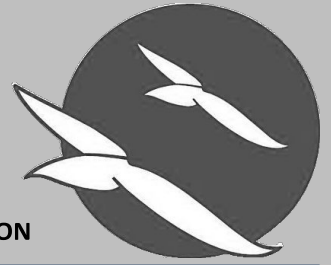


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“Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction”

JANUARY 14th AND 15th 2023 FIRC JUST SOME REMINDERS

Just some reminders about the January 14th and 15th FIRC.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Wings of Hope has graciously opened their doors as a convenient location to offer the FIRC. For anyone not familiar with the Wings of Hope Facility it is located on the St. Louis Chesterfield Spirit of St. Louis Airport at 18370 Wings of Hope Drive, Chesterfield, Missouri 63006

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.



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. Have your user name and password available when contacting them.

Doors open on Saturday morning at 7:00am. Registrations starts at 7:30am. The FIRC starts at 8:00am and continues to 6:00pm on Saturday.

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

For those who are planning to audit the FIRC, the fee is \$50.00 daily. This is an excellent opportunity to help CFI candidates prepare themselves for the CFI Checkride or someone just catching up on changes to enhance their instructor skills.



If you haven't registered as of this time and plan 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.

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IMPROVING YOUR CFI SKILLS

In talking to a recent CFI candidate, my attention was brought to flight instructor responsibility and professionalism as a PTS item that must be reviewed for the checkride. It had been a while since I had thought about it. I know I discussed it during my own checkride prep, and when I was a freshly minted instructor I remember thinking about it directly far more often. After that, I think the habits set in for better or worse and stayed that way. My thoughts about it weren't as intentional anymore.

Coming back to it now, there is much more than I had thought during my own training. This subject as well as many others discussed in fundamentals of instruction concern the weight of your words during instruction. I also want to focus on the weight of your pen. If we look more long-term responsibility can include catching and correcting mistakes, even with students past that lesson or who have completed their training. Don't be too embarrassed or too indifferent to send that text or make that call to a past student to correct something you misunderstood or taught wrong. It's a small thing, but it's owning up to a mistake and promoting correct knowledge in the field.



Responsibility with your pen certainly includes caution with flight reviews, IPCs, complex and first solo endorsements. These are likely the most important for safety, at least in the short term, and should require close attention because of the margin of safety involved. After all, it is unlikely that steep turns barely out of ACS standards will cause injury or damage.

IMPROVING YOUR CFI SKILLS (Cont)

Responsibility can also be more long-term, both in correct lessons and good habits being passed along. Other aspects to consider are endorsements for practical tests. These may not be as grave as the prior endorsements mentioned. That doesn't make them trivial, and I don't imagine anyone beyond the occasional student stuck in hazardous attitudes believe they are trivial. There are consequences to unsatisfactory checkrides: increased cost, reduced morale, and failures on record that could affect future job prospects and/or insurance costs.

With that, I've heard the nameless stories about post-checkride conversations between examiners and instructors where the instructor says something like "pew, I'm glad they passed, I was worried about my student's (various maneuver or knowledge area)".

On one hand, I understand the relief when a student passes. As a newer instructor especially, but really any endorsement I've given, I was always a little nervous which I believe is appropriate, and normal. On the other hand, to send a student without an appropriate belief in his/her ability to pass the elements of a checkride is a big deal.

The endorsement says basically "I certify that this student is prepared for this test". To give it improperly is to shirk the responsibilities of a CFI. Beyond this, improper endorsement risks the consequences mentioned above, and puts too much weight on a single flight with an examiner to prove the qualifications and knowledge of an applicant. At some point, I was told to consider it as a shared responsibility. The applicant qualifies, the instructor sees his/her abilities and consistency over time and makes an endorsement. The examiner performs the practical exam and adds the final signature to send it to the FAA. Out of the three, that means that we as instructors have the best idea of what our students actually know and how they can perform compared to the standards and best practices.

Some potential remedies for the situation described are to get second opinions from other instructors, and set up mock checkrides, or unofficial progress checks to see how the student performs with someone else and added pressure. Of course, with the potential need to book exams well in advance, set a threshold for when you believe you should reach out to an examiner and push for that date once scheduled. If the time comes, knowing that rescheduling isn't anyone's favorite thing, it is prevalent throughout aviation, and any examiner is going to understand if a student isn't ready.



I'm not attempting to lecture. I just have different thoughts about what instructor responsibility and professionalism means, after having spent a few years doing it. I'm curious, and please send an email if you have some more prudent examples or thoughts from your own time instructing.

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GSLFIA 2023 AVIATION AWARDS BANQUET 13 MAY 2023

Don't miss this one!! The aviation event of the century for the St. Louis Area is coming! See the attached flier that not only provides information for the GSLFIA Annual Aviation Awards of the year but also celebrates the 100th anniversary of Lambert Airport. Dan Rust PhD. the author of *The Aerial Cross Roads of America* St. Louis Lambert Airport will be here as the Key Note speaker.

Celebrating 100 Years of Lambert Airport & 50 Years of GSLFIA

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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.





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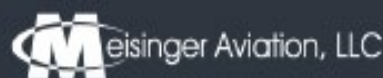
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January 14th and 15th, 2023



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18370 Wings of Hope Blvd
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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 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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