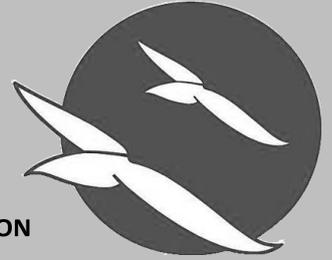


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“Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction”

Message from the President Keith Mueller, GSLFIA President

GSLFIA Annual Aviation Awards Banquet

The 2016 Annual GSLFIA Aviation Awards Banquet will be held on April 2nd at 7:00pm at the St. Louis James S. McDonnell Planetarium on Faulkner Drive. Colonel Laura Lenderman, keynote speaker. Multiple dinner entree's available, banquet catered by Starlight Events. A cash bar will be available with proceeds to Starlight Events until 10:30pm.

Mike Young will perform the role of Master of Ceremonies. A Starlight Show will be one of the featured events highlighting a historical moment in time. Aviation awards will be presented for New CFI of the Year, CFI of the Year, James G. Byrnes Award, and Discovery Flight Certificates to a group of future aviators along with several more. Recipients of the Discovery Flight Certificates are students, Civil Air Patrol Members and High School Jr. ROTC members identified by individuals and organizations for their accomplishments. The Spirit of St. Louis Award, presented by Col. Lenderman will be provided to individuals who have accomplished significant support roles to organizations and aviation events in the area.

Presenters, Award Recipients and one guest, Discovery Flight Recipients and one family member will all be provided complimentary dinner seats. Additional dinner seats will be available from GSLFIA at cost for the sum of \$35.00 per person (checks preferred). Payment can be sent to the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association, 16105 Swingley Ridge Road #4488, Chesterfield, Missouri 63006-4488. Please list names of those purchasing banquet seats for our guest list. The GSLFIA is a nonprofit organization and regrets that we must limit the number of complimentary dinner seats. Family members, friends, educators, military personnel and the general public are certainly welcome. This will be an excellent photo opportunity for your family, organization and school. We will need to have a final count for the banquet no later than 5 days (Monday March 28th) prior to the event.

Discovery Flight Certificates value is approximately \$125.00- \$150.00. Recipients will be provided with detailed information and the area location where the Discovery Flights can be accomplished. The flights can be conveniently scheduled during weekdays, weekends or evenings. A parent or guardian of the recipient must authorize the flight for his / her son or daughter. Please contact Keith Mueller at 618-514-2647 or email at kvmueller1991@charter.net with any questions related to the event. Check the website and the last page of this newsletter for program info.

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GSLFIA Membership Renewal

There is still time to renew you 2016 annual GSLFIA membership, several members have not completed the annual renewal process for this year. Please accomplish this in the near future especially if you would like to have your contact information listed in our annual pocket directory. The GSLFIA is working towards expanding services for members along with adding more airport pilot meetings on subjects of interest. If you have a subject item that you would like to see presented, please contact any of the GSLFIA officers or directors. Our next airport meeting is planned for KALN on March 5th covering ADS-B.

2016 Membership Renewal

Last Chance Before Publishing the 2016 Pocket Directory

Time is passing so fast and spring will be here fairly soon. It is probably a slip, but some of our members have forgotten to renew their GSLFIA membership for 2016. This is easy to do in this fast-paced world we live in. However, we should not forget the benefits received by you personally, the area flight instructors and the aviation community in general.

In January we completed our 46th Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic. The FIRC is a direct benefit to the area instructors and along with the generosity of our members makes our scholarship program, the Edward A. Blue Flight Instructor Scholarship Award, possible. Besides the FIRC, we present the Super Safety Seminar, the Annual Awards Banquet and Safety Programs. You can be part of one of the most active and all around best flight instructor's organizations in the nation.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2016, you will receive a membership renewal form by US mail. If you received this newsletter by US mail the renewal form was included. If you received this newsletter by email you will receive the renewal form by US mail within a day or two. Time is short, this is the last chance to renew in time to appear in the Pocket Directory which will be prepared for printing later this month. Please do not delay, as soon as you receive your membership renewal form, please mail the renewal form and a \$20 check to:

**GSLFIA Membership Renewal
16105 Swingley Ridge Rd. #4488
Chesterfield, MO 63006-4488**

Any one that attended the FIRC also received a 2016 membership in the association.

**Thank you all for supporting the
GSLFIA association.**

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ADS-B is coming, let's get ready for it!

Free Seminar

Saturday, March 5th at 9am

Alton Regional Airport (KALN) – Terminal Building

January 1st, 2020 sounds so very far away, but it's less than 4 years from now and it will be here before you know it. So what does that mean to me? Well if you fly airplanes and, if you're reading this, chances are that you do, that's the day that you can no longer fly your airplane, under most circumstances. Unless, that is, you have installed an Automatic Dependent Surveillance - Broadcast or ADS-B in your aircraft. You've probably heard quite a bit about ADS-B but do you really know how to decide what's best for your aircraft, how to use the equipment, etc.

This Saturday, March 5th at 9AM at the terminal building at one of the STL area's best keep secrets, St. Louis Regional Airport (ALN), Paul Voorhees and Nick Turk will guide us through all of the information that we'll need to be ready for 2020. This is a mandate that very few of us will be able to escape so if you want to learn how to comply with this please plan on attending this important discussion and, as always, **FREE FOOD!**

2016 GSLFIA FIRC



On January 16th and 17th the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association completed its 46th annual Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic (FIRC) at the Helicopters Incorporated facility at Chesterfield Airport and was a great success. This year we had about 29 Flight Instructors in attendance for renewal long with several additional who audited the program. This year was the second year of the current venue, changes in the FIRC Training Course Outline will be incorporated into the coming 2017 FIRC. Due to FAA subject matter requirements, we have limited opportunity for new subject area. Several new topic areas for next year have been suggested by the membership that we are currently reviewing and taking under consideration.

