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Old Lompoc Airport Photos

The Lompoc Airport was between H St. and O St. and between College Ave. and Pine Ave. until the new one was built in 1960. From 1943 to 1945 the Lompoc Airport was used by the U.S. Navy as a blimp station for spotting submarines of the coast.



An early Gyrocopter.



First airmail delivery. Alex Main (dark suit) Post Master and his wife.



In this picture a Ford Tri-motor present for the dedication of the Airport 1928. The plane was owned by Union Oil Co. and was the biggest plane to land at the Airport up till that time.



In this picture there is a Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny". It was a war surplus Army trainer plane that could be bought for a very reasonable price.



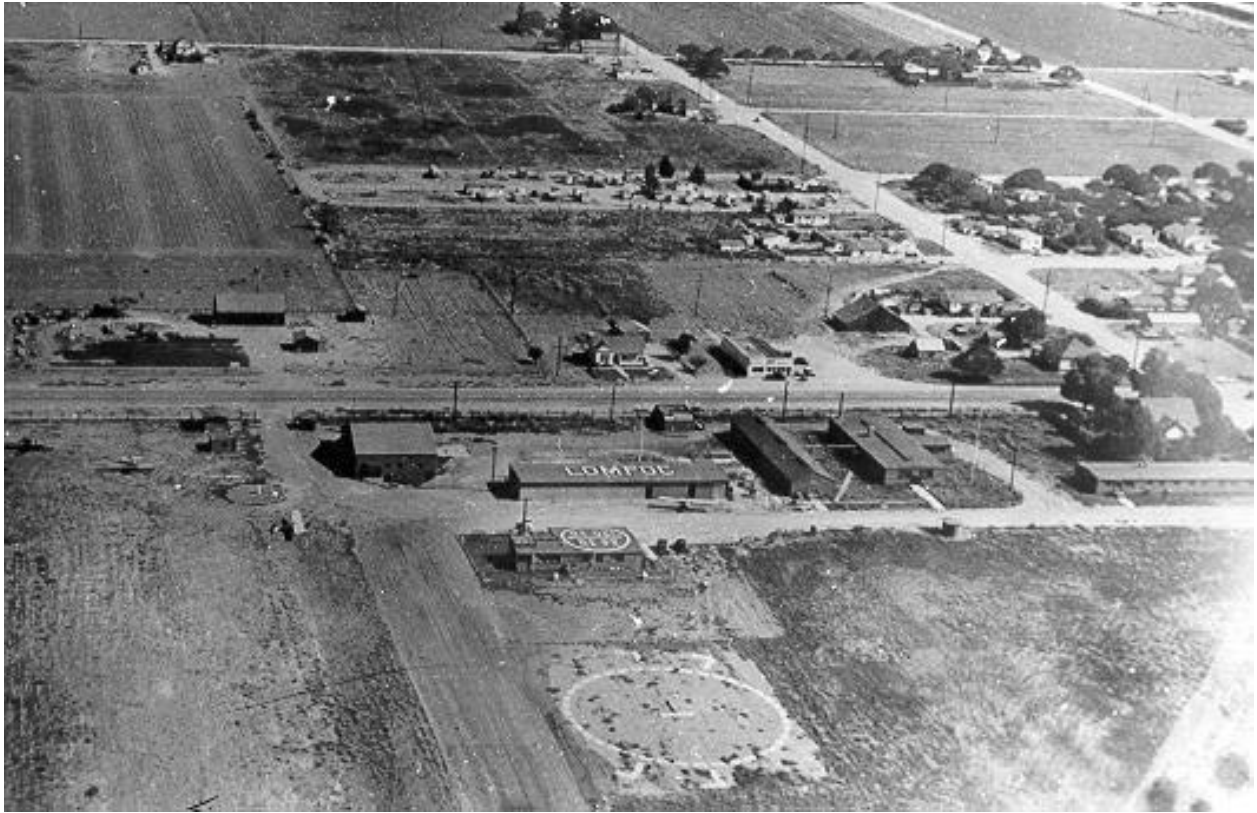
One of the U.S. Navy Blimps used to spot submarines of the coast. It is moored to a platform that can be moved into place by truck.



A blimp moored at the Lompoc Airport with Ryan Park in the foreground



In the air looking Southeast at Lompoc Airport. Note the blimp circles



In the air looking East at Lompoc Airport.



Look close and you can see blimp over Lompoc



An aerial shot of the new airport taken in 1978. Notice how the town has grown