



"Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction"

The GSLFIA 2023 FIRC is Almost Here. FIRC Dates for 2023 are January 14th and 15th.

The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association (GSLFIA) is again hosting its annual Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic on January 14th and 15th 2023. We will again 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 fifth 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 2023 association membership dues. Early registrations are up to and including January 7th. Late registration starts on or after January 8th 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 2023 FIRC totally free. 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.

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

This is our fifth 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 renew. Select **"FIRC Registration"** if you would like to renew / revalidate your membership for 2023 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.

Please be sure to have completed your FAA IACRA form prior to attending the FIRC.

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Mentoring the Next Generation of the Future Aviation Professionals of Tomorrow

We need you!!! The voice of experience and a strong dedication to many of the Next Generation of the future Aviation Professionals of Tomorrow needing qualified training personnel today.

In most every aviation publications we review today, it references the need for additional Pilots, Aircraft Maintenance Technicians, Avionics Technicians, Aircraft Dispatchers etc. With the current workforce we have significant numbers of aviation professionals nearing retirement. In many areas it seems that the number of those retiring are overwhelming the number of newly minted personnel attempting to replace their decades of experience.



Consider providing some time to mentor a student to show Him / Her what brought you to aviation and the many interesting opportunities available today. Your long term experience as a flight instructor is valuable especially speaking with aviation youth groups to help familiarize the next generation of the Aviation Professionals of Tomorrow.

As the GSLFIA we also support mentoring, conducting presentations at local schools and aviation organizations. Please contact a board member if you want to help spread your passion for aviation to the current group of young men and women. We will definitely locate an event where you will be very welcomed to help.

Mentoring the Next Generation of the Future Aviation Professionals of Tomorrow (Continued)

The number of active and well experienced seasoned flight instructors are reducing in number. Where are the numbers of highly experienced instructors providing quality and experienced instruction to our youth? Unfortunately, many of our experienced instructors are not actively training students. Currently only about 17% of the total Certified Flight Instructors are active today. Concerns of litigation in the event of an incident has become a focus point when training new students. Although there is no 100% method of protection however, maintaining very detailed records and full documentation can significantly protect instructors.

We do need you!! The voice of experience and knowledge that is so vital to our future group of the Aviation Professionals of Tomorrow.



GSLFIA Annual Election

Please remember to access the GSLFIA website and cast your vote for the Officers and Board of Directors for 2023. Please vote prior to the deadline on 30 November.

We currently have a Board of Director's seat open at this time and highly encourage your participation. Now that the COVID restrictions have decreased, we are again starting to expand activities and events.

GSLFIA Annual Aviation Awards and Lambert Airport 100th Anniversary Celebration Event

Please check the media event listed in this newsletter for the coming 100th Anniversary Celebration of Lambert International Airport on 13 May 2023.

We expect this to become a very popular event that looks back at the history of Lambert and reviews many of the first's in aviation that occurred at Lambert Airport. Mark your calendar for an evening that travels back in time and brings back many of our most cherished memories. This event will become a family reunion of those we have worked at the various airlines and major companies based at Lambert. This event will become a true step back in time as we revisit the many great times that we have had at Lambert.

TECH TALK!!

NOTICE !!! Quick preview of some newly released FAA changes – more to follow in future GSLFIA Newsletters.

The FAA is releasing a rule in late November that will extend the duration of aircraft registration certificates from three years to seven years. According to the draft of the direct final rule, aircraft owners will be required to confirm their registration information and renew their certificates every seven years unless an event or circumstance requires a new registration before that time. If the agency determines that the registration information is inaccurate, an owner may be required to submit new registration forms.

In another recently released Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), the FAA is proposing a change to pilots flying under Basic-Med from operating, in most cases, as safety pilots under simulated instrument conditions.

Career Exploration Fair November 12th.

Wings of Hope hosted its annual Career Fair on Saturday November 12th. Many students and parents throughout the area attended the event to learn about opportunities in aviation. Industry media continues to identify significant shortages of qualified people to staff the many areas of need both locally and worldwide.



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The Wings of Hope student mentoring “Soar into Stem” has continued to generate significant interest in aviation flight and maintenance. The program works with high school students that have expressed an interest in aviation with Wings of Hope staff volunteers and is immensely successful mentoring our youth.

**The GSLFIA
Board of Directors
Would like to
Wish You
a
Blessed, Safe
and
Happy
Thanksgiving!!!!**



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Celebrating 100 Years of Lambert Airport & 50 Years of GSLFIA

Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association

GSLFIA

Awards Banquet



May 13, 2023

St. Louis Lambert Airport, Terminal 1, B Concourse

Featuring keynote speaker Daniel Rust, PhD and author of *The Aerial Crossroads of America: St. Louis Lambert Airport* & remarks by Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge, Director of Lambert Airport.

Tickets may be purchased for \$75.00 at www.gslfia.com/awards-banquet or by scanning the QR code. **DON'T MISS OUT!** Seats are limited and this event will sell out fast! Cash bar starting at 5:45, dinner at 6:45 with presentation to follow. Free parking available. For more information, contact Dick Horowitz at rjh700@gmail.com or 314-616-0155, or Keith Mueller at kvmueller1991@charter.net or 618-514-2647.



GATEWAY TRACON PRESENTATION 2.0

WITH **PETE SEDDON**
FAA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Creve Coeur Airport - Main Terminal - Banquet Hall Hangar

Presented by:



**Greater St. Louis Flight
Instructors Association**

**RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE ANNOUNCED**

Come listen to local STL "Gateway" TRACON Controller Pete Seddon as he discusses important items for the upcoming flying season. Topics will include thunderstorms, icing, emergencies, and unusual situations. There will also be time to discuss the usual topics covered previously, depending on time, questions, and interest from the audience.

There is a lot going on at your local TRACON, including a facility consolidation with SPI and PIA. Be sure to come out to learn about all the changes that may affect you as a local St. Louis pilot and keep everyone flying safe!



Registration not required, but recommended for WINGS credit. Additional registration details to be sent out via FAA Safety SPANS Notice

Greater St Louis Flight Instructors Association
Presents:

Flight Instructor Refresher Course

January 14th and 15th, 2023



Greater St. Louis Flight
Instructors Association

To Register: www.gslfia.com

Registration 7:30am Saturday Jan. 14

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Through:
Aviation Seminars

Fee's in advance \$200
\$225 at the door
Audit \$50 per day
For Questions:
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