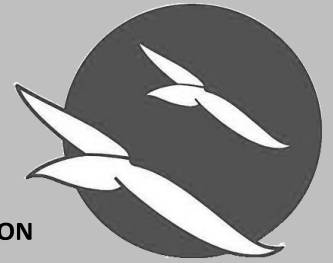


May 2020 – ISSUE 2003



GSLFIA News

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE GREATER ST. LOUIS FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION



“Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction”

GSLFIA 2020 Aviation Awards Banquet Pending New Date

Lambert Airport turns 100 in 2020!

We continue to maintain a major focus on the 2020 GSLFIA Aviation Awards Banquet that is planned to be the largest and best we have ever presented.



Photo St. Louis Historical Society

The COVID 19 Virus Pandemic has caused major devastation not just throughout America but the world. Delaying the event until a safe time is our primary focus for the safety of our members and guests who will find this unique evening one of the major memorable events of their lives.

For many of us who have spent a memorable career working for one or more of the major organizations on Lambert, this evening will be a family reunion. For more recent employees and many others, it will be a history lesson on one of the most famous airports in America. Lambert's history, heritage and home to the development of aviation in America truly makes Lambert worthy of the title, "The Aerial Crossroads of America".

We are so fortunate to have the best possible keynote speaker and current Director of Lambert present to preserve this memorable event. Our only question now is when we will be able to conduct the aviation historical review of the decade. Your opportunity for an evening of aviation historical value awaits you.

GSLFIA 2020 Aviation Awards Banquet Continued

The 2020 Aviation Awards Banquet at Lambert Airport Terminal 1 "B" Concourse Banquet room is still on track. The keynote speaker for this event is aviation author Daniel Rust, Ph.D., the author of "The Aerial Crossroads of America – St. Louis's Lambert Airport". Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge Director of Lambert, will join Dr. Rust following his presentation for a question and answer period. We believe this will be an exciting and emotional experience for all, especially those who have been involved in part of Lambert's rich aviation history.

The GSLFIA and the aviation community will recognize those individuals and organizations who have met the highest standards of flight instruction, provided lifetime contributions to aviation and aviation excellence. Award presentations include:

- Flight Instructor of the Year
- New Flight Instructor of the Year
- James G. Byrnes Award of Aviation Excellence
- Spirit of St. Louis Award
- FAA Master Pilot Award Recognition
- GSLFIA CFI Scholarship Award
- Future Aviators First Flight Awards



Photo St. Louis Historical Society

Banquet tickets and event information on the next page. Don't miss this once in a lifetime¹ opportunity.

2020 Board of Directors

Officers

President

Keith Mueller

Vice-President

Dick Horowitz

Secretary

Craig O'Mara

Treasurer

John Schmidt

Directors

Tim Braun

John Ladley

Greg Pochapsky

Dan Reed

James Stamm

David Pogorzelski

Zach Hagely

James Pavlisin

Lifetime Members

Elsworth Files

Fred Harms

Donald Hoffmann

James Judge

Marty Landsen

Nathan Silverman

Webmaster

Bean Stalk Solutions

New Site under Development

GSLFIA Ambassador to Education

Jeff Rapp

E-Mail

kvmueller1991@charter.net

**Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors
Association**

16105 Swingley Ridge Road #4488

Chesterfield, Missouri 63006-4488

GSLFIA Aviation Awards Banquet Tickets

The 2020 GSLFIA Aviation Awards Banquet featuring Dr. Daniel Rust along with current airport director Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lambert will be a once in a lifetime experience. Lambert has carved its name forever in aviation history. This is your opportunity to experience a lifetime memorable event. This event provides the ability to renew many friendships with those in attendance who were part of the history of Lambert International Airport. We expect to see many individuals present from Ozark, TWA and McDonnell Douglas.

We will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the GSLFIA organization. The GSLFIA is an instructor organization that promotes excellence in aviation training and pilot seminars. We also provide a mentoring program for future young aviators

The coming event will begin with a Cash Bar opening at 5:30 pm. The dinner and awards will begin at 7:00 pm with Emcee John Ladley who will take us through the line up of this exciting and memorable occasion. The Buffet Dinner will be served by HMS Host.

Tickets are limited and are available online for \$40.00 each. Electronic tickets may be purchased online at gslfia.rsvpify.com. For more information or to purchase printed tickets contact Dick Horowitz at rjh700@gmail.com or 314-616-0155 or Keith Mueller at kvmueller1991@charter.net or 618-514-2647. Tickets are also available through GSLFIA Board Members. Parking will be free in the Terminal 1 garage. A parking voucher will be provided at the banquet.

Due to the significant amount of interest in this event we recommend that you purchase tickets early as soon as a new date is announced that is acceptable for large events.

Plan to share an evening reviewing the rich history of Lambert Airport with many of your friends.

The GSLFIA will publish a date when we are able to meet acceptable standards for significant size events that total more than 50 guests.

