

American Airports Corporation

Whiteman Airport

From the Manager

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Standing Meetings and Events

All meetings and events are canceled until further notice

2021 Aviation Commission Meetings

June 30, 2021
 7:00 p.m.
 Virtual Meeting

Please check the website for up to date information

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

Time to Go – This will be my last newsletter as the manager of Whiteman Airport. When I hired on at American Airports to manage the airport, the job was supposed to end on April 1, 2021 when the contract with the County expired. My goal was to prepare the airport to be handed off to the county in the best condition possible. I believe that I accomplished that objective. As we approached the April 1st date, it became apparent, in part because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the County would need more time. The contract was extended and I agreed to stay on until June 30th. Since news letters are published on the first of the month, this is my final one. It has been an interesting time these past 18 months and for the most part an enjoyable one. It is, however, time for me to return to my retired life and get back to flying and maintaining my airplanes. I will still be around the airport and involved in many of the things going on here, including Civil Air Patrol, EAA, Young Eagles, the Whiteman Airport Association and planning for the Whiteman Open House in September. I hope to see you all soon and do some hangar flying.

Whiteman Open House – We have scheduled the Whiteman Open House for September 25, 2021 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. I have put together a planning committee to make this a great event. This is the 75th anniversary of Marvin Whiteman opening the airport. Mr. Whiteman's vision was for the airport to be an attraction for people from all over the Los Angeles Area to come to for flying and relaxation. When the airport was first opened it had a large shotgun range, a pistol range, baseball diamond, and swimming pool. All of the amenities were available to pilots and local community members. Over the years as the area grew in population and houses were built on the hills east of the airport, the shooting ranges, pool and baseball diamond all went away. The airport still has a lot to offer the neighboring community and the open house is our way to let everyone know about all the great things which go on here. Anyone interested in participating in making the open house a success can contact me at James.Miller@cawgcap.org or my personal cell phone (213) 706-7987. We need help in pulling everything together.

Impact of COVID-19 on Whiteman Airport – The Governor has stated the state will be fully open on June 15, 2021, if certain criteria are met. We will still have to wear masks and most likely maintain social distancing. Other restrictions may apply, but the general plan is for all businesses to return to full operating status. Some businesses and organizations may still operate at reduce capacity and with their own restrictions. It has been a long year plus, dealing with all that COVID brought to us. I am thankful for your cooperation and support during the past year.

Things from Around the Airport

Aircraft Display Days – Aircraft Display Day is scheduled be held on Sunday June 13, 2021. Members of the Association will be present to sign paperwork. The signings will be held at HH09 on the East end of the Blue hangars. 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.**

Flying Activity Up – We have seen a significant increase in flying in 2021. The weather has been good for flying and many of you have chosen to take advantage of the fair weather. With the increase in flying we need to be extra vigilant for taxiing aircraft while driving on the airport. Aircraft taxiing near hangars are hard to hear and your view is blocked. Likewise, taxiing aircraft have to move carefully for the same reasons. Remember, airplanes take up more space on the ramp than a car and take longer to stop than a car. Also, right of way goes to aircraft. The speed limit remains 10 mph on the airport for cars and aircraft.

New Civil Air Patrol Pilots – Two Civil Air Patrol Cadets, one from Squadron 137, here at Whiteman, and another from Squadron 51, located at Santa Monica Airport, have received their Private Pilot's licenses through the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Wings Program. Just over 80 Cadets nationwide have received licenses through the program in the past two years. The two local Cadets used the New Cessna 172 located here at Whiteman Airport for their training. The instructors donate their time and the Cadet Wings program pays for a large portion of the instruction.

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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/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

Spotlight On

Organizations Ask FAA to Clarify Flight Training Rules

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The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) have sent a joint letter to the FAA calling on the agency to clarify how a recent federal court ruling will affect compensated flight training. The ruling denied a petition to review an emergency cease-and-desist order issued by the FAA against Florida-based “vintage” flight school Warbird Adventures. The order stipulated that Warbird must stop providing paid flight instruction in its Curtiss P-40N because the aircraft “was not certified for that purpose.”

In denying the petition and upholding the cease-and-desist order, the court emphasized that 14 CFR §91.315 prohibits the use of limited category aircraft such as the P-40N for carrying people or property for compensation or hire. The judgment (PDF) further stated that using the aircraft for paid flight training qualified as flight for compensation since, in the court’s opinion, “When a student is learning to fly in an airplane, the student is “carr[ie]d] ... And when the student is paying for the instruction, the student is being carried “for compensation.”

“AOPA is disappointed by this decision and its finding that when a flight student is paying for instruction, the student is being carried for compensation,” AOPA’s general counsel Justine Harrison said following the ruling. “This departs from the long-standing premise that the compensation a flight instructor receives for instruction is not compensation for piloting the aircraft, but rather is compensation for the instruction.”

“The judgment issued by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals on April 2, 2021 in Warbird Adventures, Inc. et al. v. Federal Aviation Administration has created significant confusion and concern in the aviation community regarding the impact of the decision on compensated flight training, in limited category aircraft and other categories of aircraft,” AOPA, EAA and GAMA wrote in the letter (PDF). “We therefore urge the FAA to expedite a direct and final statement of its position on the impact of the Court’s decision.”

As previously reported by AVweb, AOPA, EAA and GAMA, along with the National Association of Flight Instructors, the International Council of Air Shows and the North American Trainers Association, filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief on the case last November. At the time of that filing, the organizations expressed concerns that broad language in the ruling could result in increased training restrictions, especially for owners of limited and experimental category aircraft. The FAA has not yet published a response to the letter, which was sent on April 19

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