

From the Manager

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Standing Meetings and Events

All meetings and events are canceled until further notice

2021 Aviation Commission Meetings

March 31 2021 10:00 a.m. 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 — Things are starting to settle down in the COVID 19 arena. As I write this, we are waiting to see if there is a spike from everyone getting together for the Super Bowl Game. So far the numbers have dropped dramatically since the January high. With vaccines and the number of persons who have recovered from COVID 19, "herd immunity" may be just around the corner. We are not there yet. As a result, our offices remain closed except for those things requiring 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. Also, do not enter the building if you have a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever or chills. Six foot social distancing must be maintained. Aviation and related business are considered essential business and remain open.

Things from Around the Airport

LOS ANGELESS COUNTY FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION AT WHITEMAN AIRPORT ON MARCH 16, 2021 — The Los Angeles County Food Bank, in conjunction with 3rd District Supervisor Shelia Kuehl will be holding a food distribution in the old terminal parking lot on <u>March 616, 2021 from 6:30AM to 2:00PM.</u> The main entrance to the Airport will be <u>closed</u> and access to the old terminal building will be severely restricted. Additionally, access to the RV storage units will be impacted during this event. It is anticipated that 1,500 vehicles will be picking up food during the event. This will cause traffic congestion on Osborne Street. Please plan accordingly. Both Airpark Way and Orbital Way gates will remain in service. Than you in advance for your support of this event to bring aid and support to the local community.

Driving on the Ramp — Please remember the speed limit on the airport is 10 MPH and 5 MPH when within 50 feet of aircraft. That means most of the ramp area is 5 MPH speed limit. I have seen several vehicles exceeding the speed limit by as much as 40 MPH. This includes motorcycles, cars and trucks. It is a sure fire way to lose your driving privileges on the airport. Also, all vehicles operated on the airport are to be properly registered and insured.

New Pilot in Training — Many of you have met Andrew Harris, one of our Operations Coordinators. Andrew is in the process of getting his pilot's license. Andrew recently soloed and is currently completing his solo cross country flights. He hopes to receive his license before the end of March. He is currently slated to begin USAF pilot training in early April, 2021. We are wishing him the best as he prepares for the grand adventure of flying military aircraft.

Pets at the Airport — We all have pets that we consider as family and many of us like to take them, with us when we travel around. Pets are allowed on airport property but must be on a lease or in a container. We have a few tenants who allow their dogs, in particular, to run off lease. Much like young children, dogs off lease will go where they want to go. I have seen them chasing cars and wandering fifty to 100 feet from their owners. Although many think this is no big deal it is very dangerous to the animals and other tenants, especially those operating vehicles or aircraft. Again, keep your pets on a leash and prevent them from being hurt or hurting someone else.



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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

FAA Not Extending COVID Exemptions

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The FAA has advised officials with the National Business Aviation Association and other general aviation advocates that it will not extend relief granted through several exemptions contained in Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) 118-2 (Relief for Certain Persons and Operations during the Coronavirus Disease 2019).

Without further action, SFAR 118-2 will expire on April 30, 2021.

The special regulation provides short-term extensions to certain training and proficiency requirements, medical certifications and other mandates, including special flight permits for moving aircraft to storage.

NBAA and other industry groups recently requested the extension of SFAR 118-2 in a letter to Associate Administration for Aviation Safety Ali Bahrami.

Rick Domingo, executive director of flight standards service at the FAA, denied the request, citing an increase of aviation activity and availability of personnel to complete training and check activities, according to NBAA officials.

However, he said the FAA will continue to monitor operational disruptions caused by COVID-related restrictions, indicating the agency could consider further relief if necessary.

"NBAA is disappointed in the FAA's decision not to extend SFAR 118-2 as members continue to report challenges in safely conducting training and checking events and securing checkrides from FAA or contract check airman," said Brian Koester, CAM, NBAA director of flight operations and regulations. "However, we're grateful to the agency for its cooperation in managing the COVID crisis to this point. The exemptions that were previously granted allowed the business aviation industry to be an integral part in COVID-19 response, including transportation of test kits, vaccines and personnel."

SFAR 118 became effective on April 30, 2020, and was extended twice.

Aircraft Display Days — Aircraft Display Day is scheduled be held on Sunday March 10, 2021. Members of the Association hope to be present to sign paperwork. They have been conducting the signings outside Hangar HH 9 (Blue hangars at North end of the Airport). Watch for information from the Association. The following COVID 19 rules will be in place. Face Mask Required, Six Feet Social and Physical Distancing Mandatory, Bring Your Own Pen. No Congregating Allowed. Watch for an announcement from the Whiteman Airport Association, since regulations are changing on a daily basis.

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