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Wishing You And Your Family The Best For The Holiday Season

The GSLFIA Officers, Board of Directors and staff wish you and your family the best for 2021 holiday season.



As we enter 2022 we hope to see COVID continue to reside. We are looking forward to be able to accomplish some of the many items that have been restricted due to the pandemic. Many organizations have not lifted restrictions to help insure the well being of their staff has restricted tours, events and gatherings to continue to help reduce the spread of COVID.

Another TRACON Presentation Is Coming In The Near Future

We are planning another STL TRACON airspace presentation with Pete Seddon to provide pilots, instructors and students a review of operations in the STL TRACON. The prior seminar on October 11th had 66 attendees present. Currently the event is planned for mid February. A specific date will be identified and notification will occur during January 2022. We highly encourage attendance at this excellent presentation. Watch for additional information from the GSLFIA, posting at local airports and the FAA SPANS notification system. This Seminar is also available for FAA WINGS credit.

GSLFIA 2022 FIRC Scheduled for January 15th and 16th.

The FIRC is only a month away!! The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association (GSLFIA) is again hosting its annual Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic on January 15th and 16th 2022. The January 2022 FRIC will again be presented 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. Tom Edwards is currently scheduled to provide the presentation. 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 registration is considered to be 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.

Check in and continued late registration begins at 07:30am on Saturday morning. The FIRC starts at 8:00am and will run to 6:00pm on Saturday. On Sunday it starts at 8:00am and runs to 6:00pm.



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GSLFIA January 2022 FIRC (Continued)

There is also an opportunity to audit the FIRC for only \$50.00 per day. This is an excellent opportunity to help prepare a pilot planning to become a CFI. The FIRC training will help prepare a pilot to accomplish the instructor certificate.

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.

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 and establishing new ones.

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 renew. 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 process.

We hope to see you there and also bring a friend.

Craig O'Mara
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“Mentoring Our Youth – Intro to Aviation Ed”

What did you do, since the summer began in May? I was mentor for three programs for high school youth. Of course, I've been flying, solo & with dual-training in October. Why? I completed “Phase Two” for my WINGS profile. Within “Phase Two”, I auto-completed my Flight Reviews. As you read in the November 2021 issue of this newsletter, there's a renewed focus on the FAA “WINGS” program. Earning WINGS credit, is very structured, yet flexible enough to promote earning each “Phase”.

During May – November, I engaged in “Chair-Flying” by attending 30+ webinars. Hosted by EAA, GSLFIA & FAA – these are FREE. One by the FAA on May 13th, was titled “Engine Out, but Still Under Control”. A 2nd by EAA on July 13th, titled “Avoiding the Summer Gotchas”. A 3rd was hosted by GSLFIA on October 11th, titled “FAA's TRACON – review of the ATC services”, for all pilots. Finally, an excellent resource for proficiency & safety, is FAA's “Safety Briefing – LIVE”. These bi-monthly magazines & webinars support “A pilot is always learning” philosophy.

WOW! ... For those who attended the TRACON presentation on October 11th, much was shared to connect pilots and ATC with extra knowledge, with respect to the St Louis Class B and D airspaces. For those who could not attend, GSLFIA and the FAA will offer that again on February 15th, 2022. Visit the “Education/Events” tab, on the GSLFIA website

Student Outreach



Education opportunities for high school students were available, too. “Soar into STEM” (SIS), the weekend program at WOH, was “virtual” in June/July. An extension of that was their “Summer Internship” in July/August. That was “in-person”, with students, who raised-the-bar for me. They were engaged & highly motivated.

Excellent education from the FAA -- Do you read the FAA “Safety Briefing” magazines? They celebrated 60 years of aviation safety outreach. The May/June and Sept/October issues, reviewed integration of UAV's into the NAS. And, the Nov/Dec issue had numerous articles that “reach-out” to HS-students, via Academia. Plus, they now provide easy access to these magazines, for WINGS and AMT courses

via: <https://www.faasafetybriefing.com/courses/>

Finally, remember the FAA's newest ground-instruction - “Runway Safety Flight Simulator”. Access <https://www.runwaysafetysimulator.com/> for details. Also, for “From the Flight Deck”, access https://www.faa.gov/airports/runway_safety/videos/

For students, apply for AOPA's AV8RS membership, FREE for students (www.AOPA.org/AV8RS). Plus, visit these websites for details – AOPA (www.AOPA.org/Scholarships), AWAM (www.AWAM.org), EAA (www.eaa.org/eaayouth/Aviation-Scholarships), & Women in Aviation (www.WAI.org).

The GSLFIA invites you to help educate future pilots & Flight Instructors of tomorrow. My inspiration was “Sky King! Use our redesigned website (GSLFIA.com) - join or renew your membership! We've made it easy for you & them – see related article.

Jeff Rapp
GSLFIA – Ambassador to Education

Be the Best CFI You Can Be

Jim Stamm GSLFIA Board of Directors

As a FAA Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) we continually strive to the “best instructor” we can be, seeking as much knowledge, information, skill level and experience as possible. CFI’s are the vital link in the advancement and safe training of any pilot. Keeping current and relevant with changes in regulations, technology and equipment can be a daunting challenge - however, a CFI has this responsibility !!

With the availability of the internet almost everywhere today and its incredible span of “information/knowledge”, the modern-day CFI has no excuse for a lack of information. The FAA website alone is an extremely valuable resource to the CFI. The FAASTeam has a mission statement of – “lower the Nation’s aviation accident rate by conveying safety principles and practices through training, outreach, and education; while establishing partnerships and encouraging the continual growth of a positive safety culture within the aviation community.”

