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## 5th TRACON PRESENTATION HELD AT SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE ON FEBRUARY 6TH THE NEXT WILL BE AT KSUS ON 16 APRIL

The TRACON presentation continues to increase in popularity. We completed the 5th TRACON Presentation that attracted 57 students, instructors and air carrier pilots. Since we started the TRACON presentation we have attracted more than 400 participants.

If you haven't been able to attend this event April 16th is your next opportunity.

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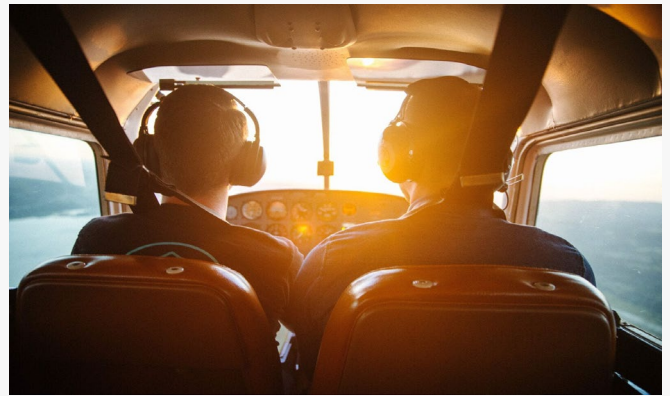
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Instructor's and pilots please attend and encourage your students as well. This is an excellent seminar to enhance operational safety and better understand the ATC operations in the St. Louis area.

## FUTURE GSLFIA SEMINARS FOR 2024

The GSLFIA has several events planned for 2024. Watch FAASafety.gov for SPANS messages that will list additional TRACON tours coming in the near future.



We are also planning an "Ask A Designated Pilot Examiner" (DPE) currently planned for May where students, instructors and pilots are invited to spend a couple of hours with one of the area Designated Pilot Examiners who will speak about the CheckRide Process and provide answers to the many questions that pilot applicants and instructors want to discuss. This is an excellent event to have student pilots meet examiners to help learn about the checkride process and reduce any anxiety that they may have when scheduling and conducting a checkride.

## TRACON INSTRUCTOR VISIT MARCH 19th

On March 19th, our GSLFIA / FAA Liaison Randall Ottinger organized a CFI only group to meet with St. Louis TRACON Controllers. The purpose of the meeting was to specifically discuss flight training operations and provide answers on local procedures to area flight instructors. We want to thank the TRACON staff for hosting this event along with Randall Ottinger for making this possible. A sincere "Thank You" to all CFI's who attended this initial CFI only TRACON event!

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## THE ANNUAL GSLFIA 2024 JANUARY 13th and 14th FIRC



Over the weekend of January 13th and 14th, the GSLFIA sponsored its annual "in person" Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC). The event was held at the Chesterfield Spirit of St. Louis Airport in the Wings of Hope World Headquarters hangar. Approximately 25 members and guests attended the event. Aviation Seminars provided the course curriculum and instruction. Today, many CFI's renew their Instructor Certificate "On Line" ...few opportunities exist to attend an "In Person" event - GSLFIA provides this opportunity in January of each year.

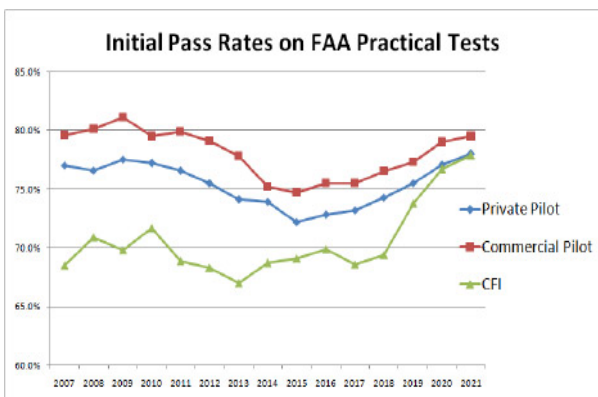
Kim Barnes delivered an excellent presentation that recertified all CFI's who attended-Thank you Mr. Barnes. We would also like to sincerely thank the Wings Of Hope Organization for providing the facility for this event.



