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News & Announcements:

February Commission Meeting

The monthly Aviation Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, at Brackett Airport, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Terminal Building.

Please Help Keep WHP Clean & FOD-Free!

FOD, or **F**oreign **O**bject **D**ebris, is defined as any loose object on airport ramps, taxiways, runways, roads or infields that can cause damage to aircraft engines, tires or skin. Trash receptacles are positioned in various locations on the field to keep the airport clean and FOD-free. They are for normal everyday trash, not hazardous material, like used oil or tires, or large items like sofas or refrigerators. When these items show up on the field, we are charged an extra disposal fee to have them removed. Please help us keep the airport clean and unnecessary costs down. Do not bring trash from home or dump unauthorized items at the airport.



American Airports Wants You!

American Airports Corporation is currently recruiting for exciting positions in airport management, FBO management and entry-level airport operations. Interested applicants should forward a resume for consideration via email to hr@americanairports.net or by FAX to (310) 752-0566, attn: Human Resources.

Spotlight on...

Compton/Woodley Airport

A few years back, we did a Spotlight featuring each of the five County airports. It was well received so we thought we would run the series again for those newer tenants and users.

On an overcast June afternoon in 1924, with daylight and fuel nearly gone, Colonel C.S. Smith attempted a landing on a large field in Compton, CA. The site was perfect, and Col. Smith pursued opening an airport on the empty field. After some negotiation with the local school district, who owned the land, Compton Airport was founded in 1924.

Earl Woodley took over the lease in 1936 and purchased the entire facility, plus an additional 30 acres on the airport's north side for the construction of a cross-wind runway. When WWII rolled around, private flying was restricted at the airport, then used exclusively by the military as a truck depot. Private flying reemerged at Compton under Mr. Woodley after the war, as he hired instructors and bought airplanes, and, with the profits from his flying school, purchased the additional land that makes up the 77-acre airport today.

Mr. Woodley died in 1962, and the land was acquired by an investment company. At the Aviation Commission's recommendation, the County proceeded to lease the airport from the investment company in 1963. After much solicitation and support by pilot groups, citizens of Los Angeles, the Mayor and the entire Compton City Council, the Board of Supervisors voted to designate the facility a regional airport. In June 1966, the County purchased the site outright. Over the next four decades, the County worked diligently to upgrade the existing facilities and infrastructure.

Today, Compton/Woodley Airport boasts close to 60,000 operations per year (take-offs and landings) and is a bustling home base to a flight school, A&P maintenance facility, aircraft painting facility, helicopter operations, and the Experimental Aircraft Association (Chapter 96). The airport serves as a backdrop for community-oriented activities such as an annual Air Fair, monthly Antique Aircraft and Auto Display Days, educational tours by local schools, and a Holiday Annual Toy Drive, to name a few.

Compton/Woodley Airport remains the County's most completely developed general aviation airport, as well as the oldest continuously operating airport in the Los Angeles area. The City of Compton and the County of Los Angeles have a true gem in this airport and its operations.

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For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

- Tie Downs – From \$52.00 / month
- D, E & J Row Hangars – From \$381.68 / month
- G Row Hangar – From \$641.19 / month
- L Row Hangars – From \$251.39 / 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
- 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
- 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:

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

Driving on the Correct Side of the Double Yellow Lines: In December, there was an accident involving an aircraft and a vehicle driving at the airport. Please pass the word that vehicles should be driven on the North side of the double yellow, and cars should not be driving in the taxiways or taxi lanes.

Rotary Operations Forum: The FAA and CALTRANS sponsored a Los Angeles Basin Helicopter Forum in January. It was an all-day event covering Rotary-specific signs and markings, Airport Operations and Noise Abatement. We will discuss the specifics of the forum at the next WAA meeting on 16 February.

Derelict Aircraft: We have noticed that there are a great many aircraft on the field that cannot be rolled/moved. 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: There is an FAA Safety meeting every month. To find out the meeting date and discussion topic, please go on the Web to: <http://faasafety.gov/>. It will be held in the CAP 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 per year in dues, you can provide input on how to better run your airport. We have gone from 75 members in 2003 to over 250 strong. I encourage you to join and let your opinion and concerns be voiced. February's meeting is on the 16th and starts at 7:00 pm.

Rocky's Restaurant: Rocky's is offering a 15% discount on meals when you bring in a copy of this Newsletter. This offer is good from 20 January until 15 February. Also, on Saturday, 25 February, Rocky's will open at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast. If they receive enough customer support to make this a regular weekend opening time, they will then consider implementing this change. Please let them know your thoughts about this or any other topic of interest.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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