

# WHITEMAN AIRPORT



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## News & Announcements:

### January Commission Meeting

After its December hiatus, the Aviation Commission will resume its monthly meetings, with January's meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, at Compton/Woodley Airport, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

### Support Your Airport Association!

Please come out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to **Rocky's Restaurant**, and join the Whiteman Airport Association. For \$10 per year in dues, you can help provide input on how to better run your airport. January's meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### One Less Bill To Remember

Too many bills to remember to pay each month? Sign up for automatic payment and have your hangar or tie-down rent paid automatically each month from your credit or debit card. Stop by the Airport Office, or call Accounting Customer Service at 310-752-0559 for more details.

### Have Your Newsletter Delivered Via Email!

Start the New Year off right! Have our newsletter delivered directly to your email box every month. Contact Phebe Arlen at 310-752-0555 or email her at [parlen@americanairports.net](mailto:parlen@americanairports.net) and get on our newsletter mailing list!

## Spotlight on...

### Promoting Runway Safety

It's a New Year. Reducing the risks of runway incursions and runway collisions is a top priority of the Federal Aviation Administration. American Airports is equally committed to this priority, and we encourage all of our airport users to be committed in 2006 to promoting runway safety, too.

What is a runway incursion?

A runway incursion is any occurrence in the airport runway area involving an aircraft, vehicle, person, or object on the ground that creates a collision

hazard or results in a loss of required separation with an aircraft taking off, intending to take off, landing, or intending to land.

Maintain your focus on the airfield to avoid errors that lead to runway incursions.



### FAA Runway Safety Report - August 2005

The FAA's most recent Runway Safety Report shows that from FY 2001 through FY 2004, 74% (1,035) of all runway incursions involved at least one general aviation aircraft. The rate and number of runway incursions involving general aviation decreased from FY 2001 through FY 2003, but increased in FY 2004. However, the rate of incursions involving two GA aircraft (GA/GA) steadily decreased across the 4-year period.

### What if I cause a runway incursion?

If you are found to be at fault for a runway incursion, you may be subject to enforcement action by the FAA. Pilot certificates can be suspended or revoked, depending upon the severity of the incident.

Of course, the very worst that can happen if you cause, or are involved in, a runway incursion is *serious or fatal injury*.

### How can I get more information?

It is vital that all users of the airport, not just pilots, be aware of incursion hazards and ways to prevent them. The FAA's website dedicated to runway safety, [www.faa.gov/runwaysafety](http://www.faa.gov/runwaysafety), has a wide variety of free downloadable and interactive tools for pilots, ground vehicle operators and others who operate on and use airports. You can also stop by the airport office for information and procedures specific to your airport.

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## **For Sale or Lease:**

### **Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)**

- Tie Downs – From \$52.00 / month
- A, E & J Row Hangars – From \$381.68 / month
- L Row Hangars – From \$251.39 / month
- S Row Hangar – From \$302.29 / month
- Office & Storage Space for Lease
- Land for Development

### **Compton Airport: (310-631-8140)**

- Tie Downs – From \$71.00 / month
- D & G Row Endrooms – From \$219.84 / month
- K Row Endroom – From \$158.76
- Commercial Space – Prime Terminal Location!

### **El Monte Airport: (626-448-6129)**

- Tie Downs – From \$60.00 / month
- E & K Row Hangars – From \$603.54 / month
- O Row Hangar – From \$367.40 / month
- T Row Hangar – From \$499.73 / month

