

American Airports Corporation

Whiteman Airport

Standing Meetings
and Events

- **CAP Squadron 35**
Every Wednesday
7:00 PM
- **CAP Squadron 137**
Every Monday
7:00 PM
- **Whiteman Airport Association**
Every 3rd Thursday
7:00 PM—Civil Air Patrol Meeting Room
- **Aviation Explorer Post 747**
2nd & 4th Monday's
6:30-8:00—2nd Fir Conf Room (Airport Terminal)
- **Young Eagles**
Every 4th Saturday
10:30 AM—Grassy Area adjacent to CAP
- **Whiteman Display Day**
Every 2nd Sunday
10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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

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

2020 Aviation Commission Meetings

Aviation Commission meetings are canceled until further notice.

From the Manager

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As I write this, we are in the midst of the COVID-19 Novel Corona Virus response with restaurants, bars, sporting events, etc. all shut down. Many people have been quarantined or isolated in an effort to stem the spread of the virus and minimize the impact of the disease on the population. As a result, the Whiteman Airport Administrative Offices (second floor of the Airport Terminal building) have been closed to the public until further notice. Our staff is still available to respond to phone calls and emails. To make rent payments and other transactions, not handled automatically, you can pay them by telephone, email or mailed. The \$10 surcharge for paying by phone is being waived until this emergency passes.

We fully understand the importance of keeping the airport open as part of the critical infrastructure of the National Aviation System. Our employees have continued to work and provide the necessary services to take care of Whiteman Airport; including fueling services, restroom and grounds maintenance, as well as, operational safety and security. We ask, to the extent possible, you deal with us by phone. Social separation is a major key to keeping everyone healthy. If you are not feeling well, please let our personnel know, before they get too close, so they can protect their health. Together we can beat this disease. We have developed contingency

plans in, conjunction with the Los Angeles County Division of Airports to make sure all of the Los Angeles County Airports remain in operation.

Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Service POSTPONED — The annual fire extinguisher inspection and service has been postponed until the restrictions on contact are lifted. I will keep you informed as to when or how we will accomplish this task.

Hangar Inspections POSTPONED — Last month, I had said we would be starting hangar inspections this month. Given the current concerns and restrictions (those over 65 being isolated) over COVID-19, we are going to postpone the inspections until later in the year. I will put out the schedule once we have a better idea of the length of this emergency.

Airport Security — On a slightly different area, I would like to discuss Airport security. On a number of recent occasions, discussions has centered upon Airport security as a general topic. All airports have increased security measures over the past almost two decades since 911. The one thing that has continually been seen is the users and general public play one of the largest roles in making sure our airports remain safe. Whether it is preventing a terrorist attack, or just helping someone who is unfamiliar with the rules of the airport, being vigilant and making inquiries about someone's

activities may all it takes to prevent a tragedy. On more than one occasion, I have approached someone on the airport to inquire about such simple things as prolonged phone calls, taking pictures of aircraft and operations, or just walking a fairly long distance from the aircraft they had recently arrived in. A friendly inquiry led to learning they were for the most part engaged in acceptable activity. One was calling all his friends to let them know he had just successfully obtained his Instrument Rating and had chosen to stand on the tarmac while making the calls. Another was taking pictures of their car and wanted a cool aircraft in the background, but had failed to obtain permission from the aircraft owner to do so. The third had just landed in transient parking and was walking off the long flight. None of these were doing anything dreadfully wrong and all of the conversations were friendly and informative. However, by being vigilant and asking questions, those who maybe planning something will see that we are paying attention and not engage in undesirable behavior. Throughout our lives we must say something if we see something that looks out of the ordinary. It does not mean anyone is doing anything wrong, but it may prevent something from happening. If you have concerns about someone's behavior and do not feel comfortable approaching them, call airport operations at (818) 312-2911 and we will take care of it.

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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

Whiteman Airport (818-896-5271)

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



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

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, 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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