## Congratulations !!!

You are possibly a new FAA Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) or you maybe a veteran CFI with thousands of hours of flight time and hundreds of stories to tell, or maybe somewhere in between. No matter where you are on this CFI “experience spectrum” there are many valued traits or characteristics of a good flight instructor that can be shared - in this article I’d like to introduce, address or emphasize just three (3). Search the web for qualities of a “good or great instructor” and you’ll find an incredible amount of information. Narrow your search on being a good or great “flight” instructor and the amount of information shrinks but remains large. Please continue to expand your instructor knowledge.

Before discussing just three (3) traits or characteristics of a good flight instructor, I’d like to take the opportunity to say “CONGRATULATIONS” to you on obtaining (and retaining) your CFI certificate. The FAA CFI certificate is the result of a lot of study, dedication, hard work and investment in both time and money. The initial CFI pass rate has increased over the past several years (reference the below chart) and dispels the “myth” that the CFI checkride has only a 50% initial pass rate. NOTE: the Private Pilot and Commercial Pilot initial pass rates have also increased over the past several years.



Source: FAA’s yearly U.S. Civil Airmen Statistics

The FAA publishes a wealth of aviation information for both students and instructors which is available in both print and online via their website: [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) Other sources (GLEIM, Jeppesen, ASA, etc) also publish a vast amount of aviation information available for a course of study and for reference. The one source we all studied, either recently or years ago, is the Aviation Instructor’s Handbook (AIH) FAA – H-8083-9. This FAA handbook is an outstanding resource for ANY instructor and specifically aviation instructor’s in both flight and ground roles. So, let’s look at and emphasize just a couple of qualities of being a great flight instructor.

1. BE a prepared flight instructor– the importance of preparation in flight instruction cannot be over emphasized. Work to lead productive, engaging lessons for your students and maximize the effectiveness of your time and resources. Preparation is an essential element of learning.
2. ALLOW your student to make mistakes – in flight instruction this can be a challenge. A student learning from their mistakes is an important part of their training but, as an instructor you need to know the limits of both you and your student. Keep it safe, DO NOT ignore or neglect safety !!
3. KEEP your students informed - students feel insecure when they do not know what is expected of them. As an instructor you can keep students informed in various ways – give them an overview of the lesson/course, keep them posted on their progress, feedback is essential, and give them adequate notice of requirements (i.e., assignments, examinations, phase checks, checkrides).



I challenge you to go and review the AIH (FAA-H-8083-9) specifically Chapter 8, Aviation Instructor Responsibilities and Professionalism. Previous chapters in the AIH discussed how people learn, the teaching process and teaching methods along with other valuable instructional information. Chapter 8 is dedicated to “Responsibilities and Professionalism” and includes the below lists of valuable information to help you become a better flight instructor:

- Responsibilities of ALL Aviation Instructors
- Minimizing Learner Frustration
- Additional Responsibilities of Flight Instructors
- Teaching Tips from Veteran Flight Instructors
- Instructor Do’s and Instructor Don’ts

Fly Safe and Strive to be the best flight instructor you can be !!!!

Jim Stamm  
GSLFIA Director



## FUTURE AVIATION EVENTS

➤ **APRIL 9 - 14th SUN N’ FUN IN FL**



➤ **APRIL 16th TRACON EVENT at KSUS**

➤ **MAY (TBD) GSLFIA ASK A DPE**

➤ **JUNE 8/9 STL AIRSHOW & STEM EXPO**



➤ **JULY 22-28TH AIR VENTURE**



➤ **JAN 2025 GSLFIA "IN-PERSON" FIRC**

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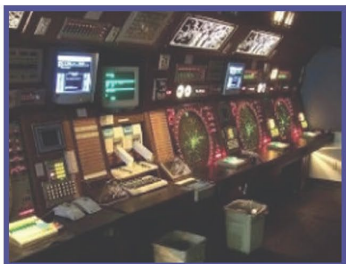
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## STL Area Employment Opportunities

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 and 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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