



“Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction”

It's time for the GSLFIA 2022 FIRC Scheduled for January 15th and 16th.

The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association (GSLFIA) is hosting its annual Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic on January 15th and 16th 2022. We will be presenting the FIRC at the Wings of Hope facility on the Spirit of St. Louis Airport at 18370 Wings of Hope Drive, Chesterfield, Missouri 63006.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Wings of Hope has graciously opened their doors as a convenient location to offer the FIRC.

Aviation Seminars will again be providing the FIRC this year. Please make a notation on your calendar to register early. The early registration fee continues at only \$200.00 which includes the annual 2022 association membership dues. Early registrations are up to and including January 8th. Late registration starts on or after January 9th or at the door with a fee including membership of \$225.00.

If you are a new member of the GSLFIA, you have a great benefit of attending the 2022 FIRC totally free. A CFI and new GSLFIA member can revalidate his / her instructor certificate totally free if you meet the following conditions:

If you have not attended the GSLFIA FIRC in 2020 or 2021 and have never attended a free FIRC at GSLFIA. Auditing the FIRC will also be available to anyone on a space available basis for only \$50.00 daily. This is an excellent opportunity for pilots planning to become a CFI in the future to help prepare themselves to accomplish the instructor certificate.

Check in and continued late registration begins at 0730 on Saturday morning. The FIRC starts at 8:00am and will run to 6:00pm on Saturday.

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On Sunday the FIRC starts again at 8:00am and completes at 5:00pm.

This is our fourth year utilizing Aviation Seminars. We have received excellent feedback every year regarding the quality of the FIRC.

As usual, the GSLFIA will provide a continental breakfast and lunch on both days. So come ready to learn and we'll provide everything else you need. The GSLFIA and support from sponsors provides the breakfast and lunch to help participants spend some quality time renewing friendships with participants and starting new friendships.



If you are planning to attend the FIRC just go to the GSLFIA website at www.gslfia.com and select **"FIRC"** at the top of the homepage. Another option would be select **"FIRC AUDIT"** if you want to attend and not review. Select **"FIRC Registration"** if you would like to renew / revalidate your membership for 2022 on the GSLFIA website www.gslfia.com by selecting **"Membership"** at the top of the home page. Then Select **"Membership Renewal"** and follow the instructions to complete the renewal.

Your continued membership and participation in the GSLFIA FIRC will help to achieve our goals to further the flight instructors' organization development and promote aviation safety. These goals are accomplished by presenting the Flight Instructors Revalidation Clinic each January, Round table Discussions and Safety Seminars.

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"The 2022 FIRC is almost here"

If you can believe it, 2021 is almost over and the 2022 GSLFIA Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic (FIRC) is just around the corner! Back by popular demand, Aviation Seminars has agreed to present the FIRC again. Wings of Hope (WOH) has once again graciously agreed to let us meet in their hangar at the Spirit of St. Louis airport on 15 and 16 January 2022. We'll plan on meeting at the hangar at 7:30AM on Saturday and go until about 6:00 pm then be back to begin day 2 on Sunday at 8:00 am.

GSLFIA will provide lunch again. The FIRC price is still the same as last year and at \$200 is a pretty good deal for an in person FIRC! We've also made it very easy to enroll. Just go to the website at GSLFIA.com and look for the FIRC tab along the top and when that tab opens, just select the big blue button that says FIRC Registration and fill in the blanks. I'm about the least tech savvy guy that you'll ever meet and even I was able to do it on the first try - so, if I can, then you folks shouldn't have any trouble registering on our site!

While the online FIRC might allow you to sit in your pajamas and go through the videos, I think that the in-person format allows us to learn from each other, present questions that an online presentation doesn't and maybe just as importantly, to see old friends that we don't get to see as often as we'd like! I'll be renewing this next FIRC, so I hope to see everyone there Saturday morning!

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GSLFIA Annual Election of Officers

Please complete your vote for the annual election of officers for the GSLFIA. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be accomplished via the the following link. The ballot can be found at www.gslfia.com/election

Must be accomplished by 30 November 2021

“ATC in STL for General Aviation”

A sincere “Thank You” to Pete Seddon from the St. Louis TRACON for the excellent presentation on October 11th at 7PM at the Creve Coeur airport. Pete, is a Commercial Rated Pilot and ATC controller, provided an excellent two hour presentation of what we as GA pilots in the STL area need to know about Air Traffic Control and how to best utilize the STL TRACON services.



