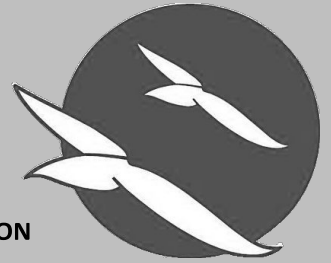


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STL TRACON TOURS

The staff of the GSLFIA recently received approval of the renewal of the STL TRACON Tours. The first tours of the facility since COVID 19 became available last week with continuation on September 18th and 19th. A total of 80 tour spots opened approximately two weeks ago that filled quickly. This is an excellent opportunity for pilots, instructors and new students to learn about the mission of the TRACON and the St. Louis airspace structure. Tour openings are always posted and made



available to anyone desiring the opportunity to tour the facility along with attending a variety of educational and safety sponsored events by the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association. We strongly recommend that you monitor the www.faasafety.gov web site for SPANS notices regarding events occurring around the St Louis Area.

We are planning another TRACON tour visit at a undetermined date at this time. These are excellent opportunities for instructors to engage your students and help them develop operational safety and the many items that are available on www.faasafety.gov.

GSLFIA FIRC DATES FOR 2024

The year rolls around quickly. It's time for the Annual GSLFIA FIRC notification. Please mark your calendars for January 13th and 14th. The FIRC location is again planned for the Wings of Hope facility located at 18370 Wings of Hope Blvd on the St. Louis Spirit of St. Louis Airport, Chesterfield, Missouri 63005. The Aviation Seminars organization will again provide the FIRC through the sponsorship of the GSLFIA.

As in the past many years, the GSLFIA will provide or sponsor a Continental Breakfast and beverages along with lunch on both days. The costs of the FIRC will continue to be the same.

Please make a notation on your calendar to register early. The early registration fee continues at only \$200.00 which includes the annual 2024 association membership dues. Early registrations are up to and including January 6th. Late registration starts on January 7th 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 2024 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. Please also help promote the GSLFIA FIRC and recommend it to a friend.

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"Come Fly With Me"

On Thursday night, November 9th, the Missouri History Museum is hosting a book signing by well known authors, Dr. Daniel Rust (who presented at our latest Awards banquet in May) and noted St. Louis author, Alan Hoffman on their book "Come Fly With Me: The Rise and Fall of Trans World Airlines". They'll discuss three larger than life personalities - Charles Lindbergh, Howard Hughes and Carl Icahn, all who made their mark on TWA. They'll also be joined by veteran TWA employees who'll add their insight to this once great airline. Along with Eastern, American, and United, TWA used to be one of the "Big 4" in the US airline world.



The Museum is in Forest Park, and you can find details on their website. For those who considered TWA as our "Home Town Airline", this event is a must! Based on their previous books, I'm sure that this will be a "must have" for our aviation libraries! Please pass this event to as many friends as you can - we need to show them how much St. Louis Aviation supports their efforts. Thanks and I hope to see all of you there!



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“VOR’s Can Be Dangerous”

OK, now that I have your attention,” How can a VOR be dangerous?” I used to use them all the time (before I got my new GPS navigator), and I never had any problems with them! You finally flipped your lid, O’Mara! Since Scenario Based training is the way we do things nowadays, let me paint you a picture. You have a Private Pilot ASEL student and you’re teaching Turns About A Point at 1,000’ AGL or so, and you decide to do it over an object on the ground that’s very easy to see - maybe the FTZ or TOY VOR. So you and your student fly out to FTZ/TOY and begin your Turns just a few hundred feet away from the VOR, all of a sudden you spot another aircraft not too far above you passing right over (or at least very close to the VOR). What’s that idiot doing, no one uses VOR to navigate anymore?

Well, I’m not so sure that’s entirely true. I do most of my instructing today in G1000 equipped Cessna 172’s BUT I make sure that all of my students still understand and navigate with the VOR’s that we were all raised on. So, yes, we are very often right over the top of a local VOR, as are everyone else who happens to be using that VOR. Now, you could say, “What idiot is down at 1,000’ AGL over the VOR?” and you may be right about that, but MY question is “Why would any of us be maneuvering and concentrating mostly on a point on the ground?” Of course, we and our students are supposed to be looking outside also, when there are so many other points where people don’t necessarily all converge.

Of course, not that any of us would practice the above



GATEWAY TRACON PRESENTATION
 WITH **PETE SEDDON**
 FAA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALIST
October 17, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC)
 Liberal Arts Building - Room 1370
 2500 Carlyle Ave, Belleville, IL 62221
 Presented by:
 Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association

It Is Forever

RESULTS OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS, OCCURRENCES OR ACCIDENTS LEAVE A FOREVER IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF AN EVENT ARE AFFECTED. THIS INCLUDES YOU AS A CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR (CFI).

