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2020 - GSLFIA 50th Anniversary

Hard to believe that 2020 is already here. Seems like 2019 went by quickly with the significant number of events that the GSLFIA sponsored throughout the area.

The year 2019 marked the 50th anniversary of one of the most significant events that mankind has ever achieved. The anniversary of the lunar landing, where the first human stepped on the surface of another world, opened a entire new concept of exploration.

In 2020 the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association celebrates its 50 years of service to flight instructors and the aviation training community. As a professional organization for instructors and pilots, we are here to serve you providing support for instructor excellence and training events.



No doubt that the 20th century contains some of the largest achievements by man in the history of the world. The Wright Brothers 12 second, first controlled flight in 1903 changed the world in so many ways. Neil Armstrong’s famous quote; “One Small Step for Man, One Large Leap for Man Kind” could never have been better said!

The Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic is now Just Days Away!!

The 2020 Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic (FIRC) will be held on 18/19 January 2020. Wings of Hope has supported the GSLFIA with the use of their Spirit of St. Louis airport facility again for 2020.



Aviation Seminars will again be the provider of the FIRC as it has during the past two years. For the GSLFIA members, the FIRC rate will be \$200.00 instead of their usual rate of \$255.00. We’ll begin registration at 0730 at the hangar; the class will run until 6:00 pm on Saturday and will complete at 5:00 pm on Sunday. In order to register, please call their office at 800-257-9444 or sign up on line at aviationseminars.com for the 2020 FIRC.

We would like to recognize and thank Gateway Flight Training who will be sponsoring the Continental Breakfast both days for everyone attending the seminar. Please recognize and patronize our 2020 breakfast sponsor. Lunch will be provided by the GSLFIA for both days of the event. We try to make the FIRC as relaxing as possible and eliminate the need to leave the facility for lunch. This also provides our members with time to share aviation events and experiences with others in attendance.

Thank you and let’s make this the most well attended FIRC that we’ve ever had!!

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Returning to Flight Instruction

The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association and the Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association has teamed up to help promote a program for "Rusty" Flight Instructors to return to Flight Instruction. The course structure is near complete and we are now accepting enrollments for those who are wanting to accomplish this course.



This information was first published in our December 2019 newsletter. We are planning to schedule the first class that will consist of a two day program taught over a Saturday / Sunday format.

Please contact a GSLFIA member with your contact information so we can list you for the course. We will run the course with as few as 4-5 instructors.

38th Annual Ultralight and Light Sport Aircraft Symposium

On February 29th the 38th Annual Ultralight and Light Sport Aircraft Symposium will be held at the Southwestern Illinois College Sam Wolf Granite City Campus location. This event provides an opportunity to those interested in aviation to learn about the Light Sport and Ultralight Aircraft categories.

This event was held in Greenville Illinois during prior years. The event is open to anyone interested in aviation and provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about aviation. The campus is located at 4950 Maryville Road about ½ mile South of Highway 270 on highway 203. This event will provide many vendors and aviation displays. A tour of the SWIC Aviation Maintenance program will also be available for anyone in attendance.

A recent update from the Federal Aviation Administration Referencing Airmen Knowledge Tests



**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Airman Knowledge Test Report (AKTR) Changes

The Regulatory Support Division (AFS-600) recently awarded a new airman knowledge testing contract called the Airman Certificate Testing Service (ACTS). The ACTS contract is a comprehensive, best-practices approach aimed at enhancing the overall quality of FAA Airman Knowledge Testing. As a result, there are several enhancements going into effect on January 13, 2020, that are changes from current procedures as indicated below.

Why the Change?

An AKTR is produced by the testing center at the conclusion of each knowledge test for reference throughout the remainder of the certification process. The reliance on a piece of paper can be burdensome to all those involved in the certification process when it is lost. It is the information that is important, and testing industry best practice is to rely on data instead of physical test reports to substantiate test results. All knowledge test data will be sent electronically to IACRA immediately after the conclusion of a knowledge test.

The primary purpose of the printed AKTR is to communicate to the applicant the specific subjects which the applicant should study or obtain additional training in prior to the practical test. It is also used by Examiners to determine completion of the appropriate knowledge test within required timeframes.

Implementation of FAA Tracking Number (FTN) for Knowledge Testing

The increasing numbers of airmen pursuing FAA certification from all over the world creates a need to make standardization enhancements to the knowledge test portion of the certification process enabling the FAA to better track an airman consistently through their entire certification process and collect better data to support risk-based decision-making.

Currently, when applicants taking a knowledge test provide the knowledge testing center a form of ID that differs from the name they provide on the electronic or paper application, it can lead to returned files and lengthy delays in the certification process. These and similar problems can be reduced by utilizing the FAA Tracking Number generated when an applicant creates a profile in the Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application (IACRA) system. For several years, AFB-720 has issued the FAA Tracking Number (FTN) when applications are submitted through IACRA, or when a paper certification package reaches AFB-720.

