

# WHITEMAN AIRPORT



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## News & Announcements:

Photo of the Month



### **Traffic Watch Pilot:**

Traffic watch pilot, Carin Counihan, seen here standing next to one of the traffic watch aircraft at Whiteman Airport.



### February Commission Meeting

The February Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 27th, at Compton/Woodley Airport, and will begin at **10:00 am** in the Terminal Building.

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## *Spotlight on...*

### *Traffic Watch Pilots at the Los Angeles County Airports*

Orbiting over the scene of a residential fire just off the end of Runway 16L at Van Nuys Airport with the requests of the traffic reporter in one ear, Air Traffic Control in the other, and an aircraft quickly approaching for landing, a traffic watch pilot's skills are put to the test.

This is not an uncommon situation faced daily by the traffic watch pilots flying out of Whiteman Airport and El Monte Airport. Flying from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., traffic watch pilots carry reporters providing vehicle traffic and general incident/accident reports spanning the Los Angeles and Orange Counties to radio stations such as KNX 1070 and KFWB 980.

Whiteman Airport and El Monte Airport are ideal bases of operation for traffic watch as they provide immediate access to the area's major freeways and metropolitan areas. There are six freeways within just a few miles of Whiteman Airport alone.

Traffic watch pilots are attracted to the challenges – flying in some of the most complex airspace in the world under frequently unusual situations – that the job offers. While some do the job for personal enjoyment or to keep their skills sharp, most of the traffic watch pilots are building flight time and experience to move on to corporate, charter, commuter, or airline pilot jobs.

Aerial traffic reporting is a valuable component of general aviation and the traffic watch pilots and reporters are certainly valued members of the Los Angeles County Airport community.

## **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:**

I have been pleased to witness, particularly over the past year, the growth in membership of the Whiteman Airport Association – there are now over 300 members. Whether you are a member or not, I encourage you to attend the monthly Association meetings that are held at Rocky's Restaurant on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings are a great way to meet other Airport tenants and users, hear what is going on at the Airport, and provide feedback to and get answers from Airport Management and Association leadership. And, maybe you'll even win some money, oil, or a fuel coupon in the raffle. I hope to see you there!

### **Aircraft in Disrepair**

You may have noticed that there are several aircraft in disrepair that are parked on tiedown spaces throughout the Airport. We are frequently approached by individuals who are interested in purchasing these aircraft and we have been contacting the owners of these aircraft to encourage their repair and/or sale. Ultimately, our goal is to establish a single location to park these aircraft, freeing up the more desirable tiedowns for flightworthy aircraft. We anticipate that we will be relocating aircraft later this year. If you have one of these aircraft or know somebody who does, please contact us at (818) 896-5271. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### **Transient Parking**

We currently maintain 8 fixed-wing parking spaces (with tiedown chains) and one helipad for visiting aircraft. On occasion, these spaces fill up, particularly on weekends or holidays, and we have to park visiting aircraft on other tiedowns or areas where tiedown chains are not available. Our intentions are to expand the transient parking area, perhaps later this year. Until then, however, we sincerely request that the transient parking spaces are **not utilized by aircraft that are based at the Airport**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and contributes to our efforts to make Whiteman Airport accommodating to visiting aircraft.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The February meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 2 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 2/3 - Compton Antique Aircraft & Auto Display: 10:00 am -2:00 pm
- 4 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 5 - EAA Chapter 49 at Fox: 7:30 pm @ WJF Terminal Building
- 6 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 6 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 7 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 7 - Brackett Pilots' Association: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 9 - Fox Airfield Open Hangar Day (all day)
- 9 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 9 - Compton Airport Users Meeting: 1:00 pm. For more information contact Jack Kenton @ [jfkenton@juno.com](mailto:jfkenton@juno.com)
- 10 - Whiteman Display Day: 10 am-2 pm
- 11 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 12 - SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:  
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 13 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 13 - Latin American Pilots' Assn at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ Rocky's
- 14 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 14 - Brackett 99s: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- 16 - EAA Chapter 96 at Compton: 10:00am, EAA Hangar
- 16 - EAA Chapter 40 at Whiteman: 9:30 am @ Rocky's
- 16 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 17 - Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display:  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ POC Transient Parking Lot
- 18 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 20 - PEMA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 20 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 21 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 21 - Whiteman Airport Association Meeting: 7:00 pm @ Rocky's
- 23 - SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 24 - El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display:  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm @ EMT Center Field
- 25 - Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's
- 26 - SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:  
7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 27 - L.A. County Aviation Commission Meeting at  
Compton/Woodley Airport at 10:00 am
- 27 - CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 28 - Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building  
Compton/Woodley Airport at 10 am
- 28 - Pomona Valley Pilots' Association at Brackett:  
7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge