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Possessory Interest Tax Charge

Due to a reassessment of all 5 LA County Airports from the Los Angeles County Tax Assessors office, there will be changes to the P-Tax charges for all airport tenants.

Please see the notice enclosed with your monthly billing statement for more information.

2017 Airport Commission Meetings

December 2017

No Meeting

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

Whiteman Airport



From the Manager..

Andrew Marino, Airport Manager amarino@americanairports.net

Whiteman Airport Association Holiday Party. The annual WAA Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30 p.m. As the Association has so generously done in previous years, they will again be collecting food for the local poverty fighting organization *MEND-Meet Each Need with Dignity*, located just across the street from the Airport. We are asking for the following items should you decide to bring something to donate;

- Peanut butter
- Granola bars
- Trail mix/mixed nuts/dry fruit
- Dry soups
- Pull top canned soup
- Pull top canned meat & tuna

Thank you in advance for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you on the 14th!

Fire Extinguisher Recertification. This year's fire extinguisher recertification will take place on Friday, December 15th. The program is intended to help tenants maintain current and fully-functional fire extinguishers in the hangars. Simply bring your fire extinguisher to the Airport Admin office on the second floor of the terminal during the collection period (all non-commercial tenants are welcome) and American Airports will have it inspected and recertified. We will be accepting fire extinguishers at the Administration Office December 11th through December 14th between 8 AM and 5 PM, or simply bring it with you to the Whiteman Airport Association Holiday Party on December 14th and we will take it from you there. If you cannot drop off the extinguisher during the above days/hours please contact the office at (818) 896-5271 and we can make arrangements to collect the extinguisher after hours or on a weekend day. The extinguishers will be ready for pickup any time after the 15th either during office hours or by calling Airport Ops after hours at (818) 312-2911.

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 regular Airport Association meeting will be held on January 18, 2018..



Photo of the Month

Kids enjoying the observation area while waiting to take their helicopter flight as part of the Larger Than Life event for children battling cancer that was held at WHP in late October

Spotlight on...

Dream Chaser Flies Free, Again

By Geoff Rapoport | November 14, 2017 | www.avweb.com

Nevada's Dream Chaser successfully completed a drop and glide test flight from 12,300 feet to Runway 22L at Edwards Air Force Base last week. "The Dream Chaser flight test demonstrated excellent performance of the spacecraft's aerodynamic design and the data shows that we are firmly on the path for safe, reliable orbital flight," said Mark Sirangelo, corporate vice president of Sierra Nevada's Space System division. The Dream Chaser was original envisioned as a crew transport to and from the international space station, but after receiving part of NASA's Commercial Resupply Services 2 contract, Sierra Nevada is focused on the cargo-only mission for now. The Dream Chaser will catch a ride to orbit atop the United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket.



The Dream Chaser's special feature is the ability to return scientific payloads with a gentle touchdown at the Kennedy Space Center Shuttle Landing Facility—or any other runway over 8000 feet long. (The 30-foot-long glider's touchdown speed is around 190 MPH, which necessitates a lengthy ground roll.) Cargo or crew capsules under parachute need to land somewhere desolate, and experience fairly violent deceleration when re-entering the atmosphere. Sierra Nevada says the Dream Chaser will experience re-entry loads around 1.5 g compared to 4-8 g for capsule systems.

The Dream Chaser has been making test flights in recent months while suspended under a helicopter, but this was the craft's first untethered flight since October 2013. In the 2013 test, the Dream Chaser demonstrated a successful glide to landing, but was damaged after touchdown due to a landing gear issue.

Aviation Quote of the Month

Man must rise above the Earth — to the top of the atmosphere and beyond — for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives.— Socrates

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Available for Lease

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 Saturday & Sunday 10AM-2PM

KEMT

Every 4th Sunday 9AM-1PM

KWJF

Every 2nd Saturday All Day

KWHP

Every 2nd Sunday 10AM-2PM