Requiring all applicants for FAA certification to obtain an FTN in IACRA prior to taking a knowledge test will allow the FAA to rely on the name in the IACRA profile for all actions associated with that applicant. The registration process takes only a few minutes and will:

- significantly reduce the number of returned files, saving FAA resources;
- encourage the use of IACRA; and
- allow for future expansion of the electronic application process.

Beginning January 13, 2020, all applicants must establish an FAA Tracking Number (FTN) within IACRA before taking any FAA airman knowledge test. This identification number will be printed on the applicant's Airman Knowledge Test Report (AKTR) in replacement of the Applicant ID number.

Note: *Applicants for FAA certificates such as Mechanic, Parachute Rigger, Dispatcher, etc. that do not yet have an electronic certification path in IACRA will continue to utilize the paper application forms. For those certificate types, IACRA is only used for obtaining an FTN prior to registering for an airman knowledge test.*

To register for an FTN in IACRA, applicants will need to visit the [IACRA website](#) and follow the instructions provided.

What is Changing?

Changes to the AKTR that will occur on January 13, 2020, include:

- No embossment or raised seal.
- Printed FTN on AKTR in replacement of the Applicant ID number.
- Ability for the applicant to reprint lost/destroyed AKTRs from the testing vendor's website.
 - For all knowledge tests taken before January 13, 2020, applicants must contact the FAA Airmen Certification Office (AFB 720) for replacement, embossed copies of lost/destroyed AKTRs.
- Airman Certification Standard (ACS) codes instead of learning statement codes for ACS based tests.

ACS codes provide better information to help applicants understand exactly what they need to study and why they missed a particular question. Each Task element in the ACS includes a unique ACS code and each test question is mapped to an ACS code.

For more information on ACTS, please visit https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/acts/.

Questions can be submitted to AirmanKnowledgeTesting@faa.gov.

“WINGS PROGRAM”

It seems like the older I get, the more I have to get back into the books to relearn those things that I never used to forget. Well, the FAA has a program just for ME. And, if you're also getting to that stage or would just like to have a great way to keep up with the latest information (and maybe review some things that you've forgotten!) I'd like to remind you of the FAA's "WINGS" program. If you go to FAAsafety.gov you can establish an account and look over all of the various courses and seminars that are offered by the FAA and other organizations. Not only will you get to learn from all of these courses (for FREE!) but, when you complete a current phase of WINGS within the past 24 calendar months, you do NOT have to complete the "FLIGHT REVIEW" (the old BFR, Biennial, any other old names that you can think of!) required by 61.56.

I also have it on good authority that participation in the WINGS program shows the FAA that you are a safety conscious pilot and that, if you ever have an unintentional oops, the FAA views your WINGS participation very favorably and is more likely to take that into consideration when they're evaluating your attitude towards safety and professionalism. Maybe as a New Year's resolution, may I recommend that you go to FAA.gov and download AC 61-91J, "WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program" and read through the short 6 pages and get started? For all of the above reasons, I think you'll be glad that you did! Thanks and let me know what you think of the program.

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"RUSTY PILOTS" AT ST. LOUIS DOWNTOWN AIRPORT

Flight Instructors, here's an opportunity to bring some of the "Rusty" Pilots back into the airplane. On Saturday February 22nd the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) will be providing a "RUSTY PILOT PROGRAM" at the St. Louis Downtown Airport in Cahokia. The event starts at 1:00 and completes at 4:00pm.

The Rusty Pilots Program is developed by the AOPA in partnership with local flight training providers in order to create the best environment for pilots back into the air and become a part of the expanding General Aviation Community.

Contact the AOPA for details and location of this event. The AOPA is also encouraging anyone interested in this program to preregister for the course.

ADS-B Deviation Authorization Preflight Tool

After January 1, 2020, pilots/operators using aircraft that do not meet ADS-B Out [equipage](#) or [performance](#) requirements may request an authorization to deviate from the rule to access [ADS-B Out rule airspace](#).

The FAA has developed the [ADS-B Deviation Authorization Preflight Tool](#) (ADAPT) to manage these authorization requests.

In order to be considered for an ADS-B deviation authorization with ADAPT, requests must meet the following criteria:

- Aircraft must be equipped with an operational transponder and operational altitude encoder (e. g., Mode C)**
- Request submitted no more than 24 hours before flight**
- Request submitted no less than 1 hour before flight**

Please note: The FAA will not issue in-flight authorizations to operators of non-equipped aircraft, nor will air traffic control (ATC) facilities accept requests for these types of authorizations by telephone.

At our GSLFIA Board meetings we're always trying to find way to add value to your membership in St. Louis' only organization specifically for the CFI. I'm not really sure why we didn't come up with this before now, but we're going to begin a column designed to advertise employment opportunities for our members and at the same time provide quality employees for St. Louis area Flight Schools and FBO's. We're in the process of contacting all of those aviation businesses (and hope to add more as we learn of their requirements) to see what their needs are and will publish those needs with every newsletter. The following information opportunities and are the latest and most accurate that were available at the time this newsletter was published and are presented in no particular order.

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