The GSLFIA provided a complimentary morning continental breakfast for both days along with complimentary lunches. Many favorable comments in regard to the location and complimentary food service were received. This eliminated the need for the group to depart the facility at lunch and many of the attendees were able to spend more time rekindling prior friendships with those in attendance. We hope to be able to utilize the same facility next year. Dates for the 2017 FIRC will be published soon. We have moved the FIRC date to an earlier time frame in the month to provide time for an alternate renewal method in the situation that someone was unable to attend due to a late unexpected emergency situation.

A sincere "Thank You" to Helicopters Incorporated for their generosity providing the facility.

Practical Test Standards Versus Airmen Certification Standards

John Ladley, GSLFIA Director



Recent changes to the Practical Test Standards (moving to the Airmen Certification Standards (ACS) with increased emphasis on risk management and scenario based training) have been met with a range of reactions. There are nods of approval. There are some cool things in there. There are also some head shakers who mutter “FAA making changes, again”.

If you are a head shaker, I would definitely like to suggest that you examine the ACS more closely. After close examination, determine WHY you react negatively. Is it because complaining about the FAA is the de facto reaction, or is it because you will need to alter the way you teach? If you think it is still government shenanigans, fine.

We all can have an opinion; however, if it is because you need to change your methods, well then you need to change your methods.

We can all tell stories about CFI’s allowing students to go on check rides with no risk assessment skills at all. Worse yet, many make it to getting their license with dire consequence. The new “PTS”, as many are calling this, addresses an area that has been ignored or given lip service. That is the fact. It also addresses the fact that scenario training is a better way to learn versus the drill and drill methods under which we all learned.

Part of being a teacher is being willing to be taught new things yourself-many times over if necessary. Here is a great hint that is working with many CFI’s. Schedule a time to sit down with a few other CFI’s and go over the ACS. Share thoughts, techniques and scenarios. Change is inevitable in all aspects of life. Make this change a positive one.

AOPA Conducting High School Aviation Symposiums

AOPA is in full swing working with high schools to bring aviation into the classrooms through Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs. With the shortage of pilots, technicians, engineers and technical personnel in aviation, the high schools are perfect locations to bring aviation into the educational curriculum.

AOPA President Mark Baker addressed the subject in the “Presidents Position Column” in the September 2015 edition of AOPA magazine. AOPA has created the AOPA High School Initiative, a new program that takes a multiple tier approach to strengthening aviation education in high school STEM programs. Currently the St. Louis schools system operates Gateway Technical School that address aviation in the form of an accredited Aviation Airframe and Power Plant program. The St. Louis area is ready for a program that address Aviation Flight and certainly an item that we need local aviation organizations to help develop and embrace.



Currently there are several programs around the country that address the need for aviation education. West Michigan Aviation Academy is one of the premier organizations in the U.S. that now addresses this area of education. Nationwide there are more than two hundred high schools where aviation as a subject included in their STEM curriculum. With several major aviation organizations in the St. Louis area, this is a subject that needs to be explored. If you have contact with high school educators and board members, you might want to suggest aviation as a program within their school. This seems to be one of the trends toward developing the aviators of tomorrow.

2016 Anual GSLFIA Aviation Awards Banquet

April 2, 2016, 7:00pm

James S. McDonnell Planetarium

**Key Note Speaker: Colonel Laura Lenderman
Commander 375th Air Mobility Wing Scott**



Colonel Laura Lenderman is the commander of the Air Force 375th Air Mobility Wing Headquarters at Scott A.F.B. Illinois. Col. Lenderman leads more than 3,100 personnel and oversees assets totaling more than \$4 billion and controls an annual budget exceeding \$130 million.

The 375th Air Mobility Wing mission is to provide aeromedical evacuation for patients, and operational support airlift for high priority passengers and cargo with a fleet of 12 C-21 aircraft. Assisting the wing in accomplishing this mission is its Associate Partner, the Reserve' 932nd Airlift Wing with the C-40 Aircraft. Also the 375th Air Mobility Wing and Illinois Air National Guard's 126th Air Refueling Wing are Associate Partners in performing the global mission of refueling with the KC-135 Aircraft.

Col. Lenderman's formal education includes: B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering, M.S. Degree in Business Administration, M.S. Degree in Military Operational Science, M.S. Degree in Airpower Science, Command Pilot Rated in the KC-135, KC-10 and C-17A aircraft with more than 3,000 hours logged.

Program of Events

7:00 p.m.	Arrivals & Seating	Presented by Phil Dixon, FFAST Team Program
7:15 p.m.	Welcome: Mike Young M.C.	Wright Brothers Award
	Invocation	FAAST Team Rep of the year
	Buffet Dinner	Presented by GSLFIA & Mike Young:
	Sky Show	James G. Byrnes Award
8:15 p.m.	Speaker Introduction	Presented by Col. Laura Lenderman
	Col. Laura Lenderman	Discovery Flight Certificates
9:00 p.m.	AWARD RECIPIENTS	Presented by GSLFIA
	Presented by Keith Mueller, President, GSLFIA:	Spirit of St. Louis Awards
	New Flight Instructor of the Year	Closing Remarks
	CFI of the Year	

Cash Bar open until 10:30

