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## STL TRACON PRESENTATION

The GSLFIA sponsored a STL TRACON Presentation on Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 pm on December 6th at Creve Coeur Airport. This is the third TRACON presentation within the past 15 months that continues to draw large groups of pilots and students. Pete Seddon a controller with the STL TRACON provided an excellent presentation that received significant interaction with the audience and generated a large number of questions and operational scenarios. Pete also holds a Commercial Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor Certificates.



Photo Courtesy Aeroexperience

We strongly encourage your attendance at these events. As a flight instructor certainly encourage your students to attend as well. This is an excellent venue for new pilots to meet controllers and learn more about the Air Traffic Control process to help enhance safety and operational knowledge. Attendance at the past three events combined totalled 194.

If you have an aviation related safety subject that you or an organization that you are associated with would like to see addressed, contact the GSLFIA. Please remember that almost every presentation is eligible for FAA Wings credit. Fly Safe, Be Safe!!!

## 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 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 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.

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## GSLFIA FIRC JANUARY 14th and 15th Cont

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

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

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](http://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](http://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. If needed the IACRA Help Desk can be reached at 1-844-332-6948 or by email at [helpdesk@faa.gov](mailto:helpdesk@faa.gov). Have your user name and password available when contacting them.

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## KNOWN ICING

Since it's getting to be that time of year again, I thought that it might be time to revisit the rules on "known icing". First of all, we need to determine whether or not our aircraft allows "Flight in Known Icing Conditions". This is pretty easy to determine - just look at your POH/AFM, usually Section 2 "Limitations" (found on page 2-10 in the Cessna 172R POH, for example). Next, we need to determine, what is "Flight in Known Icing" - this is a bit more problematic as 14 CFR Part 91 does NOT define the phrase (except as it applies to large aircraft in Subpart F, 91.527). We can look at the AIM (7-1-22) for advice but, as this is NOT regulatory, we probably need to look for further guidance. A letter from FAA to AOPA on 16 January 2009 seems to be the latest legal guidance on the subject. The letter, from Chief Counsel Kerry B. Long, indicates that the FAA references 91.9(a), 91.18(a) and the "catch all reg" 91.103 "Preflight Action" as guidance on enforcement on icing incidents. The FAA states that "Pilots should also carefully evaluate all of the available meteorological information relevant to a proposed flight, including applicable surface observations, temperatures aloft, terminal and area forecasts, AIRMETs, SIGMETs, and pilot reports (PIREPS).



If the composite information indicates to a reasonable and prudent pilot that he or she will be operating the aircraft under conditions that will cause ice to adhere to the aircraft along the proposed route and altitude of flight, then known icing conditions likely exist."

So, what does that all mean to us? The NTSB, in its enforcement decisions, creates the precedent regarding "Known Icing", so let's look at the recent enforcements. "Flight in known icing conditions" occurs if PIREPS (pilots report icing), and/or Forecasts indicate that icing is forecast to exist. If you fly when PIREPS and/or forecasts indicate icing and you encounter that ice and have a problem you could be subject to enforcement action under 91.9(a), 91.18(a) and/or 91.103.

We have quite a bit of meteorological information available to us to help us avoid any icing encounters. If you haven't visited the following information sources, please do so, and, because I'm always trying to learn, may I ask you to e-mail me with any other information sources, and I'll include them in further articles so that we can all learn from your years of experience. Thank you for being important to the STL area GA community!

- [aviationweather.gov](http://aviationweather.gov): Freezing Level Charts, Forecast Icing Potential (FIP) charts, Current AIRMETs and SIGMETs, Current PIREPS, Winds and Temperatures Aloft
- Foreflight
- [fltplan.com](http://fltplan.com)
- [AvnWx.com](http://AvnWx.com)
- DUATS

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**Don't get caught in the Continuation Bias (Get There Itis) Trap! Make a thorough review of the conditions and determine when to stop before a situation becomes critical.**



### **“Aviation Safety – Benefits & Education thru FAA-WINGS program”**

Flying activities have dominated the St Louis area! Offerings for youth & education were at the top of the list. In 2022, GSLFIA hosted many seminars, including these two recent offerings (“Ask the DPE” – August 4<sup>th</sup>, “Gateway TRACON” – December 6<sup>th</sup>). Others included the “28<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety” – October 29<sup>th</sup>, “Career Exploration Fair” – November 12<sup>th</sup> in the WOH Hangar, and “Young Eagles” flights via EAA Chapter 1675 – November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The 1<sup>st</sup>-three seminars issued WINGS credits. The other two focused on youth education. Throughout 2022, were many seminars & webinars offering WINGS credits. Personally, I earned [Knowledge] Credits over 50 times - applied to my WINGS profile. These when combined with the Flight Activities, earned “Phase 3”, and qualified for my Flight Review (FR). Plus, by earning a WINGS-Phase, I’ll qualify for a discount for my renter’s insurance. Very cool, agree?

So, let’s talk about the FAA-WINGS program. The following is found in the WINGS Pilot Proficiency program’s User’s Guide (TC11-0007).

#### **What is the objective of the “WINGS – Pilot Proficiency Program”?**

It is to reduce the number of accidents in General Aviation (GA) by assisting airmen to find educational opportunities, designed to help them apply the principles of risk assessment and risk management. When properly applied, these principles will help mitigate accident causal factors associated with common pilot errors, lack of proficiency, and faulty knowledge. The FAA’s purpose is to encourage the majority of GA pilots, through WINGS, to engage in ongoing, targeted flying tasks and learning activities keyed to identified risks and which are designed to mitigate those risks

#### **What is the WINGS program’s connection to aviation safety?**

It is based on the premise that pilots who maintain currency and proficiency in the basics of flight, will enjoy a safer and more stress-free flying experience. Requirements for each aircraft category and class, include specific subjects and flight maneuvers.