The following **ACCIDENT** illustrates responsibilities I am bringing the attention of our CFI community.

Ozark Air Lines Flight 809, FH-227B crashed 2.3 miles southeast of St. Louis International Airport, in St. Louis, Missouri. The accident occurred about 1743 on July 23, 1973. The aircraft was destroyed by impact and fire. Of the 44 persons on the aircraft 38 were killed.

I attended the 50-year Memorial Service Anniversary of this accident. The service was a very moving event. As examples those in attendance included survivors, numerous relatives and friends of those killed, witnesses to the accident, a previous Ozark pilot who knows the pilots of the flight, first responders, clergy, and me. Various attendees recounted their involvement with one or more of the people killed or otherwise other attachment to this accident.



The Ozark flight 809 accident personifies the forever impact associated with aircraft accidents. As our CFI community realizes the importance of our need to conduct quality training and preparation of pilots at whatever level of the individual qualification the certification resides. Regardless of circumstances

It Is Forever (Continued)

and associated outcomes of any certification or accident event, it is your responsibility to carry the preparation you have imparted for certification with you **FOREVER**.

A recommendation voiced in the September 2023 GSLFIA Board meeting is to have frequent small groups meetings of ways to improve the instruction on various specific topics. These meetings should be approximately 1-2 hours. The results should be distributed to everyone. Watch for notification of these future sessions.

I have included several topics and available courses on the FAASAFETY.GOV site for you to use in your continued pilot training scenarios.

Please consider putting these or other courses into your trainer (CFI) tool bag.

ALC-62: "Aeronautical Decision Making for VFR Pilots": Statistics show that at least three out of four aircraft accidents are related to human factors. In previous times, the more descriptive term, "pilot error" was used. But most pilots are not careless or reckless and most take their flying seriously and make an effort to act responsibly. Often, skill in handling the aircraft and a sound understanding of aeronautical principles is not enough. Many skilled pilots have accidents because they made a bad decision or made no decision at all.

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made a bad decision or made no decision at all. This course is designed to provide pilots with some additional tools to aid in the decision-making process. It is also intended to raise awareness of the need to identify and mitigate risk. The course is based on the [FAA's Risk Management Handbook](#) and includes several interactions and quizzes to illustrate concepts and check understanding. Technical help is available through the FAASafety@faa.gov Help Desk; please send an email with your questions or comments. If you leave the course and then wish to continue, you must go to the Activities, Courses & Seminars tab and click on Courses.

ALC-82 Do the Right Thing: Decision Making for Pilots

ALC 653: Preventative Maintenance: This course provides an overview of the regulations in Part 43 that cover Preventive Maintenance. You will learn which regulation states who can perform Preventive Maintenance. You will review FAR 43 Appendix A which is the list of items that are considered Preventive Maintenance. In addition to this the course will explore some of the nuances of Preventive Maintenance and discuss why an item that is on the list may not actually qualify as preventive maintenance on your aircraft due to its method of construction.

ALC-448: Surprise, Surprise!

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ALC-730: Human Factors for Pilots Human factors training courses - A ten-module series of human factors training courses.

Randall Ottinger
FAA Aviation Safety Inspector
STL FSDO Safety Program Manager

"Mentoring Our Youth – Intro to Aviation Ed"

Summer is almost complete ... what did you do? Seminars, Town Halls, Webinars, etc continue to be important to maintaining proficiency! My "Chair-Flying" included WINGS credit for: "NAFI – Glider Concepts for Powered Flight Training" (12/5/2022), FAA Safety Briefing (12/23/2022), "NAFI - Eliminating a Mindset of Apathy" (1/18), and "Non-convective Low-level Windshear (4/1). These are FREE!

Access SPANS notices, to discover what you viewed or missed at the following ... <https://www.faasafety.gov/spans/>

Of course, I've been flying ... 40+ years since earning my PPL, still requires proficiency - rewarded thru practice. It's important to fly with precision & safety, even if you're not flying on IFR. How many pilots simply jump into the plane, without pre-flight planning?

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

Did you know that every FAA "Safety Briefing" magazine has two "Fly Safe Fact Sheets"? Plus, enjoy these magazines: AOPA's "Flight Training"; EAA's "Sport Aviation, FAA's "Safety Briefing, and AWAM (Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance).

