

WHITEMAN AIRPORT



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News & Announcements:

Rocky's Restaurant Specials Rocky's is offering a 15% discount on meals when you bring in a copy of this Newsletter! Take advantage of this great deal before it's too late! Rocky's also offers an early bird Breakfast Special on Saturdays from 7:00 to 9:00 am, so come on out and make Rocky's your regular Saturday morning meal stop!

Vehicle Parking We must all remember to comply with parking regulations around the airport. Parking vehicles around the ends of the hangars and in unauthorized areas for long periods of time creates a difficult environment in which to navigate, for both aircraft and vehicles. It is our responsibility to ensure that the airport is safe for our users, and we will continue to strictly enforce vehicle parking ordinances in the future.

Support Your Airport Association! Please come out on the 3rd Thursday of each month to Rocky's Restaurant and join the Airport Association. Dues are still \$10/year. May's meeting is on the 18th and starts at 7:00 pm.

May Commission Meeting at Whiteman Airport
The Aviation Commission will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, May 31st, here at Whiteman Airport. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm at Rocky's, adjacent to the Terminal Building.

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Spotlight on... **Whiteman Airport**

#4 in our series

In the post-World War II years, the resurgence of civil aviation prompted a Los Angeles County businessman to establish a badly needed aviation facility in the northeast portion of the San Fernando Valley. That businessman, Marvin E. Whiteman, established Whiteman Airpark on his own land and later leased additional acreage from the County. The Airpark provided a home for an ever-increasing number of aircraft and pilots, who were only charged parking and fuel fees by Mr. Whiteman.

The late 1960s saw a steady decrease in the number of airports in Los Angeles County, and the threat of Whiteman Airpark becoming an industrial park loomed large. So, in 1970, the Board of Supervisors decided to purchase Mr. Whiteman's 32 acres of private land and mandated that the site be used for airport purposes only. The Airpark's name was changed to Whiteman Airport.

A massive repair and renovation project has been under way ever since the County acquired the fee title ownership. The airport now encompasses 184 acres, and many improvements have been made to the existing hangars, tie downs, runway and taxiways. In 1988, an FAA-approved and funded control tower was installed.

To observe the urbanization trend in Southern California, it is not hard to see that an airport like Whiteman, home to over 600 aircraft, is needed by the people of Los Angeles County for recreation, instruction and transportation purposes. Moreover, in 1998, the Airport Research and Development Foundation determined that the airport contributed more than \$20 million annually to the economy of Pacoima and surrounding communities.

Though Whiteman Airport continues to be shaped by the changing times, one of the original Whiteman Airpark hangars still remains at the Airport, reminding airport users of Whiteman's history and importance in Southern California aviation.

For Sale or Lease:

Brackett Airport: (909-593-1395)

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

Compton Airport: (310-631-8140)

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

El Monte Airport: (626-448-6129)

- Tie Downs – From \$60.00 / month
- D Row Hangars – From \$386.76 / 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 **Unicom Frequency (122.95)** or the fuel phone number **(818-312-2911)**.

Airport Security: We must continue to be vigilant with respect to security at the airport. Tenants of the airport are the most valuable asset when it comes to detecting suspicious behavior. Many of you have brought issues of concern to the attention of management, which allows us to provide a safer G.A. environment. Keep up the good efforts!

FAA Monthly Seminars: There are monthly FAA Safety meetings held in the CAP trailer. To find out the meeting date and discussion topic, please go on the Web to: <http://faasafety.gov/>.

Driver Safety: This is an important safety issue here at the airport. We are all aware that speeding and driving your vehicle in the taxiways can cause an extremely dangerous situation to quickly materialize. Please remember that *aircraft have the right of way* at the airport.

Tenant and User Input: We value and welcome your suggestions for creating a more positive airport environment here at Whiteman. If there are ideas you would like to see implemented, please let us know.

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If I have not yet had the opportunity to meet you, please know that I am thankful for the opportunity to be your new Airport Manager.

My name is Christine Elwess, and my first week here at Whiteman Airport was the week of April 10th. I have worked in the Aviation Community for several years in the FBO Management sector at Van Nuys Airport, and now I am looking forward to working with everyone here at my new home at Whiteman. If you happen to be around the airport office, please stop in and say "hi," or contact me at 818-896-5271. I will work very hard at keeping your airport an enjoyable airfield to fly to, and will be diligent in maintaining a safe and secure home for all of the tenants and airport users.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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