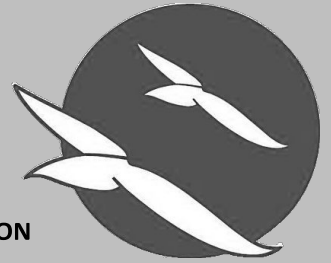


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GSLFIA News

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“Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction”

THE GSLFIA IS WORKING FOR YOU! STL TRACON TOURS A GREAT SUCCESS

We are very happy to announce that the September TRACON tours were a great success. The 80 tour seats filled quickly and are one of our most popular educational and training events that the GSLFIA supports for Flight Instructors and the aviation community. Having the ability to meet several of the TRACON controllers and learn more about the mission of the TRACON operational functions are highly valuable to instructors, pilots and pilots in training.

We are planning a number of events coming in early 2024 that will continue to support the instructors and aviation community. Education and Flight Safety is our primary mission that we continue to support and enhance.



We strongly recommend that you monitor the www.faasafety.gov web site for SPANS notices regarding GSLFIA and aviation community events occurring around the St Louis Area. We are planning another series of TRACON tour visit dates that at this time are undetermined. These are excellent opportunities for instructors to engage your students and help them develop operational safety practices and many related items that are available on www.faasafety.gov.

THE GSLFIA FIRC IS NEAR IT'S FREE IF YOU QUALIFY!

January 13th and 14th is coming soon. 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. We already have a good number of instructors registered. The early registration fee continues at only \$200.00 which includes the annual 2024 GSLFIA 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 that includes annual 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 future CFI 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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"2024 PROPOSED GSLFIA PRESENTATIONS"

Your GSLFIA had a good year in 2023 with the number of people who attended our presentations. I think that our ALL STAR was Pete Seddon. He's put on a couple of extremely well attended ATC related talks and plans on a couple more this year. Combine those with the, also, extremely popular TRACON tours (if you'd like to attend, I recommend that you respond to the SPANS that our FAA Adviser, Randy Ottinger puts out immediately!) and we'll have a few winners for 2024. We're also lining up a number of presentations, some that we're bringing back due to their popularity and timeliness also, and some that we've not done before.

So the proposed (place, date to be worked out soon) lineup will be:

JANUARY 13/14 GSLFIA's annual FIRC Wings of Hope hangar

FEBRUARY (date TBD) ATC Discussion Pete Seddon SWIC

MARCH (Date/place TBD) "Get your aircraft ready for Spring"

APRIL 16 (Place TBD) ATC Discussion Pete Seddon

EARLY SPRING Possible TRACON TOURS

MAY (place, date TBD) "Ask the DPE"

JULY (place, date TBD) "Beyond the ACS"

SEPTEMBER (TBD)

NOVEMBER (place, date TBD) "Getting Ready for WINTER"

As we get a bit closer to the dates we'll have more specifics and advertise them through a SPANS notice (Courtesy of Randy Ottinger). So, I hope that these talks will increase your flying SAFETY and skills and that I get to see many of our members and the STL GA community in general there! Thanks for listening.

Craig O'Mara

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“Wanna Learn to Fly – Planning your checklist”

Combine your “monkey skills” with radio communications, learning the FAR’s, the NAS, airport signage, aircraft systems – seems overwhelming? Not really, if you remain focused & plan your steps to earn your PPL.

These challenges are easier, by referencing the Sep/Oct 2023 issue of FAA’s “Safety Briefing News”. For each question, read the article & topics:

Download a copy of FAA’s Sep/Oct 2023 issue of “Safety Briefing. It has many excellent articles. With or without your FAA “WINGS” access, find this archived issue on (<https://www.faa.gov/newsroom/safety-briefing/archived-faa-safety-briefing-magazine-issues>)

How do I find the right flight school & CFI?
Learning to Fly – page 32

What type of medical, do I need?
Reviewing the Medical Process – page 5

What is your personal journey to a PPL?
Profile of persistence – pages 9-11

What books and/or media, should I use?
Take a Look; it’s in a book – page 27
AOPA’s Flight Training mag

Where do I find procedures & best practices, for non-towered airport operations?
FAA’s AC 90-66C – page 4

What are good FAA learning tools?
“Pilots and Airmen” drop-down tab via [www.FAASafety.gov/Airports/Runway Safety](http://www.FAASafety.gov/Airports/RunwaySafety)

“From the Flight Deck” scenarios & videos
[www.FAASafety.gov/Flight Deck](http://www.FAASafety.gov/FlightDeck)

What makes an airplane turn?