“Committee Help”

Have you finished watching all of the old “I Love Lucy” reruns and are now thinking - “OK, now what do I do”? Well, do I have an idea for you - and it’s something that you can still do in your pajamas (most of the time).

Even during this extraordinary time your GSLFIA is still operating and would love to enlist your help. We have a number of committees that are in desperate need of members. What better place to find members than from our “membership”! As hard as we’ve tried, we discovered that the members of the board of directors can’t DO everything, so we need your help. We have a number of committees with open positions and some just might have your name on them. May I please ask you to look over the list below and if you see anything that interests you, may I please ask you to contact me ASAP and we’ll put you right to work? Just think of the “fortune and glory” (Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom) that will follow!

- PILOT/CFI EDUCATION: Develops/presents our bimonthly FORUMS and any other educational programs for the STL GA community.
- AWARDS: Develops criteria for various aviation awards that are presented annually to the GA community. Identifies and selects potential award winners.
- TRIVIA NIGHT: Develops our annual Trivia night fund raiser.
- TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Maintains awareness of and writes about any technical issues that might be of interest to our members.
- NEWSLETTER: Helps to design, develop and publish our bi-monthly newsletter.
- WEBSITE: Develops/maintains our association website.

“Committee Help” (Continued)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Maintains our roster and develops programs to increase the size of our membership.

Sends out membership mailings annually.

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Solicits nominations for membership to the Board of Directors.

AMBASSADORS: Participates in the various activities in the STL area. Brings our message (aviation) to schools and other groups.

MANY of these committees have duties only once a year (TRIVIA, ELECTIONS, AWARDS). Some might be called upon to work once a month or so (NEWSLETTER, EDUCATION, etc.); so, it’s not like you’ll have duties every day! If this is something that you’d be interested in and can see yourself doing to improve YOUR organization with your ideas and efforts please let me know and I’ll make sure to get you started. Thank you for being a member. I hope that everyone is staying SAFE during these trying times. Turn off the TV for a bit and give me a call!

Craig O’Mara
Director, GSLFIA
craig.omara747@gmail.com
618-558-7211

Air Venture 2020

Hearing the announcement of the cancellation of Air Venture last week was a major blow to aviation enthusiast worldwide. Air Venture has always been a focus that brings us together each July to celebrate the mutual bond that aviation provides.

I’m sure by the beginning of 2021, more than ever, we will be eager for the “airplane fix” that the annual trip to Oshkosh provides. Mark your calendars for July 26 – Aug 1 2021. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Keith Mueller
President GSLFIA

FAA Providing Resources, Leniency

This story is part of Aviation International News (AIN's) continuing coverage of the impact of the coronavirus COVID 19 on aviation operations.

The FAA is continuing to push out more exemptions, deviations, and legal opinions to enable the aviation industry to continue to operate during the Covid-19 crisis. These come as the agency has received numerous requests from most corners of the industry facing deadlines in the next several months pertaining to their certifications, but unable to meet them. "The FAA is proactively taking steps to help address the widespread economic and health effects that the Covid-19 pandemic is having on the aviation industry," the agency reassured.

Some of these efforts are consolidated into a web page that lists as many as 16 temporary relief measures-with more anticipated-covering training requirements, medical mandates, training schools and centers, and repair stations. Much of the leniency listed surrounds training operations-there are exemptions related to required use for emergency equipment-such as oxygen masks-in Part 135 and 121 training, extensions for currency requirements for Part 135 and 121, and deviations surrounding Part 142 training centers and aviation maintenance technician and dispatcher training, among others.

In addition, a deviation provides and extends certification of Part 145 repair stations in international locations. A legal opinion informs that FAA will not enforce medicals expiring through June 30.

The FAA also has listed numerous other resources covering construction projects, drone operations, drug and alcohol testing as well as more being anticipated. "The FAA continues to evaluate a large number of requests from across all aviation industry sectors to help address Covid-19-related effects," it said.

FAA Providing Resources, Leniency (Continued)

<https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2020-04-02/faa-providing-resources-leniency-during-crisis>

Airmen Insurance Requirements

Although the FAA has provided a number of accommodations for pilots and airmen during the COVID 19 Pandemic, insurance companies may have not. Airmen should check with their insurance carriers to verify that their coverage will continue whether it be an extension of a medical certification, recency of experience or any other deviation.

Many accommodations have been provided for aviation and are frequently changing. Visit the FAA website at FAA.gov for the most recent updates. The AOPA website also provides excellent additional information on the COVID 19 Pandemic and how it is affecting aviation.

Future GSLFIA Events and Seminars

We are currently developing a number of future seminars and events once the COVID 19 Pandemic is behind us. The Annual Aviation Awards Banquet as published earlier in this newsletter will be a very popular and highly focused event.

The GSLFIA, Wings of Hope and Women in Aviation Trivia night will also be back on the schedule when a practical and safe time frame can be determined.