Pilots had the opportunity to brush up on what ATC can do to help us navigate some fairly complicated airspace in our area. Not only will this help to make us safer pilots, but it should take some of the mystery about what the voice on the other end of the comm radio can do for us and we for them! The event was well attended by 63 pilots, students and instructors.

Pilots Appreciate These Events

I wanted to send a personal note of appreciation for the safety seminar you/team provided on 10/11/21 at Creve Coeur airport (TRACON ops). Not only did I find it useful as a pilot, I had the opportunity to bring and share the experience with my son who's nurturing a general enjoyment of aviation and a particular interest in ATC. I took particular delight in sharing with him the first-hand understanding of helpful and generous people on the other side of the scope whose only interest is our safety. I would not be surprised if you and Pete Sedona (presenting controller) did this work on personal time. I couldn't be more appreciative. What a great way to spend an evening.

Definitely let me know when you open back up - you've got a future controller who'd love to take a look.

Chris
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General Aviation and the FAA

The importance of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to General Aviation (GA) cannot be over-emphasized nor over-stated. The United States has the largest and most diverse GA community in the world, which includes more than 220,000 active aircraft. Government (primarily the FAA and the NTSB, etc) and Industry continue to work together using data driven solutions and are making a tremendous difference to put the right technologies, regulations and education initiatives in place to improve GA safety. The gov't and industry work on a number of key initiatives to improve GA safety with a GA Joint Steering Committee (GAJSC), new Airman Certification Standards (ACS), and a Fly Safe outreach campaign on Loss of Control (LOC).

According to the FAA website (www.faa.gov) the mission of the FAA is to “... provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world”, along with a vision statement of “we strive to reach the next level of safety and efficiency and to demonstrate global leadership in how we safely integrate new users and technologies into our aviation system. We are accountable to the American public and our aviation stake holders.” To round out the overall focus of the FAA one must include the values of the FAA - which are as follows:

- **Safety is our passion.** We work so all air and space travelers arrive safely at the destinations.
- **Excellence is our promise.** We seek results that embody professionalism, transparency and accountability.
- **Integrity is our touchstone.** We perform our duties honestly, with moral soundness and with the highest level of ethics.
- **People are our strength.** Our success depends on the respect, diversity, collaboration and commitment of our workforce.

General Aviation and the FAA (Continued)

- **Innovation is our signature.** We foster creativity and vision to provide solutions beyond today's boundaries.



According to the U.S. [National Transportation Safety Board](#) (NTSB), general aviation in the United States (excluding charter) suffered 1.31 fatal accidents for every 100,000 hours of flying in 2005, compared to 0.016 for scheduled airline flights.

Directly related to General Aviation, the FAA's goal is to reduce the GA fatal accident rate. Although the fatal accident rate is declining, in FY17, 347 people still died in 209 general aviation *fatal* accidents. Inflight loss of control (LOC) – mainly stalls – accounts for the largest number of GA fatal accidents.

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GSLFIA Supports the FAA Wings Program



The GSLFIA fully supports the FAA Wings Program and encourages every pilot to be part of the "Pilot Proficiency Program"

Safety is no Accident

Web Tools for the CFI

Below are two links to some very useful tools for the CFI provided by the FAA.

The **first (1st)** is the latest copy (Nov/Dec) of the **FAA Safety Briefing** (formerly called the FAA Aviation News). The FAA Safety Briefing is published six times a year in both paper and digital versions. It promotes aviation safety by discussing current technical, regulatory, and procedural aspects affecting the safe operation and maintenance of aircraft.

Although based on current FAA policy and rule interpretations, all material is advisory or informational in nature and should not be construed to have regulatory effect. Certain details of accidents described herein may have been altered to protect the privacy of those involved. This bi-monthly magazine is an excellent resource for ALL pilots to help ensure we stay current with some of the latest FAA information and stay safe !!

This November/December 2021 issue of FAA Safety Briefing focuses on the FAA's efforts to inspire our nation's youth, especially young women and those from diverse backgrounds, to pursue aerospace careers and create a consistent pipeline of professionals for a robust workforce of the future. It looks at the important role science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) education plays in this endeavor, and how FAA partnerships with industry, academia, non-profits, and government agencies help to develop STEM/STEAM outreach and educational programs. It also explores some of the many aerospace career options available and ways you can help introduce others to this exciting and growing industry. Enjoy reading this issue of FAA Safety Briefing !!!

https://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2021/media/NovDec2021.pdf

Web Tools for the CFI "Continued"

..... and the **second (2nd)** is a link to the FAA website, specifically the "Handbooks and Manuals" section. It provides a link to some FAA Training Materials (Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge, Airplane Flying Handbook, Aviation Instructor's Handbook, etc); an FAA Advisory and Guidance section which includes Advisory Circulars (AC's), TFR's, and NOTAMS; Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR's); and FAA forms. This a great link to some important and frequently used publications and information provided by the FAA.

