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## From the Manager..

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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 Floor 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

### Support your Airport Association.

Please come 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 May 24.

### 2018 Aviation Commission Meetings

May 30 7:00 PM	KEMT
June 27 7:00 PM	KPOC
July 2018	No Meeting

**Explorer Post 747's Annual Gala.** — Aviation Explorer Post 747's annual Gala is scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. 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 inception 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!

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 [bizcaptain@gmail.com](mailto:bizcaptain@gmail.com)

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commercial Mail Route Reenactment Flight.** On May 13<sup>th</sup> WHP will be hosting a very unique and exciting event; the first stop of a reenactment C.A.M. 8 (contract airmail flight) flight that will include three Stearman Speedmails flying from San Diego to Seattle. The flight marks the 100th anniversary of that service and Whiteman will be the first stop after Gillespie Field. From Whiteman they will continue on their multi-leg journey eventually ending the flight at Paine Field in Everett, WA after approximately 12 flying hours spread throughout the six-day event. The US Postal Service will also be out here at WHP that day to postmark the mail as the three aircraft will be carrying official US Mail on their route!

Everyone is welcome to attend; the aircraft are scheduled to arrive at WHP at 1:20 p.m. on Sunday, May, 13<sup>th</sup>, and will park and stage near our transient aircraft parking rows. For more information on this really neat and exciting event please visit [www.cam8in2018.com](http://www.cam8in2018.com) and for any questions about the WHP specific portion of the event please contact us in the office at (818) 896-5271.

### 2018 Los Angeles County Air Show Recap.

The annual Los Angeles County Air Show was held at Fox Field on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Those that attended were treated to an amazing show featuring the F-22 Raptor, warbirds, aerobatic routines and many other flying demonstrations just to name a few. In addition to all the flying there were many amazing static displays and aviation and space displays and an enormous STEM interactive tent. For those that didn't make it out, I highly recommend checking it out next year. You won't be disappointed!



Some of the warbirds on display at the 2018 LA County Air Show

## Spotlight on...

### GA Pilots Need Better Weather Info, Study Finds

By Mary Grady | April 16, 2018 | [www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com)

General aviation pilots are not excelling when it comes to understanding weather information that's critical to flight safety, according to a recent study conducted at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The researchers tested 204 GA pilots to measure their ability to interpret weather information from various sources, including radar displays and written reports. The pilots correctly answered only about 58 percent of the questions. Pilot training is part of the problem, but according to researcher Elizabeth Blickensderfer, weather displays and reports that are difficult to interpret also contribute to the poor performance. "We have to improve how weather information is displayed so that pilots can easily and quickly interpret it," she said. "At the same time, of course, we can fine-tune pilot assessments to promote learning and inform training."

As an example, Blickensderfer said, respondents were prompted to choose the correct interpretation of METAR (Meteorological Terminal Aviation Routine Weather Report) information, for example: "CB DSNT N MOVN." Pilots also were asked to interpret a ground-based radar cockpit display, which shows only recent thunderstorm activity—not current conditions. The test also asked pilots to look at an infrared (color) satellite image and determine where the highest-altitude clouds would most likely be found. Commercial pilots with instrument ratings scored highest, with an average of 65 percent; instrument-rated private pilots ranked second, at 62 percent; and non-instrument-rated private pilots scored 57 percent.

**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.

**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

#### Aviation Quote of the Month

*More varied than any landscape was the landscape in the sky, with islands of gold and silver, peninsulas of apricot and rose against a background of many shades of turquoise and azure.*  
— Cecil Beaton

### Available for Lease

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For General Questions call

Customer Service at:

(310) 752-0578 or email us at

[aacservice@americanairports.net](mailto:aacservice@americanairports.net)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
10AM-2PM

#### KCPM

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday & Sunday  
10AM-2PM

#### KEMT

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
9AM-1PM

#### KWJF

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
All Day

#### KWHP

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
10AM-2PM