Do you read the FAA "Safety Briefing" magazines? The July/August issue, titled "Flying Companions" featured many excellent articles. The FAA now provides easy access to these magazines, for WINGS and AMT courses via: <https://www.faasafetybriefing.com/courses/>

Aviation Educational Scholarships

Students, ... be aware of 2023-24 deadlines, for 2024 scholarships. Applications accepted – November 1st thru February 9th ... don't miss these opportunities! Apply now for AOPA's AV8RS membership, FREE for students (www.AOPA.org/AV8RS). Visit these websites for details – AOPA (www.AOPA.org/Scholarships), AWAM (www.AWAM.org), EAA (www.eaa.org/eaayouth/Aviation-Scholarships), & Women in Aviation, International (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, Ambassador to Education

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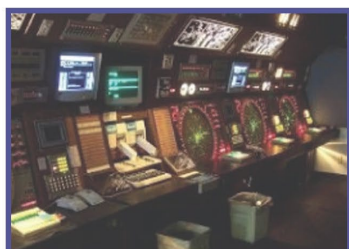
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**Greater St. Louis Flight
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Local STL TRACON Air Traffic Control Specialist Pete Seddon is back again to host one of his very popular and informative sessions for STL Metro area pilots. Topics will include airspace violations and how to avoid them (and what to do if it happens to you), safe vs. unsafe operation below the Class Bravo, how to reduce verbiage when communicating with ATC (what are you actually required to say), and of course, an open floor discussion is welcome regarding anything ATC related!

These sessions are well attended and always generate positive feedback from those who come each time! A good pilot is always learning!



PLEASE REGISTER

Registration not required to attend, however it is recommended for WINGS credit.

Look for additional registration details to be sent out via FAASafety SPANS Notice prior to the event

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Saturday
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Gulfstream, the world standard in business aviation, will host two hiring events at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel (9801 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134). Join us Sept. 28 from 4-7 p.m., or Sept. 29 from 7-10 a.m.

Career opportunities include aircraft painters, avionics electrical technicians, interior installation technicians, engineers, sheet metal technicians, A&P/aircraft technicians, cabinet finishers, entry-level technicians, and materials and logistics roles.

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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?

IDEAL Aviation
5600 Vector Drive
Sauget, Illinois 62206
Jim Moseley, Chief CFI
618-215-2282
jim.moseley@idealaviationstl.com
NOT CURRENTLY HIRING

St. Louis Flight Training
2500 Vector Drive
Cahokia, Illinois 62206
Josiah Bridges
Fly@stlflight.com
CURRENTLY HIRING FULL TIME CFIs.
CONTACT JOSIAH ASAP!

Gateway Flight Training 1H0
14301 Creve Coeur Airport Road
Maryland Heights, Missouri 63146
Bob Meder, Chief CFI
robert.meder@gatewayflight.com

St. Charles Flying Service SET
6016 Portage Road
Portage Des Sioux, Missouri 63373
Seth Franzgrote, Assistant Chief CFI
Sethfranzgrote@gmail.com
636-385-2042
NOT CURRENTLY HIRING!

Elite Aviation
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Sparta Aero Services
1800 North Market St.
Sparta, Illinois 62286
Scott Marquardt, Chief CFI and Airport Manager
Spartaaero@gmail.com
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757-652-8008 Cell
CURRENTLY HIRING A CFI/CFII, LOTS OF FLYING!
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Meisinger Aviation
532 Beechcraft Ave.
Chesterfield, Mo. 63005
Dave Pressy Director of Operations
jobs@mallcstl.com
CURRENTLY HIRING CESSNA 206H SURVEY PILOTS
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Southern Illinois University - Carbondale
School of Aviation
Transportation Education Center
545 North Airport Road
Murphysboro, Illinois 62966
Steven Goetz, Chief CFI and Associate Professor
Sgoetz@siu.edu
618-453-9247

CFI: <https://jobs.siu.edu/view-all-jobs-faculty/job-details--fac?jobID=14038&job=assistant-instructor-flight-instructor-multiple-positions>

Assistant Chief: <https://jobs.siu.edu/job-details?jobID=14691&job=ntt-faculty-sr-asst-chief-flight-instructor>

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SEE THE ABOVE WEBSITE TO APPLY

Parks College of St. Louis University
4300 Vector Drive
Center for Aviation Science, Hangar 8
Cahokia Heights, Ill. 62206
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314-977-9554

Piston Aviation
14301 Creve Coeur Airport Road
St. Louis, MO 63146
Joseph Ord, Owner
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Joe@flypiston.com

HIRING AT LEAST 2 CFIs
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