# WHITEMAN AIRPORT



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### **News & Announcements:**

Photo of the Month



#### **Under Control at Whiteman Airport:**

Air Traffic Controllers Ed Smither (left) and Mike Evangelista (right) are part of the ATC team helping to keep things running smoothly both in the air and on the ground at Whiteman Airport. Thanks for your hard work guys!

#### **March Commission Meeting**

The March Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 26th, at El Monte Airport, and will begin at <u>10:00 am</u> in the Terminal Building.

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## Spotlight on...

#### LIGA – Flying Doctors of Mercy

Since 1934, Liga, a non-profit organization, has been improving the health and well-being of many residents of Mexico by providing free health care and education to those who may otherwise go without.

Transporting doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, optometrists, audiologists, interpreters, and other volunteers and supplies, volunteer pilots, primarily from southern California and some from Arizona, fly their personal aircraft out of their home airports down to Mexico one weekend each month during October through June. A typical weekend adventure involves flying down to Mexico on Friday morning, spending Saturday at clinics typically located adjacent to small airports in rural towns and returning home on Sunday.

Several Liga volunteer pilots are based at Los Angeles County Airports such as Whiteman Airport, El Monte Airport, and Bracket Field Airport. In fact, current Aviation Commissioner Dennis Lord flew numerous missions as a volunteer pilot for Liga during the 1980's.

Commissioner Lord just recently shared a slide-show overview of his various adventures with Liga at a Whiteman Airport Tenant Association meeting. Also at the meeting was Whiteman Airport tenant, Ramon Rebel, who added to Dennis' presentation by stating that he volunteers for Liga with his Beechcraft Bonanza because of his love of flying, love for Mexico and its people, and his love for making a positive difference in the lives of others.

For more information about Liga, to make a donation (money or supplies), become a member, or to volunteer and enjoy the adventure, camaraderie, and rewards of helping others, visit Liga's website at

http://www.ligainternational.org or call Jim Ott at (909) 875-6300.

### 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 2,000 square feet of office (including two restrooms and a kitchen) attached to 3,000 square feet of hangar (50' x 60') and a single hangar of 2,500 square feet (50' x 50') for lease -Contact (818) 890-7662

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's 3
- EAA Chapter 49 at Fox: 7:30 pm @ WJF Terminal Building 4
- 5 PEMIA 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
- Brackett Pilots' Association: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge 6
- 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
- CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer 12
- 12 Latin American Pilots' Assn at Whiteman: 7:30 pm @ Rocky's
- 13 Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 13 Brackett 99s: 7:30 pm @ POC Pilots' Lounge
- EAA Chapter 96 at Compton: 10:00am, EAA Hangar 15
- 15 EAA Chapter 40 at Whiteman: 9:30 am @ Rocky's
- 15 SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- 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 PEMIA at El Monte: 6:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 19 CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- 20 Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building 20 Whiteman Airport Association Meeting: 7:00 pm @ Rocky's
- 22 SGV Car Show at El Monte: 4pm - 8 pm, EMT Parking Lot
- El Monte Vintage Airplane & Auto Display: 23
  - 9:00 am 1:00 pm @ EMT Center Field
- Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's 24
- 25 SGV Remote Control Assn at El Monte:
  - 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 26 -CAP Squadron 35 at Whiteman: 7:00 pm @ WHP CAP Trailer
- L.A. County Aviation Commission Meeting at El Monte Airport 26 10:00 am @ Terminal Building
- 27 -Civil Air Patrol at El Monte: 7:00 pm @ EMT Terminal Building
- 2.7 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
- 31 Pacoima Rotary Club at Whiteman: 6:00 pm @ WHP Rocky's

#### From the Manager:

Winter has nearly come and gone as the first day of Spring (March 20<sup>th</sup>) is already upon us. This season, and this year for that matter, promises to be a busy one. We have many developments and initiatives in the works which we will be updating you on in future newsletters and at the Airport Association meetings. Of course, you are always welcome to stop by the Administration Office to catch up with us on activities at Whiteman Airport.

#### Ramp Checks by Local FSDO

In recent weeks Aviation Safety Inspectors with the FAA's Van Nuys Flight Standards District Office have conducted impromptu ramp checks of pilots and aircraft at WHP.

Inspectors are typically looking to inspect and/or review basic items that all pilots have been trained on. Items may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- personal documents such as your airman certificate, medical certificate, and/or drivers license or other government issued identification with photograph
- flight logbook records
- documents in the aircraft such as the aircraft's registration and/or airworthiness certificates and other aircraft documents such as the operator/flight manual or operating limitations (for homebuilt aircraft), and the aircraft's weight and balance information
- current and appropriate aeronautical charts for your completed or intended flight

I'm happy to say that I am not aware of any violations that have been issued during the recent ramp checks at Whiteman Airport. I have been told that the Aviation Safety Inspectors have been very polite, professional, and educational in their approach here at Whiteman Airport.

We commend the efforts of FSDO to help ensure that all users of Whiteman Airport are operating safely and consistent with rules and regulations. Your diligence to ensure the same is certainly greatly appreciated!

#### **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 March meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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