“As the educational outreach arm of the FAA, the FAASTeam is committed to serving the General Aviation community, and making our skies even safer.”

--- Patricia Mathes, FAA Safety Team National Manager

[Join the FAASTeam help us make a difference!](#)

To help focus our CFI knowledge, here are three (3) broad traits of a quality flight instructor – Integrity, Communication, and Knowledge. These traits hope to provide some additional insight and information to help ALL flight instructors be their best.

1) Integrity

The highest level of integrity provided by a CFI and expected by a student or licensed pilot receiving instruction cannot be overstated – INTEGRITY is an element of instruction that is absolutely essential.

With safety being a principal goal of all flying and in particular flight instruction, CFI’s must have their students’ best interest and goals in mind. Training, evaluations, comments and critiques must be appropriate, accurate, honest and complete – don’t push a recommendation for a Phase Check or a course completion Checkride. Many (if not most) CFI’s work as a flight instructor with the objective of one day flying for a major airline – the “1,500 Rule” has made the job of a flight instructor sometimes looked at only a way to accumulate flight time. I’ve heard many students make the comment that their flight instructor is just wanting to “build time” and is really not interested in actual instruction. A sad reflection on some instructors.

2) Communication

Communication styles and the ability to understand that each individual learns differently is something every CFI must recognize and master. Both verbal and non-verbal communication in and out of the airplane is absolutely essential in relating with a student pilot or a pilot on a flight review. Be careful using acronyms, especially with a student pilot, using/talking IFR terminology with a VFR pilot can be confusing and frustrating for the sender and receiver in the communication loop. Communication that is “misinterpreted” can be very costly in lives or equipment.

For example, a CFI instructs a student pilot to “turn 90 degrees” the student may hear this as turn to heading 090 degrees. So, be specific and deliberate in your flight instruction. Communication skills also includes being an excellent listener. My father once told me - “you have two ears and one mouth so, you should listen twice as much as you talk”. Listen carefully and deliberately and as a great CFI you must also listen by “watching”. Watch for correct

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movements and checklist responses with their hands and not just their words. Listen to determine if a student is actually and correctly absorbing the lesson being taught. A CFI has a tremendous responsibility to encourage and help advance a student thru the “curriculum” and a CFI’s ability to “communicate” plays a valuable part and a big part of this communication loop is respecting the student.



3) Knowledge

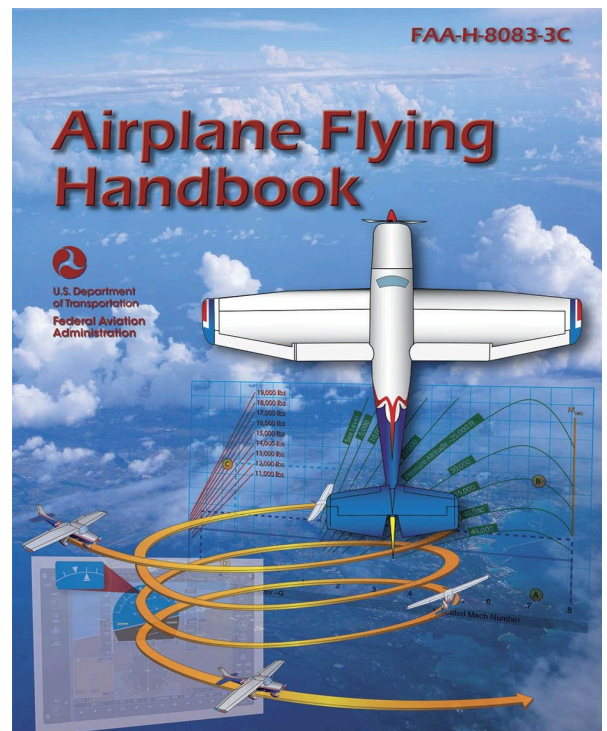
It is absolutely essential that as a CFI, you possess the highest level of technical knowledge required for your level of certification coupled with the expected level of instruction you are engaged in. As a CFI, our goal should be to provide an “effective learning experience” – we need to pass on our knowledge to other pilots and help them overcome any fears or weaknesses in knowledge. A CFI must recognize and help a student work past any learning plateau – either a hands-on flying skill or ground knowledge lesson related.

In closing, Flight Instructors have a tremendous level of responsibility to their students and the FBO they fly for – never think **you** can stop learning or stop improving. **Your** Integrity, Communication/Listening Skills and Knowledge are essential to be the best and safest CFI **you** can be !!



Notice of Revision – FAA Publication

The FAA has published a new version of the Airplane Flying Handbook, FAA-H-8083-3C, now a 2021 publication. The biggest change was the addition of a brand new Chapter 4 – titled “Energy Management”; there are now 18 Chapters in total. Some of the other revisions include: added information on the FAA Wings Program; revised the order in which “Maintaining Aircraft Control” was previously presented; added information on Lazy Eights; remove material on 360 degree power-off landing, as this maneuver is not part of testing standard; address an NTSB recommendation regarding slow spool-up time of split shaft engines.



Additionally, this new revision includes adding, revising information on other subjects in all Chapters except 6, 8, 12, and 17. This new version also corrects various errors in text, figures and graphics. A hyperlink to the new 2021 Airplane Flying Handbook

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/airplane_handbook/media/00_afh_full.pdf

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
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 618-533-1643

Gateway Flight Training 1HO
 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**

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