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THE GSLFIA WORKS FOR YOU!! FEB 6th STL TRACON PRESENTATION AND FAA OFFICE OF RUNWAY SAFETY PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED AT SWIC

The GSLFIA and Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) Aviation programs have joined together to sponsor a unique event that is scheduled for February 6th at Southwestern Illinois College Main Campus at 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois 62221. The presentation will be in the Liberal Arts Building First Floor Theater starting at 6:30pm. More information will be available in the coming January GSLFIA Newsletter and the GSLFIA website.

The November TRACON presentation at the same location attracted an audience of 63 aviators.

As usual, we strongly recommend that you monitor the www.faa.gov web site for SPANS notices regarding GSLFIA and aviation community events occurring around the St. Louis Area.

WISHING ALL OF OUR GSLFIA MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THE STL AVIATION COMMUNITY A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS



JUST DAYS LEFT UNTIL THE 2024 FIRC 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 plan 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 TDB) "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.

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Greater St Louis Flight Instructors Association

Presents:

Flight Instructor Refresher Course

January 13th and 14th, 2024



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To Register: www.gslfia.com

Registration 7:30am Saturday Jan. 13

Sponsored by GSLFIA

Through:
Aviation Seminars

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

Location:

Wings of Hope
18370 Wings of Hope Blvd
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Dear Aviation Professional

22 December 2023

Holiday Greetings from the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association (GSLFIA)! As a current or prior member of the GSLFIA we are hoping to see your 2024 membership with the organization. Aviation is expanding at an increasing rate. Opportunities today have never been better for more individuals to become Air Carrier or Corporate Pilots filling the needs of the Aviation Professionals of tomorrow. The GSLFIA is here to support Flight Instructors by helping to provide the highest quality of training needed by instructors to develop their students' level of knowledge and competence to become the future Aviation Professionals of tomorrow. We support this by generating aviation education and seminar events to help inform both the aviation pilot community along with supporting flight instructor professionalism.

Examples of the GSLFIA Seminars include; the 5 TRACON presentations which alone have provided enhanced St. Louis Class B Air Space operational knowledge to 353 pilots and instructors, the Ask / Meet a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) which helps students better understand the FAA Check Ride process and helps reduce pilot check ride anxiety, the Loss of Control presentation to help reduce aircraft mishaps, and the STL TRACON tours that provide pilots an opportunity to see first-hand the ATC function. We also provide media about the instructor need at many of the flight training facilities throughout the area to help place new instructors.

The effectiveness of the GSLFIA is related to the strength of the membership. As membership grows so does the credibility of the organization. Sponsorships expand helping the organization provide more literature, generate additional seminars and provide professional guest speakers that address aviation training subjects to promote the FAA aviation safety culture. This effort is recognized by organizations and companies that are supportive and provide the GSLFIA organization with locations and additional opportunities to expand safety seminars and events. In addition, we support Youth Groups that help promote an introduction to aviation career paths at locations such as the St. Louis Science Center, high school and aviation STEM programs, Wings of Hope Career Day and many youths related Discover Aviation programs.

The opportunity for individuals needed to fill the roles of Air Carrier, Corporate Flight and many aviation professionals has never been greater. The GSLFIA wants to continue to support the role of the Flight Instructor, area training facilities and FAA Safety programs. Please help us help you, renew your membership and help bring another person onboard. Becoming a member of the GSLFIA promotes Aviation Safety and quality training. As in the past, a new membership is free for the first year, thereafter only \$20.00 annually.

"Thank you" if you have recently updated your membership.

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
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