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Whiteman Airport

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Standing Meetings and Events

All meetings and events are canceled until further notice

2020 Aviation Commission Meetings

November 25, 2020
10:00 AM
(virtual meeting)

Please check the website for up to date information

<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/avi/airports/AviationCommission.aspx>

Impact of COVID-19 on Whiteman Airport — It sounds like a broken record. As I write this, the news concerning the COVID 19 is things are continuing to move in the right direction, but not enough to end the restrictions placed on all of us. Our offices remain closed except for those things that require in person contact such as new hangar or tie down contracts, written driving tests and new gate key applications. Everything else can be handled over the phone. Remember, facemasks are required whenever we are outside in contact with other people and are mandatory to enter the building and conduct business. Aviation and related business are considered essential business and remain open. We may see some movement on restrictions in November, only time will tell.

Aircraft Display Days — Aircraft Display Day will be held on Sunday November 8, 2020. Members of the association will be present to catchup on signing paperwork. The following COVID 19 rules will be in place. **Face Mask Required, Six Feet Social and Physical Distancing Mandatory, Bring Your Own Pen.** The current plan is to conduct the signings under the cover in front of the CAP building. Six foot markings will be placed on the ground for proper spacing. Please adhere to the markings and keep everyone safe.

Things from Around the Airport
Aviation Explorer Post 747 — I learned recently that Aviation Explorer Post 747 had also been successful in minting two new pilots in the last couple of months. It is great to see aviation

continuing to grow, even in the time of COVID 19 restrictions.

Thanks for Keeping the Hose Properly Coiled — I would like to thank everyone for keeping the hose coiled and not cutting it up. Special thanks go out to Chuck Brooks who has been making a point to coil it up if someone slips up and forgets. The hose is an expensive item which we all enjoy using to wash our airplanes. Having it available saves time and effort for us all.

Night Time Instrument Approach — Many of you may not be aware, but earlier this year; the instrument approach for Whiteman at night was decertified. Apparently there was a nationwide review of surveys for night time usage and it was determined that over 500 airports either did not have current surveys for obstructions or their surveys were out of date. As a result, all of these instrument approaches were marked "Not available for night time approaches". There was a meeting held by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Aviation Division, in early October, to address the issue and develop a plan of action to restore the approach. Michael Williamson, a local flight instructor and member of the Southern California Airspace Users Working Group, is assisting with moving the project forward. I will keep you updated on the progress.

Great Shake Out 2020 — On October 15, 2020 at 10:15, we participated in the Great Shake Out 2020. At 10:15 we simulated a major earthquake hitting the greater metropolitan Los Angeles Area. Employees took cover and held on for several minutes until the

simulated shaking subsided. They then checked to make sure they and everyone else were safe and able to exit the building. Meeting up in the parking lot across the street from the building, a roll call was conducted to ensure all were accounted for an not in need of emergency medical attention. A check of Whiteman Airport facilities was completed to determine the extent of damage, if any. This is an annual Nationwide event to focus on preparedness and exercise plans of action. As we all know, it is not a matter of if we will have a major earthquake, but when. Having lived through two major earthquakes, I recommend everyone take the time now to prepare.

Airport Noise Abatement and Friendly Flying — Due to the health pandemic, many local residents are spending more time at home, increasing the sensitivity to aircraft overflights and noise. Please familiarize yourself with the published noise abatement procedures. (<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/avi/airports/WhitemanNoiseAbatement.aspx>). Pilots are the key to effective noise mitigation. Your efforts to fly neighborly are greatly appreciated and go a long way towards enhancing compatibility with the surrounding communities. If you have any questions about the airport's noise abatement program, please contact the Airport Manager at (818) 896-5271 or jmillier@americanairports.net.

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Airport Display Days

- KWHP**
Every 2nd Sunday
10AM-2PM
- KPOC**
Every 3rd Sunday
10AM-2PM
- KCPM**
Every 1st
Saturday and Sunday
10AM-2PM
- KEMT**
Every 4th Sunday
9AM-1PM
- KWJF**
Every 2nd Saturday
All Day

Available for Lease

- Whiteman Airport**
(818-896-5271)
Hangars (790sf) starting at
\$355.71/month
➔
- Brackett Field Airport**
(909-593-1395)
Standard Hangars (1013sf)
starting at \$438.00/mo
➔
- 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

Spotlight On

Expert Tips for Flight Planning

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Ever wonder why your clearance looks nothing like your filed route or why you received a reroute when you don't see weather or obstacles impacting your flight?

During a recent National Business Aviation Association News Hour webinar, the spotlight was on the importance of pre-flight planning and those "gotchas" when it comes to operating in the National Airspace System that could potentially be avoided.

"We've all been caught where after flight planning a route, we get a clearance and it's entirely different from what we filed," said panel moderator Heidi Williams, NBAA director, air traffic services and infrastructure.

Members of the panel offered these tips to make your flight smoother – for you, your passengers, and ATC:

"You will certainly have the data that you're submitting with your flight plan set up for the environment that you're flying into, but spend some time ahead of your departure preparing in case you don't get the route you want," advised Rob MacLeod, team lead/flight operations for Foreflight.

Pilots need to be actively involved in flight planning, as opposed to just clicking on a previously-cleared or filed route, added John Kernaghan, assistant chief pilot for Johnson and Johnson.

"There can be errors, especially if it's a long route," he said. "It is always good SOP to have the routes loaded before you even consider leaving the chocks."

Even when you have a vendor doing your flight planning, it is always a best practice to get as much flight planning in as possible the night before a departure, noted Marek Siwiak, a flight operations specialist with Arinc Direct.

"There can be so much going on in the morning, and if you have your profiles, fuel loads, and desired routing in place the night before, it can be immensely helpful," he said.

Kernaghan pointed out that when you file direct, you're now creating more work for the air traffic controller, who is tasked with keeping you out of prohibited and restricted airspace.

"Now, the burden shifts from the pilot to the controller, who has to figure out how to get you around that stuff," he said.

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