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/



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CFI Endorsements

If it's been a while since you have taken a new student through a Certificate and/or Rating, I thought that this might be a good time to review some of the FAA required endorsements that you need to be familiar with for various training events. 14 CFR Part 61 (FAR Part 61 for all of us "OLD" guys) has all of the endorsements, but it takes a bit of study to find them all, so I thought that this article might help you to know where to look for what you need. In order to limit the length of this article, the list is NOT all inclusive and I haven't included everything from the regulations so, please, carefully study Part 61 to make sure that I haven't made any mistakes and have included what might be helpful to you!! Some FAA inspectors and/or DPE's can be a bit persnickety so the FAA has developed Advisory Circular 61-65H Certification: Pilots and Flight and Ground Instructors to help the CFI with the proper endorsements.

If the person that you're endorsing doesn't have the pre-printed endorsements that's very often found in the back of many logbooks (and even if it does), you might strongly consider using this Advisory Circular to not only find the required endorsements. This will also contain the verbiage that would be most acceptable to an Inspector. I'll list the endorsements in the order found in Part 61 so that you can find which ones you need in the order that you might need to find them.

- 61.31: Complex, Tailwheel, High Performance, High Altitude, etc.
- 61.35 (a) (1): Sign off for a knowledge test
- 61.39 (a) (6): Training for a Practical test
- 61.43 (f) (3): Retesting after Practical Test Discontinuance
- 61.49 (a) (2): Retesting after Practical test failure
- 61.51 (e) (iv) (D): SIC acting as PIC
- 61.63: Additional ratings
- 61.65: Instrument ratings

CFI Endorsements (Continued)

- 61.69: Glider towing endorsement
- 61.87: Student Pilot solo written test, flight/ground training
- 61.93: Solo Cross Country
- 61.95: Class B solo endorsement
- Part 61, Subpart C: Student Pilots
- Part 61, Subpart D: Recreational Pilots
- Part 61, Subpart E: Private Pilots
- Part 61, Subpart F: Commercial Pilots
- Part 61, Subpart G: Airline Transport Pilots
- Part 61, Subpart H: CFI's
- Part 61, Subpart I: Ground Instructors
- Part 61, Subpart J: Sport Pilots
- Part 61, Subpart K: Sport Pilot CFI's

I hope that this gives you a feel for where to look because there are quite a few more in the regulations. Look at Part 61 and AC 61-65H for a complete list of the endorsements and verbiage required by 14 CFR. And, as always, please send me some feedback about this article, just like you critique your students, so they learn how "fly right" - was it helpful, accurate, etc.

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STL Area Employment Opportunities

At our GSLFIA Board meetings we're always trying to find ways 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. May I please ask you for feedback to see how this is working for you?

IDEAL Aviation CPS
3130 Vector Drive
Cahokia, Illinois 62206
Bill Macon, Owner
618-215-2282
Not currently hiring CFIs but accepting resumes from CFIs, both fixed and rotary wing!

St. Louis Flight Training CPS
4020 Green Mount Crossing Drive #114
Shiloh, Illinois 62269
Ken Kopp, Owner
618-670-5782
Kwkopp762@gmail.com
**Hiring 1 or 2 CFI's in the near future
Contact Ken ASAP!**

Airgo ENL
2331 East Calumet Street
Centralia, Illinois 62801
Abu Abulfathi
Abu@flyairgo.com
618-533-1643

Gateway Flight Training 1H0
3127 Creve Coeur Airport Road
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63146
Brian Borton, Operations Manager
314-780-7899

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Hiring an Avionics Technician
Please contact Brian Borton Immediately

St. Charles Flying Service SET
6016 Portage Road
Portage Des Sioux, Missouri 63373
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314-456-4055
jpfranke34@gmail.com

Hiring an MEI
Please contact Jim Franke immediately

Elite Aviation SUS
18600 Edison Avenue
Chesterfield, Missouri 63005
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Currently hiring 3 full time CFI/CFIs
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SEE: jobs.SIU.edu ASAP

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**Hiring King Air 200/300 PIC/SIC's. Also
hiring a Safety Manager/Training
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