

American Airports Corporation

Whiteman Airport

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Standing Meetings and Events

All meetings and events are canceled until further notice

2020 Aviation Commission Meetings

Please check the website for up to date information

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

Aircraft Display Days

Aircraft Display Day is the second Sunday of the month. Until there is some relief to COVID 19 restrictions, no one will be present for signing paperwork. They hope to be able to sign off for display days before the end of the year.

Airport Noise Abatement and Friendly Flying — Due to the health pandemic, many local residents are spending more time at home, increasing the sensitivity to aircraft overflights and noise. Please familiarize yourself with the published noise abatement procedures. (<https://dpw.lacounty.gov/avi/airports/WhitemanNoiseAbatement.aspx>). Pilots are the key to effective noise mitigation. Your efforts to fly neighborly are greatly appreciated and go a long way towards enhancing compatibility with the surrounding communities. If you have any questions about the airport's noise abatement program, please contact the Airport Manager at (818) 896-5271 or jmiller@americanairports.net.

Impact of COVID-19 on Whiteman Airport — As I write this the news concerning the COVID 19 is things are moving in the right direction, but not enough to end the restrictions placed on all of us. Our offices remain closed except for those things that require in person contact such as new hangar or tie down contracts, written driving tests and new gate key applications. Everything else can be handled over the phone. Remember, facemasks are required whenever we are outside in contact with other people and are mandatory to enter the building and conduct business. Aviation and related business are considered essential business and remain open.

Airport Security — I recently participated in a panel discussion hosted by the FBI concerning airport security, both from terrorists and criminals. The discussion was part of a larger

program on insider threats to aviation security. At smaller community airports, we do not generally think terrorists are a threat; however, they have been and can be threats to all of us. When we start exploring how to identify these threats, we quickly realize the things identifying terrorists are the same things identifying criminals. So, what can we do? First, pay attention to what is going on around the airport. Are people loitering in areas that most people don't? Are they trying to enter the airport through gates for which they do not have the combinations? Are they taking photographs of things concealed by walls or within buildings? Are they walking aimlessly on the tarmac with not apparent destination? In any of these situations, contact the Whiteman Airport Operation at (818) 312-2911 and let them know what you are seeing. They will respond to determine if there is a problem. Remember, you are the eyes and ears who keep the airport safe.

Things from Around the Airport

Aviation Explorer Post Squadron 3 — As I mentioned last month, Aviation Explorer Post Kitty Hawk Squadron 3 has resumed flight instruction with a couple students progressing toward their pilot's licenses. Well, they were successful and both received their pilot licenses in August. We welcome these two new aviators and wish them the best in their aviation pursuits.

Other New Aviators — Since we are talking about new pilots, I checked in with Vista Aviation to see how they were doing and learned two students received pilot's licenses and five students

soloed in August bringing their total to five new pilots and seven solos for the year. We welcome these new pilots to our ranks. They also had three pilots receive their instrument ratings this year.

Smoke, Smoke and More Smoke

— The fires throughout the West Coast have brought a lot of smoke to the greater Los Angeles Area and the whole of the United States. Here at Whiteman Airport, we have seen several days where the visibility was reduced well below 1 mile causing the airport to go under Instrument Flight Rules or be closed to arrivals all together. This change can happen quickly and although with some warning, not necessarily expected. With the smoke, there is no ceiling and no definition to the cloud. It is just a brown haze that becomes thick enough to reduce visibility to less than minimums. Combined with the increased workload on the air traffic controllers handling instrument flights, extended delays will occur. I spoke with one instructor who was on an instrument flight which ended up in a holding pattern for over an hour to get cleared in to the airport. Another instructor returned to the airport just before it was closed to arrivals because visibility had dropped to ½ mile. One final thought on the smoke is that, unlike clouds, the particles making up smoke can clog up air filters and create operational problems for both the engine and instruments. Fly safely, obtain good weather briefing before you leave, update in route and be prepared for diversions.

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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

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/mo



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

FAA Introduces Aircraft Pilot Workforce Development Program

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The FAA has committed \$5 million to its new *Aircraft Pilots Workforce Development Grant Program*. The program is designed to expand the pilot workforce and help high school students receive training to become pilots, aerospace engineers, or unmanned aircraft systems operators. The program also prepares teachers to train students for jobs in the aviation industry.

The unveiling of this program follows the unveiling of a similar program for aviation maintenance technicians.

In Fiscal Year 2020, Congress appropriated \$5 million to create and deliver a training curriculum to address the projected shortage of aircraft pilots. Eligible groups can apply for grants from \$25,000 to \$500,000.

The types of projects supported under the Aircraft Pilots workforce development grants include:

- Create and deliver a curriculum designed to provide high school students with a meaningful aviation education designed to prepare them to become aircraft pilots, aerospace engineers, or unmanned aircraft systems operators. Eligibility for this grant project includes the delivery of an existing training curriculum.
- Support the professional development of teachers using the above curriculum.

Congress also directed the FAA to ensure that the applications selected for projects established under this program allow for participation from a diverse collection of public and private schools in rural, suburban, and urban areas.

Entities eligible to apply for the grants include:

- Air carriers (as defined in 49 USC 40102) or labor organizations representing aircraft pilots
- Flight schools that provide flight training (14 CFR part 61) or hold a pilot school certificate (14 CFR part 141)
- Accredited higher education institutions (20 U.S.C. 1001), or secondary schools or high schools (20 U.S.C. 7801)
- State or local governmental entities
- Organizations representing aircraft users, aircraft owners, or aircraft pilots

FAA officials note the agency does not have authority to award grants beyond the stated purpose, or to provide scholarships or any form of financial assistance directly to individual applicants, although the selected entities may offer scholarship opportunities as a funded activity. Those interested in direct scholarship opportunities are encouraged to visit the *FAA Grants and Scholarships* page.

The FAA will accept public comments on the Federal Register Notice announcement of the new program until Sept. 24, 2020.

Contact Us:

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