We are currently in discussion with the Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association for a Mega St. Louis Super Safety for 2021. The seminar would likely be a two-day event with several breakout sessions that would include youth and student activities as well. The GSLFIA is also in development of a Rusty CFI program that is designed to bring "rusty" instructors back into the training ranks. Many have spent careers with air carriers or corporate operators that would benefit from a two-day session bringing them up to date.

“Mentoring Our Youth – Intro to Aviation Ed”

Spring flying – the silence & empty skies, but “a good pilot is always learning”. While we’re not looking for traffic, our grounded reality still offers chances to mentally stay current. Have you read the AOPA (May 2020) issue of the Flight Training magazine, the EAA “Sport Aviation (April 2020) issue or, the “Weather Technology” theme in FAA’s “Safety Briefing (Mar-Apr 2020) issue?



Do you remember the “Voyager” aircraft? In December 1986, it flew 25,000 miles around the world, in 9 days without refueling. While reviewing my magazines, I found an article in the March 1987 issue of “Flying” detailing that historic flight – WOW. That was the 1st major test of aircraft, built with composite materials. Today, it’s displayed in Smithsonian’s “National Air & Space Museum”.

Many events in March/April were scheduled. After March 7th - the annual STEM event at Kirkwood HS was cancelled. Others postponed included speaking (3/14) to 9th-12th grade students from the “Upward Bound” program at SIU-E, the Spring-session of “Soar into STEM” in April at WOH and “Aviation Day for Teachers”, sponsored by IMSA (Illinois Math & Science Academy) at KCPS.

Looking ahead to June-September, keep alert for programs at the “Flight Academy” at the SLSC and WOH, entitled “Soaring into Summer”. See their websites for details.

“Mentoring Our Youth – Intro to Aviation Ed” (Continued)

I discuss the many needs for pilots. But, there’s a very strong need for other aviation careers (e.g. dispatchers/schedulers, aircraft mechanics). While we’ll need pilots to fly the aircraft, we know they can’t if those planes are not airworthy. That takes people with good study habits & work ethics to fulfill those jobs. Judith Grigsby from the FAA and AWAM (Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance) can help.

High school students must stay aware of scholarship deadlines, too! I referenced AOPA’s AV8RS membership, FREE for students (www.AOPA.org/AV8RS). Plus, explore scholarships for 2020-2021. (www.AOPA.org/Scholarships), AWAM (www.AWAM.org), & Women in Aviation, International (www.WAI.org). Contact me for web-links to others.

Finally, take time to further engage aviation education into the existing STEM curriculum of various school districts. For students, they are aviation’s future – encourage & mentor them. If you’re an EAA member, encourage them to participate in the “Young Eagles” programs.

The GSLFIA invites your support to help educate future pilots & Flight Instructors of tomorrow. Contact a board member, if you’d like to help.

Jeff Rapp
Associate member of GSLFIA

Aviation Scholarships

There are significant numbers of aviation scholarships available for today’s youth that support aviation career programs. Students usually must be enrolled in a college level career path program and actively pursuing a professional career in aviation. Career paths include, Aviation Flight, Aviation Management or Aircraft Maintenance programs.

Keith Mueller
President GSLFIA

GSLFIA WEBSITE RECONSTRUCTION STATUS

December, 2019 – how many months ago? That’s when we shared last status. It’s May/June and you’re thinking “How will this new website work for me?”

So, until the “stay-at-home” order took effect, we met with “Beanstalk Web Solutions” to continue progress. On February 27th, five of us met again with Alex, the designer/developer. Those five included Dick & myself, plus others (Dave Pogorzelski, Don Hoffmann, & John Schmidt). Alex reviewed his design & improvements to the existing website.

Webpages will be labeled, reflecting the content & topics, for display. Photos of GSLFIA activities, plus cool aircraft will add to the viewing pleasure. Scrolling left/right, up/down won’t be necessary. Access will continue to be on personal computers (PC’s to me), plus portable on devices (e.g smart-phones & tablets).

The website changes include a newly-designed, yet familiar home-page, plus easy-choice options from which to select your viewing the content. Plus, more easily keeping focus on GSLFIA’s mission. Easy access to key events (e.g Annual Awards Banquet , FIRC, membership renewal) will be retained. Very important is more specific choices to seek answers to your questions, from GSLFIA - seeking a CFI, their location, and/or Q & A, etc. Membership management & fund-raising will be integrated, and more easily managed. Key to our reconstruction, was input by Dave & John. Using their experiences, they can manage these components as they do, in other organizations with whom they work

March/April 2020 was our goal. But with COVID-19 requirements, look for these changes in the June/July timeframe.

The GSLFIA invites your support to help educate future pilots & Flight Instructors of tomorrow. Your opinions are key to GSLFIA’s success! Contact a board member, if you’d like to help.

Dick Horowitz
Vice President
Jeff Rapp
Ambassador to Education