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From the Manager

Remembering Two Friends. As many of you know we lost two aviators and friends here at WHP a few weeks ago. Harry Bell and Mike Boolean were fixtures here at the Airport and both will be sorely missed. Harry had a long and amazing history in aviation which included being an engineer on B-24 bombers during WWII and using his various aircraft over the years for humanitarian missions including transporting children from impoverished countries with medical needs to Children's Hospital here in Los Angeles. He was also greatly involved in his community and received the honor of Santa Clarita Valley Man of the Year in 2011. Mike also had a long history in the world of aviation. Having served in the Navy, Mike has shared many stories about the various high performance jets he had the opportunity to fly. Mike was also an incredible electrician and could solve just about any electrical problem thrown at him including some here at Whiteman. With Mike's Pilot Shop located right here at the Main Terminal, Mike could be found at the Airport on an almost daily basis and his energy and sense of humor will be greatly missed around here. Both men enriched our community and both will be remembered.

Whiteman Airport Association BBQ Recap. The Whiteman Airport Association barbeque was held on Sunday, July 8th in the grassy area in front of the Administration Building and was a great success. A good turnout and perfect weather made for a nice day with fellow aviators and friends. Aircraft filled the transient parking spaces, the barbeque was churning out food all day and aviation souvenirs and products were also available for purchase making for a lively and quite enjoyable day for all. For those that did not attend I encourage you to come out next year and visit with your fellow pilots.

Slurry Project Update. The slurry project is nearing completion. The application of the slurry material and the first coat of paint striping have been completed. The remaining work to be completed includes a second coat of paint on the taxi lane center lines and tie down spaces and tie down chain installation. As I mentioned previously once the project is completed all those with aircraft that were relocated will be free to return to their old parking spaces. There will be a change in the numbering of the rows though as the old Row 32, (which ran all the way from the back hangars to taxiway "A") will now be designated as Row 30. The actual parking space numbers will remain the same. Those with aircraft affected by this change will receive further info from my office in the near future and as always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at (818) 896-5271.

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, commander of four Space Shuttle missions, on his taking a job as a Southwest Airlines 737 first officer in 1996.



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Picture of the Month



Members of the Whiteman Airport Association enjoying a beautiful day, delicious food and good company at the annual summer barbeque



AWOS

Up to the minute weather information can be found outside of Tower Operating hours (8PM-8AM) by calling **818.899.9820** or dial into the frequency at **132.1**



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**

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Accounting Customer Service:
310.752.0559

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Spotlight on...

Contract towers equal in safety, less in cost

By Charles Spence, General Aviation News Washington DC Correspondent
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The 250 air traffic control towers operated under contract to the FAA handle 28% of all operations, but cost only 14% of the budget, according to statements before an aviation subcommittee whose members expressed concerns about possible severe cuts in operations if the President's threatened automatic budget sequester goes into effect in January.

Under the program, which has been in effect for 30 years, air traffic control towers at many smaller airports are operated under contract to private operators under supervision of the FAA. Most workers at these facilities are former FAA or military controllers. The savings result primarily from the difference in staffing levels. Many contract towers are staffed by a single controller on duty.

Calvin Scovel, Inspector General of the Department of Transportation, told members of the House subcommittee that safety at the contract tower airports is at least as good as at other facilities. Although limited data available shows safety might be even better, there is not sufficient information available to make a positive statement, he added.

A major project being worked on by the FAA is adapting air traffic control operations to the coming NextGen era. David Grizzle, FAA's chief operating officer of the air traffic division, said the current controller's handbook is 50 years old and is being revamped to take into consideration all the changes NextGen will bring.

The President's threatened budget sequester is considered by many Republican members of Congress as a threat to force acceptance of his tax hike for the so-called wealthy, but some members of the subcommittee commented the FAA should be ready with a plan if the agency is forced to operate with a limited budget. Rumors are that FAA funding for the control program would be cut by \$1.5 million. Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-Ill.) said such a "meat-ax" approach to budgets would call for planning, which should be ready if the budget cuts do come.

Available for Lease

Whiteman Airport (818-896-5271)

T-Hangars
From \$401.66/month



Brackett Field Airport (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs
From \$52.00/month

Port-a-Ports
From \$298.69/month

T-Hangars
From \$451.20/month

Executive Hangars
From \$821.92/month



Compton/Woodley Air- port (310-631-8140)

Tie Downs
From \$49.00/month



El Monte Airport (626-448-6129)

Tie Downs
From \$60.00/month

Hangars
From \$460.34/month



Fox Airfield (661-940-1709)

Tie Downs
From \$54.00/month

Standard Hangars
From \$401.66/month

Large Hangars
From \$694.28/month

KWHP Airport Events

Standing Meetings/Events

Pacoima Rotary Club
Every Monday — 6:00 PM
Restaurant

CAP Squadron 35
Every Wednesday — 7:00 PM
CAP Trailer

Whiteman Airport Association
Every 3rd Thursday — 7:00 PM
Restaurant

EAA Chapter 40
Every 3rd Saturday — 9:30 AM
Restaurant

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

Airport Display Days

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

KWHP
Every 2nd Sunday
10AM-2PM

Aviation Commission Meeting Calendar

August 29, 2012
7:00 PM
Compton/Woodley Airport

September 19, 2012
7:00 PM
Gen. Wm. J. Fox Airfield

October 24, 2012
7:00 PM
Whiteman Airport

November 28, 2012
10:00 AM
El Monte Airport

December 2012
No Meeting



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