The WINGS Program consists of learning activities and flight tasks, selected to address the documented causal factors of aircraft accidents.

#### **Who can participate in the WINGS programs?**

All pilots holding a U.S. pilot certificate may participate in the WINGS Program. To participate in flight portions of the program, pilots should contact CFI’s and flight schools, and other FAASTeam members, who are or will participate in the WINGS Program. Student pilots are encouraged to participate in the WINGS Program. They will receive Phase 1 at the Basic Level, upon satisfactory completion of their Private Pilot practical test and completion of an online course on Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM).

The WINGS Program was recently redesigned, to simplify the process of attaining or demonstrating proficiency in just a few simple steps. There are three Levels available:

- **Basic WINGS:** This level is designed for those pilots who want to establish a recurrent training program that will provide them a higher level of proficiency than merely preparing for a normal Flight Review (FR) as required by 14 CFR 61.56.
- **Advanced WINGS:** This level is designed for those pilots, who want to design a program that will take them a step above the Basic Level.
- **Master WINGS:** This level is designed to give even more flexibility to a pilot's need for specialized training. This phase will also allow for the addition of specialized equipment and flight environment training scenarios.

#### **Flight Activity, requirements for WINGS**

In the new WINGS, three flight activities (based on the associated Practical Test Standards or the Airman Certification Standards), must be completed to the satisfaction of the CFI, and satisfactory completion of each activity could take 30 minutes or 3 hours. Whatever amount of time the CFI feels is necessary for the person to satisfactorily meet the requirements. All of the flight topics could be completed in one flight, but the premise of the program is for the pilot to complete them at different times, to extend their proficiency throughout the year.

## FAA WINGS PROGRAM CONTINUED

So, how do you access the WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program? That's very easy – simply access [www.FAASafety.gov](http://www.FAASafety.gov).

### What is the benefit, for CFI's" ?

As a CFI, you are an integral part of the aviation community, and by modeling best practices, play an important role in reducing the number of GA accidents. Because of this vital role, we strongly encourage you to earn a phase of WINGS yourself. However, there is no requirement for you to hold a current phase of WINGS to provide WINGS-qualified instruction. Nonetheless, you are encouraged to participate in the WINGS – Pilot Proficiency Program for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that you will maintain your own flying skills. Another reason is that pilots will come to you to participate in the WINGS Program and when you are more at ease with the WINGS Program, pilots will have a better overall experience.

One of the benefits of participating in the WINGS Program as a CFI, is that you are eligible to renew your flight instructor certificate through participation in WINGS. If you serve as a CFI in the WINGS program, you may renew your certificate.

I hope that this summary will help you get started on the FAA's WINGS Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me (a FAASafety representative), or FAASafety Program Managers (who are FAA employees) in your area.



Jeff Rapp  
Associate member of GSLFIA  
FAA FastTeam Program Representative

## JOIN THE GSLFIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Here's an opportunity to help support the mission of the GSLFIA. The GSLFIA presently has a Board of Directors Seat open and actively recruiting for that position. As a board member you have the opportunity to help support the role of the CFI, mentor the next generation of aviation professionals along with supporting aviation safety. Contact any board member for additional information.

## GSLFIA 2023 AVIATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS NOMINATIONS

The GSLFIA is actively seeking nominations for the 2022 CFI of the year and New CFI of the Year for 2022. Awards will be presented at the May 13th Awards Banquet at Lambert International Airport. This event will include the recognition of the 100th anniversary of Lambert. We are expecting a significant number of area aviation enthusiasts attending this event.

The CFI of the year is awarded to an area accomplished instructor who has made major contributions to flight training and maintains an excellent record of successful recommendations. The New CFI of the Year is awarded to a CFI who has held a CFI for up to two years and again has demonstrated excellence in flight training.

## ANNUAL GSLFIA AVIATION AWARDS BANQUET AND 100th ANNIVERSARY OF LAMBERT AIRPORT

Please review the following page to this newsletter. The May 13th 2023 event is coming together. We expect that this event will be the best Aviation Awards Banquet ever. If you are planning to attend, please consider requesting tickets early. We are expecting a significant size group attending this once-in-a-lifetime event.

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](http://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](mailto:rjh700@gmail.com) or 314-616-0155, or Keith Mueller at [kvmueller1991@charter.net](mailto:kvmueller1991@charter.net) or 618-514-2647.







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- Valid U.S. Passport
- COVID19 Vaccination
- Commercial ASEL
- 2nd Class Medical
- 400 hrs. Total Time
- 300 hrs. Fixed Wing
- 200 hrs. PIC

#### Preferred

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- 25 Hrs. Multi Engine
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- International Experience

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## Aerial Photography Pilot CESSNA 206H

Meisinger Aviation, LLC, an established, family-owned company is seeking qualified pilots for our Pt. 91 Aerial Photography Operations based at Spirit of St. Louis Airport (KSUS). This is a full time, salaried position as a Pilot and Camera Operator on our camera-equipped Cessna 206's.

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Greater St Louis Flight Instructors Association  
Presents:

# Flight Instructor Refresher Course

January 14th and 15th, 2023



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To Register: [www.gslfia.com](http://www.gslfia.com)

Registration 7:30am Saturday Jan. 14

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Through:  
Aviation Seminars

Fee's in advance \$200  
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Audit \$50 per day  
For Questions:  
618-514-2647

Location:

Wings of Hope  
18370 Wings of Hope Blvd  
Chesterfield, Mo 63005



## 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 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?

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