“Turning 101” – AOPA’s Flight Training, Nov/Dec 2023 issue – pages 37-41

Do you know what to say and/or to listen for, with ATC?

Reflect on the 10 rules, outlined in the July 2023 newsletter

As you fly to meet others for that tasty “Fly-In” meal, use this Air-2-Air frequency (122.75) to chat with fellow aviators. The FAA actually has a frequency for BS’ing between aircraft. The frequency 122.75 is dedicated for general air-to-air communications, between private fixed-wing aircraft.

Use 123.45 if you intend to communicate with another aircraft, during a maintenance flight, or for reporting your position in an Alert Area, and by all means please keep your transmissions short and concise.

Aviation Educational Scholarships

Students, ... be aware of 2023-24 deadlines, for 2024 scholarships. Applications accepted – September 5th 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, GSLFIA Ambassador to Education

FOCUS ON LOCAL AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS

For the next several GSLFIA Newsletters, we would like to provide information on aviation organizations that would like to be highlighted. Just provide some photos, articles, media etc. on your organization and we will add it to our newsletters.

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Piston Aviation Marks Fifteen Month Milestone with Expanded Service Offerings By Joseph and Meghen Ord

Piston Aviation marks our fifteen-month anniversary at Creve Coeur Airport by announcing expanded service offerings and an exciting new partnership in aviation education. Since the grand opening in August of 2022, Piston Aviation has grown to currently serving over 150 students at various levels of flight training with six aircraft and seven CFI/CFIs on staff. With this growth comes the need for an additional 2-3 CFIs this year as well as a fleet expansion and modernization in early 2024. The Piston Aviation fleet currently comprises two Bristell 912 LSAs, 3 Piper Cherokees and one Beechcraft Musketeer. In the coming year, we plan to retire the Cherokees and replace them with an Rotax-powered fleet that will provide maintenance efficiencies and ensure a reliable and cost-effective flight training solution for the students. Look for the familiar Piston Aviation

graphics on our new aircraft as they appear overhead in the months ahead.

Piston Aviation continues to expand our maintenance services to include fifty hour, one hundred hour and annual inspections as well as maintenance and repairs to piston-powered aircraft. The \$1,500.00 basic annual inspection deal for single, non-turbo piston aircraft will remain in place until next March.

Piston Aviation recently announced that we are the St. Louis area flight training partner for the Purdue Global University Professional Pilot and Aviation Management degree programs. The on-line study provides flexibility for completing the programs in less than the usual four years, at a 20% tuition discount, while taking flight training at the Piston Aviation package rates. Another great development in aviation education is the availability of 529 plan funds for qualifying flight training expenses following a long-overdue revision of the federal regulations governing education savings plans. Piston Aviation can now provide even more training opportunities for the next generation of aviators.



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PISTON AVIATION CONTINUED

Piston Aviation believes in supporting organizations and events that directly contribute to the growth of the St. Louis aviation community.

We are a sponsor of the Gateway Youth Aeronautical Foundation, also based at Creve Coeur Airport, and we have donated the beautiful Cherokee 160 raffle aircraft to the Future Pilots Fund. Piston Aviation represented the St. Louis aviation community at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 by sponsoring the Bristell Midwest, Skylist Pro Flight Management Software and Future Pilots Fund exhibits. Piston Aviation was also represented at the last two Midwest LSA Expos in Mount Vernon, IL.

CFI Profile: Joshua Kelley

Joshua Kelley is one of the new generation of CFII/MEIs on staff at Piston Aviation. Joshua's interest in aviation was inspired to by his grandfather, a U.S. Army helicopter pilot who served in the Vietnam War. He took his first flight lesson at the age of twelve and accumulated his ratings in an accelerated program by the age of twenty. He enjoys introducing students to training in Piston Aviation's Bristell aircraft and experiencing "the amazement factor" they exude when employing the Garmin technology for the first time. His calm demeanor and positive outlook make working with Joshua Kelley an enjoyable experience.

