

American Airports Corporation

Brackett Field Airport

From the Manager

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Standing Meetings and Events

- **Brackett Airport Association**
Every First Thursday
7:00 PM
- **SGV 99s**
Every Second Thursday
7:00 PM
- **Pomona Valley Pilot's Association**
Every Fourth Thursday
7:30 PM
- **BAA BBQ & Brackett Antique Aircraft & Auto Display**
Every Third Sunday
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

2020 Aviation Commission Meetings

Aviation Commission meetings are canceled until further notice.

Quote of the Month

“What lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside you.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Corona Virus (COVID-19) Airport Administration Policy

Due to Federal, State, and Local government COVID-19 personal distancing policies, the airport administration office is closed to all public visitations. The airport will continue to serve our pilot group with parking, fuel service, and information needs. Norm's Hangar restaurant is also closed until further notice. If there is a need to contact airport administration, please do so by calling either the administration office: (909) 593-1395 or the operations fuel phone: (909) 844-7805. Stay well and continue to practice personal distancing.

Airport Apron Pavement Rehabilitation Project — In an effort to ensure tenant understanding of the project complexity, estimated timing, and expected vehicle/aircraft movement disruption, please pay close attention to all newsletters for the next 12 to 15 months.

Pavement deconstruction has begun on the north ramp areas. For those tenants that occupy units in hangar rows G, H, I, J, K, and the west side of A row, take a look at the satellite overhead markup insert to see what the current vehicle and aircraft ingress/egress routes indicate to be used (these will change over time). Construction changes occur very quickly and airport administration may not have time to notify all tenants

immediately so exercise extreme caution when driving or taxiing. Pilots, please check NOTAMS well in advance of your flight and contact airport administration so that we may prepare for your flight timing to provide unloading/loading ramps if needed, and to remove and restore construction barricades. Communication is key to mitigating the inconvenience of the pavement project.



Hangar Row India and Alpha Restroom Remodel

The airport has begun a complete restroom interior remodel of the north side restrooms. It is expected to take approximately 45 to 60 days to complete. During the remodel, porta potties have been placed at the south end of hangar row Alpha. Due to the pavement reconstruction project we are unable to place porta potties at the India row location. The pavement project provides the perfect time to perform the remodel work with the least amount of inconvenience to our tenants.

Reporting Airport Irregularities — Our staff is always concerned with the safe, efficient, and aesthetic upkeep of Brackett Airfield. As tenants, you have the opportunity to assist with this large undertaking. Management welcomes input from all those who take an interest in airport preservation. As such, I would like to ask that when there is a reportable concern the first contact be made to the manager's office. This can be accomplished three ways: plonctaux@americanairports.net, scarter@americanairports.net, or (909) 593-1395. Management would like to have both. E-mails provide a history that allows management the opportunity to identify and correct chronic problems while phone calls allow for a personal interaction that is important to tenant/management relationship building. All airport employees understand that the job we have been entrusted with is important to all our users and take this responsibility very seriously. We appreciate your input.

LA County Customer Service Survey will begin April 1 – April 30, 2020.

Please fill it out and return them once you receive it.

Brackett Field Airport

1615 McKinley Ave.
La Verne, CA 91750

Main Office Phone: 909-593-1395
Airport Mobile: 909-844-7805



Airport Display Days

KPOC

Every 3rd Sunday
10AM-2PM

KCPM

Every 1st
Saturday and Sunday
10AM-2PM

KEMT

Every 4th Sunday
9AM-1PM

KWJF

Every 2nd Saturday
All Day

KWHP

Every 2nd Sunday
10AM-2PM

Available for Lease

Brackett Field Airport (909-593-1395)

Standard Hangars (1013sf)
starting at \$438.00/mo



Compton/Woodley Airport (310-631-8140)

Half Hangars starting at
\$194.93/month



San Gabriel Valley Airport (626-448-6129)

Half Hangars starting at
\$152.19/month



Fox Airfield (661-940-1709)

Half Hangars starting at
\$137.59/month



Whiteman Airport (818-896-5271)

Hangars (790sf) starting at
\$355.71/month

Spotlight On

The impact of coronavirus on pilot testing, currency, and more
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The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) sent a letter urging the FAA to use a “maximum amount of flexibility” to help keep pilots and aircraft up and running during the coronavirus pandemic, following concerns by members facing obstacles for remaining in regulatory compliance.

In the March 17 letter to FAA Administrator Steve Dickson, AOPA President and CEO Mark Baker described the impact on GA pilots and urged a flexible approach that allows extensions and relief from regulatory time restrictions for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis.

With life on hold, the clock continues to tick down toward the dates when pilots’ practical test and knowledge-test eligibility ends, currency or instrument proficiency runs out, and flight instructor certificates expire.

Many pilots confront seemingly intractable dilemmas in the face of closures, curtailment of travel, and the recommendations of health officials to practice social distancing, he notes in the letter.

“For example, federal requirements require pilots to renew their medical certificate in person, to complete their pilot certification examinations within a certain amount of time, and to complete knowledge tests at off-site testing facilities,” he wrote. “The current restrictions to the U.S. population create an impossible barrier for these individuals to meet the necessary airman and aircraft requirements.”

AOPA is receiving numerous member inquiries about how to deal with currency requirements during the pandemic.

“Our government affairs team is working with the FAA to create solutions,” said Christopher Cooper, AOPA director of regulatory affairs.

Issues that have cropped up:

- One challenging situation confronts instructors whose certificates expire every 24 months and must be renewed by one of several methods within the 90 days before the expiration date (doing so afterward requires starting over with a practical test). Many CFIs renew via online flight instructor refresher courses, but others attend in-person FIRC’s, many of which have now been canceled because of the coronavirus. “Without an extension or relief, some individuals’ instructor certificates will expire in the next month or two,” Cooper said.
- Some existing problems will be exacerbated during the coronavirus crisis: Dealing with limited availability of designated pilot examiners to conduct practical tests has been a work in progress for two years and now faces new obstacles. The FAA is considering waiving some DPE management policies, but some DPEs have canceled appointments with practical test applicants because of the outbreak. “As a result, applicants may run into the issue of not being able to complete their practical within the required time limits,” Cooper said.
- A related concern for applicants is that airman knowledge tests are valid as a practical test prerequisite for two years from the date they are taken. But if a knowledge test were to expire with testing facilities still closed, applicants would have no way to retake their knowledge tests, leaving them ineligible for the practical test indefinitely without some kind of FAA relief.
- Reduced access to aircraft and CFIs could trigger a wave of expirations of instrument proficiency checks, flight reviews, and recency-of-experience intervals unless the FAA can make exceptions, Cooper added.
- Medical certificate expiration dates are also looming. AOPA’s medical certification team is monitoring the situation and working with the FAA on contingencies, he said.
- Aircraft maintenance and continuing airworthiness requirements must also be addressed.

The European Aviation Safety Agency is addressing the needs of the aviation community in EASA-member countries under the exemption notification provisions of its rules, which permit extensions of validity periods of “ratings, certificates, and attestations” for up to eight months, AOPA officials noted.

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