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News & Announcements:



Richard Smith, Chief, Aviation Division for Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works.

No Commission Meeting in December
The next Commission meeting will be held in January – date and time to be announced in coming newsletter.



Spotlight on...

Welcome to the Chief

Richard Smith was recently appointed Chief, Aviation Division for Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works. He has been an active pilot for ten years and is an aircraft owner based at El Monte Airport as well as a member of several professional aviation and airport organizations.

Richard earned a Bachelor of Business and Administration degree from the University of North Dakota, with an emphasis on Airport Management. He served four years active duty in the US Air Force as a Crew Chief on C-130E aircraft and currently serves as a Crew Chief on the new J Model C-130 aircraft with the California National Guard. He has accumulated a total of fifteen years of service.

Prior to his promotion to Division Chief at the County, Richard served as an Airport Project Coordinator. He served in this capacity for over two and a half years. Over that time period, he was responsible for managing capital improvement projects which helped maintain and improve the infrastructure of the County airports. In the past three years, Richard successfully obtained more than \$6 million in Federal and State grants, for the County.

Prior to joining the County, Richard served as an Airport Manager at El Monte Airport, Compton/Woodley Airport, and a small general aviation airport in Wisconsin.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the tenants and users of the airports. Together, we face many challenges, and there is a lot of work to accomplish. I look forward to working with our tenants and business operators, our Aviation Commission, and airport management to continually improve the County airports.”

Richard can be reached at the LACO Department of Public Works, Aviation Division, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (626) 300-4602 or rsmith@dow.lacounty.gov.

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

Tie Downs – From \$52.00 / month
Portable Hangars – From \$273.00/month
Standard T's – From \$408.00/month
Executive Hangars 1,824 sq ft – From \$724/month
Terminal Office – 500 sq. ft.

Compton Airport: (310-631-8140)

Tie Downs – From \$49.00 / month

El Monte Airport: (626-448-6129)

Tie Downs – From \$60.00/month
Hangars – From \$294.00/month

Fox Airfield: (661-940-1709)

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

Whiteman Airport: (818-896-5271)

Third-party lessee offering 2,500 square feet of office and
2,500 square feet of hangar

From the Manager:

It's hard to believe that another year has nearly come and gone. Throughout the year Whiteman Airport has been host to numerous successful events held by various organizations including, but certainly not limited to, Young Eagles, Aviation Explorers, Experimental Aircraft Association, San Fernando Valley 99's, Girl Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, the Whiteman Airport Association's annual summer barbeque and aircraft display days, and for its first time in Los Angeles, Challenge Air for Kids and Friends.

As we've reported over the months, we've also implemented a variety of airport improvements and successful programs including, among many others, the implementation of recommendations made by the FAA's Runway Safety Action Team, the Los Angeles County, and the California Department of Transportation – Aviation Division, the implementation of a new Automated Terminal Information Service (ATIS) with telephone number, a fire extinguisher replenishment/replacement program and a comprehensive hangar inspection program. Your participation and cooperation in these activities has been greatly appreciated.

The new year promises to bring new positive developments, service and facility improvements, minimum standards for aviation businesses and activities, and a Master Plan Update helping to set the course for the future of Whiteman Airport. As always, each and every one of you will be invited and encouraged to participate along the way.

On behalf of the American Airports team, I'd like to thank all of you who have helped to make 2007 a safe, secure, compliant and really fun year at Whiteman Airport. We wish you all happy holidays and a wonderful new year!

Airport Association Holiday Party

All are welcome to attend this year's **Airport Association Holiday Party** to be held on **December 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Rocky's Restaurant**. As usual, the Holiday Party will include good food, beverages, giveaways and more. Hope to see you all there!

FAA Monthly Seminars

There is an FAA Safety meeting every month. For meeting information, please see the website at <http://faasafety.gov>. Meetings are held in the Civil Air Patrol trailer.

Support your Airport Association

Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to **Rocky's Restaurant**, and join the Airport Association. For \$10 a year in dues, you can help provide input on how to better run your airport. **There will not be a general meeting held during the month of December 2007.**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 1/2 - Compton Antique Aircraft & Auto Display: 10:00 am -2:00 pm
- 3 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 4 - EAA Chapter 49 at Fox: 7:30 pm @ WJF Terminal Building
- 5 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 5 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 6 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 6 - Brackett Airport Association Christmas Dinner: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge

- 6 - Brackett Pilots' Association: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 8 - Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day (all day)
- 8 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 9 - Whiteman Display Day: 10 am-2 pm
- 10 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 11 - SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 12 - Latin American Pilots' Assn at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ Rocky's
- 12 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 13 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 13 - Whiteman Airport Association Holiday Party: 6:30 pm @
Rocky's Restaurant
- 13 - Brackett 99s: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 15 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 15 - EAA Chapter 40 at Whiteman: 9:30 am @ Rocky's
- 15 - EAA Chapter 96 at Compton: 10:00am, EAA Hangar
- 16 - Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display:
10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ POC Transient Parking Lot
- 17 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 19 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 19 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 20 - Compton Holiday Party: 6:30 pm @ CPM Terminal Building
- 20 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 22 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 23 - El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display:
9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ EMT Center Field
- 26 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 27 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 27 - Pomona Valley Pilots' Association at Brackett:
7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 29 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot