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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—Civil Air Patrol
 Meeting Room
- Aviation Explorer Post 747
 2nd & 4th Monday's
 6:30-8:00—2nd Flr Conf
 Room (Airport Terminal)
- 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

2018 Aviation Commission Meetings

April 25 7:00 PM	KWHP
May 30 7:00 PM	KEMT
June 27 7:00 PM	KPOC

Aviation Quote of the Month

Pilots track their lives by the number of hours in the air, as if any other kind of time isn't worth noting

— Michael Parfit



From the Manager..

Andrew Marino, Airport Manager amarino@americanairports.net

Explorer Post 747's Annual Gala. Aviation Explorer Post 747's annual Gala is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th, at 6 pm at the Angeles National Golf Club. For those not familiar with the Explorers or their annual Gala; the organization helps youth from the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys' pursue their passion for aviation by helping them earn their private pilot's license through donations and fundraisers like this one. The Post is open to all young men and women ages 14 to 21 that have an interest in learning more about careers in the ever-growing and demanding field of aviation. The Post 747 was founded 15 years ago by aviation enthusiast and airport tenant Ruth Logan. Since its inceptions the Post has helped 27 students obtain their private pilot license! In addition, two members have gone on to become air traffic controllers, one an airport manager and one an A&P mechanic!

Whiteman Airport

Keeping the Explorers program going does not only take commitment and time but also money. As many of you know, the cost of obtaining a pilot license runs well into the thousands of dollars and can be a real barrier to entry for many youth. Scholarships like the one offered by our local Ninety-Nines chapter help a great deal but do not cover all the costs associated with the successful completion of instruction. So, to help with this, Explorers are constantly fund raising by hosting pancake breakfasts, airplane washes and of course, this Gala.

The Gala was started two years ago as a way to increase funding and therefore the opportunities for these good kids to achieve their dream of earning their license or in helping them find another path to a career in the wonderful and dynamic world of aviation. The Gala promises to be a memorable evening for a cause well worth supporting. Ruth notes that a shortage of commercial pilots is looming on the horizon. "Most pilots right now are nearing retirement," she said. "A whole generation...these kids are in the perfect spot to fill that void."

You can help! To make a donation, purchase tickets or for more information on the Gala and Explorer Post 747 in general, please contact them via email at <u>bizcaptain@gmail.com</u>

<u>County Hangar Inspections</u>. We've completed our first round of County hangar inspections and thank you to all that came out to help us complete this important process. For those that missed the inspections; please give is a call in the office at (818) 896-5271 to set up a time for your inspection. We are available seven days a week, by appointment, to complete the hangar inspection.

<u>Vehicle Access Gate Cards</u>. 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.

Storm Water Season. Our annual storm water monitoring season has started and requires that we inspect all ramps for possible pollutants. Please remember that painting, sanding or the use of any chemicals or solvents is not permitted in or around storage hangars or tie downs. If you see potential storm water issues around the airport please do not hesitate to contact my office at (818) 896-5271 or Airport Operations at (818) 312-2911 so that we may clean up any potential problems before they become one. Thanks in advance for your help!

Looking For a New or Different Hangar? If you currently lease a tie down or if you're in a hangar and would like to move to a different hangar please stop by the Administration Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, to discuss hangar spaces that are currently available. If the particular hangar of your choice is not available now, we will provide you with a hangar waitlist application to fill out so that we can move you in to the hangar of your choice as soon as possible.

<u>Support your Airport Association</u>. Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to the old Airport Admin Building meeting room (New CAP HQ) and join the Airport Association for \$10 a year in dues. The next regular Airport Association meeting will be held on April 19th.

Spotlight on...

Next step milestone for Young Eagles

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EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — A milestone has been reached by the Experimental Aircraft Association, as 50,000 Young Eagles have taken the next step in their aviation journeys by enrolling in Sporty's Learn to Fly Course after their EAA Young Eagles flights.

"More than 2 million young people have been introduced to airplanes and aviation through Young Eagles and 50,000 of them have enrolled in Sporty's Learn to Fly course to pursue their aviation dream," said Michael Wolf, president and CEO of Sporty's. "The fantastic metrics speak to the success of Young Eagles and its impact on the general aviation community."

A Young Eagles flight is a special moment for many young people, but it is only the first step in the EAA Young Eagles Flight Plan, which aims to get as many pilots in the sky as possible. Sporty's Learn to Fly Course is a huge part of making that happen, according to EAA officials.

The concept for the free online courses was developed with input from EAA pilots who had been flying Young Eagles. Those pilots reported that many of the young people wanted to discover more about aviation, but lacked access to reliable and professional resources.

Sporty's filled that role by offering its popular online course at no charge. The goal is to build the next generation of aviators and boost student pilot starts with a group already engaged through the Young Eagles program.

"Sporty's has been a strong supporter of the Young Eagles program for years," said Brian O'Lena, EAA Manager of Young Eagle and Eagle Flights. "They understand that creating the next generation of aviators is a long term process and by supplying over 50,000 Sporty's Learn to Fly Courses to Young Eagles they are helping make the dream of flight a reality."

Available for Lease

Airport Display Days

KPOC Every 3rd Sunday 10AM-2PM

KCPM Every 1st Saturday & Sunday 10AM-2PM

> KEMT Every 4th Sunday 9AM-1PM

KWJF Every 2nd Saturday All Day

KWHP Every 2nd Sunday 10AM-2PM

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(818-896-5271) Hangars (790sf) starting at \$355.71/month → Brackett Field Airport (909-593-1395) Half Hangars starting at \$133.42/month

Whiteman Airport

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 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