A popular instructor, Joshua is often found at the Piston Aviation hangar or in the air, putting in a full day of instructing and helping his colleagues whenever possible. "Right now, I'm loving the life of a flight instructor," Kelley told us recently. Hopefully he continues at Piston Aviation for a while, but he also looks forward to moving on with his career as a corporate jet or airline pilot. Until then, we are fortunate to have Joshua Kelley as part of the Piston Aviation family.

Educational Opportunities in Aviation

With the continued Expansion in many of the area's Aviation Organizations such as Boeing, Gulfstream, Weststar and many more, opportunities will continue to develop for individuals who hold Bachelors and sometimes Advanced Degrees.

At Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC), Southern Illinois University and SWIC have a partnership that offer the SIU Carbondale Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Management on an every other weekend format on the Belleville SWIC Campus. The program has now been in place for 10 years and proven to be very successful for large numbers of students in advancing their career opportunities. For those who hold an A.A.S. Degree or training in many areas, including Pilot Training, Airframe and Power Plant Certification and many other areas the Degree can be completed in as little as 16 months. The costs of the program is greatly reduced due the SIUC Extended Campus tuition rates.

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WHEN DO I APPLY? If you wish to attend SWIC with the SIU AVM track in your plans for the near future, you should apply to both colleges at the same time. You're encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by SWIC and SIU, including the Saluki Transfer Pathways Scholarship program. Successful participation in the program may earn you a \$3,000 scholarship *additive for two years!*

TO GET STARTED or learn more about the programs, including courses and requirements, reach out by email or phone or visit our website. SWIC and SIU representatives are available to help you every step of the way to ensure your success.

When you're ready, you can apply to SWIC:
swic.edu

And remember to apply to SIU at the same time:
admissions.siu.edu/apply/



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Contact the Southwestern Illinois College Aviation Flight and Management programs for details at 618-222-5683. Here's your opportunity to help yourself become a Future Aviation Professional of Tomorrow.

GSLFIA Member,

It is time to start planning for the 2024 Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic (FIRC) that will be held January 13 and 14 and the end of the membership year is quickly approaching. The 2024 FIRC will be held at the Chesterfield Airport (SUS), Wings of Hope facility 18370 Wings of Hope Drive, Chesterfield, Missouri 63006.

The FIRC early registration fee is \$200.00 and includes the 2024 association membership dues. The fee at the door will be \$225. We offer CFIs the opportunity to attend the January 2024 FIRC free. A CFI can attend and revalidate at the FIRC free if you meet the following conditions: if they have not attended the GSLFIA FIRC in 2022 or 2023 and have never attended a free FIRC at GSLFIA.

Registration for the Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic can be completed from the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association website (www.gslfia.com) or at the door on the first day of the clinic.

If you are registering for the FIRC using the website please be sure you complete your registration by January 5, 2024.

If you are planning to attend the FIRC go to the GSLFIA website (www.gslfia.com) and select "FIRC" at the top of the homepage. Then select "FIRC Audit" if you want to attend but not renew. Select "FIRC Registration" if you want to renew/revalidate your Instructor Certificate. If you are not planning to attend the FIRC, you may renew your membership for 2024 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.

If you are renewing your membership only please renew by January 31, 2024.

Your continued membership and participation in the GSLFIA FIRC will help to achieve our goals to further the flight instructor's development and promote aviation safety. These goals are accomplished by presenting the Flight Instructors Revalidation Clinic (FIRC) each January, Round Table Discussions and Safety Seminars for all pilots. We provide scholarship funds for developing CFIs and provide a membership directory on the GSLFIA website.

The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association 2023 Election for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be done via the following link. The Ballot can be found at www.gslfia.com/election.

You are important to the association. Your continued support helps maintain a strong and active force in the St. Louis aviation community. Participation in the GSLFIA and FIRC is an investment in your local aviation community!

Sincerely,

Keith Mueller

President GSLFIA

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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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