### **Fox Airfield: (661-940-1709)**

- Tie Downs – From \$54.00 / month
- Land for Development

### **Whiteman Airport: (818-896-5271)**

- Tie Downs – From \$76.00 / month

## **From the Manager:**

**The Upcoming Year and Events From Last Year:** We have had a great 2005. The grounds have improved in appearance, and we have a new ARFF truck. The County supplied us with a brand new, industrial-size Sweeper, which we will share with the other County airports. We are close to having an ATIS and maybe improved weather reporting data if a project from NOAA comes here. Our task force that was created about two years ago has gone from meeting monthly to semi-annually, and may even go to annual meetings as things continue to improve. We have had very few incidents on the Airport and only one incursion that I am aware of. We lost a few of our dear tenants; we will miss each of them. We now have a waiting list for tie-downs and all of the hangars are full. GA is changing and Whiteman Airport is seeing its effects. There is a ripple effect as airports raise fees and users look for a more economical place to fly from. Whiteman is on the receiving end of several people who have been affected by those fee changes. Where do I see the Airport over the next year, or further? As the VLJ comes on line, we will see more jet traffic at neighboring airports, and this will, in turn, push more Piston aircraft to us. We should see an additional 50 hangars built on WHP this coming year. Every one should be filled with at least one aircraft. The time is coming when we may get a new terminal building, and that will change more of the operational landscape. Look for the new Airport road to become the main Airport access over the next few years, and a reconfiguration of the Airport where the current operations/restaurant building is. Our tower reported 108,000 operations in 2004, and so far, we have over 106,000 total operations; traditionally there are about 8,000 Ops in December. Last year, the 20<sup>th</sup> busiest FAA-controlled GA Airport in the US reported 107,000 total operations – draw your own conclusions on that data!

**Calling for Fuel:** When calling for fuel, please remember to use either the **Unicom Frequency (122.95)** or the fuel phone number **(818-312-2911)**.

**Common Courtesy:** We have had several complaints about noise around the Airport. I have spoken to many groups about what we can do to mitigate the noise problem. I have personally spoken to the Rotary school responsible for a good deal of the noise, and I ask you to consider something when you fly in or out of Whiteman: please do what you can to abate the noise. Please get in and out as quickly as possible; try to fly over industrial property, and don't cut in too close to the hill on the Airport or over the housing areas around the Airport; and please use your power settings to keep the impact/exposure time of your aircraft to a minimum when flying over the housing areas around the Airport.

**Derelict Aircraft:** We have noticed that there are a great many aircraft on the field that could not be rolled/moved if there were a fire because they have at least one flat tire. According to Title 19, your aircraft should be airworthy or on its way to being airworthy. If you have an aircraft with flat tires, please ensure the tires are inflated. It is good for the safety of all parked aircraft that they can be moved in case of an emergency, to mitigate damage caused by fire. Thank you for your help.

**Hangar Access:** We really need to have keys to all County hangars. Please drop your combo or a spare key with me or the Assistant Manager.

**FAA Monthly Seminars:** FAA safety meetings are held monthly. To find out the date and topic of the meeting, please go on the Web to: <http://faasafety.gov/>. Meetings will be held in the CAP trailer.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 2 - Pacoima Rotary Club: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 3 - EAA Chapter 49 at Fox: 7:30 pm @ WJF Terminal Building
- 4 - PEMIA at El Monte: 6:00 @ EMT Terminal Building
- 4 - Squadron 35 CAP at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ CAP Trailer
- 5 - Brackett Pilots' Association: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 5 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 7/8 - Antique Aircraft & Auto Display @ CPM 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- 8 - Whiteman Display Day: 10 am-2 pm
- 9 - Pacoima Rotary Club: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 10 - SGV Remote Control Association at El Monte  
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 11 - FAA Safety Seminar at El Monte 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal
- 11 - Latin American Pilots' Association 7:30 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 11 - Squadron 35 CAP at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ CAP Trailer
- 12 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 12 - Brackett 99s: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 14 - Open Hangar Day at Fox Airfield (all day)
- 14 - Compton Airport User's Group: 1:00 pm @ CPM Terminal Bldg
- 15 - Antique Aircraft & Auto Display at Brackett  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ POC Transient Parking Lot
- 16 - Pacoima Rotary Club: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 18 - PEMIA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 18 - FAA Safety Seminar at Brackett 7:00 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 18 - Squadron 35 CAP at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ CAP Trailer
- 19 - Whiteman Airport Association Meeting: 7:00 pm @ Rocky's
- 19 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 22 - Vintage Airplane & Auto Display at El Monte  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ EMT Center Field
- 23 - Pacoima Rotary Club: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 24 - SGV Remote Control Association at El Monte  
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 25 - L.A. County Aviation Commission Meeting at Compton  
10:00 am @ CPM Terminal Building
- 25 - Squadron 35 CAP at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ CAP Trailer
- 26 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 26 - Pomona Valley Pilots' Association at Brackett  
7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 30 - Pacoima Rotary Club: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's