump had been an outspoken proponent of the bill, which gained steam after a meeting between the president and airline CEOs at the White House, but the president's support has been muted in recent weeks. Meanwhile, AOPA, NBAA and almost 200 additional groups representing general aviation interests continue to push back aggressively on the proposal. In a statement by the federation earlier this week, they wrote, "This proposed Board would ultimately control access to airports and airspace with a cursory safety review by DOT. Today, we can go to our congressional representatives if we have issues with air traffic control. Under HR 2997, we must go to court to have our grievances addressed and without proper congressional oversight this entity will go unchecked."

Aviation Quote of the Month

All my life, I've never been able to get enough airplanes. This will keep me flying every day.
— Astronaut Robert 'Hoot' Gibson

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Whiteman Airport (818-896-5271)

Hangars (790sf) starting at \$355.71/month



Brackett Field Airport (909-593-1395)

Half Hangars starting at \$133.42/month



Compton/Woodley Airport (310-631-8140)

Half Hangars starting at \$194.93/month

San Gabriel Valley Airport (626-448-6129)

Half Hangars starting at \$152.19/month



Fox Airfield (661-940-1709)

Half Hangars starting at \$137.59/month

Airport Display Days

KPOC

Every 3rd Sunday
10AM-2PM

KCPM

Every 1st Sunday
10AM-2PM

KEMT

Every 4th Sunday
9AM-1PM

KWJF

Every 2nd Saturday
All Day

KWHP

Every 2nd Sunday
10AM-2PM