



“Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction”

SUPPORTING SAFETY, EDUCATION AND THE FUTURE OF AVIATION

With the addition of more programs, safety seminars and the expansion of aviation the need for additional help increases. The GSLFIA is always in need of additional help to provide support to flight instructors, pilots, educational programs, STEM organizations and FAA supported Safety Seminars. We also provide support for school career days, the St. Louis Science Center and frequent contacts that are in need of an aviation speaker for career guidance for our youth that are interested in aviation.

The GSLFIA just recently sponsored an “ASK AN FAA DESIGNATED MEDICAL EXAMINEER” seminar at the Creve Coeur Airport that was held on May 16th. Dr. Matthew Miriani was the guest speaker who discussed the FAA Medical Certification Process and answered many questions generated by 35 members of the St. Louis area aviation community.

Earlier this year, the GSLFIA supported along with area organizations that included, Creve Coeur Airport, the Spirit of St. Louis Airport, Southwestern Illinois College and others the 6th TRACON operation presentation by Pete Seddon. The 6 presentations attracted 452 members of the local aviation community. In addition, tours of the TRACON were made available to the aviation community.

The mission of the GSLFIA is needed. Our goal is to enhance Flight Instructor and pilot Professionalism, Safety and Knowledge. Our programs in the Aviation Community support the FAA Safety Program. You don't need to be a Flight Instructor to help. We welcome all of those whose goal is the same. Please contact us if you have time available to enhance safety and support the next generation of aviation professionals.

THE LOSS OF JAMES (JIM) STAMM)

We are sad to announce the loss of long time GSLFIA Board of Directors member James (Jim) Stamm. Jim passed away peacefully on June 15th, 2024. Jim had a lifelong aviation related career. Jim joined the U.S. Airforce in 1980 as an officer and completed pilot training. Throughout his military career, he served in various military assignments that included the Gulf War to Aircraft Commander on C-5 Galaxy and C-21 aircraft to commanding a squadron of medical C-9 Nightingale aircraft.



Jim retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2001. He joined the National Geospatial Organization shortly after his military retirement as an Aeronautical Information Specialist and after several years became a quality manager. Jim also joined the Aviation Pilot and Management programs at Southwestern Illinois College a few years later as an Adjunct Faculty Member. Jim was frequently identified by his students as one of the best instructors that they ever had. He will be sadly missed. Donations in his memory can be made to his favorite nonprofit organization, Aero Careers.

<https://www.aerocareers.org/>

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“Mentoring Our Youth – Intro to Aviation Ed”

July, 2024 ... what did we do? Most recently, GSLFIA hosted an exhibit for “SciFest”, held at the St Louis Science Center (SLSC). So, aviation-STEM is for you – stay tuned, here!



Meeting a new visitor at the Science Center

Seminars, Town Halls, Webinars, etc. continue to be important to maintaining proficiency! My “Chair-Flying” included WINGS credit for: “The Nuts & Bolts of Nuts & Bolts” (1/23), “Startle Effect (4/10), “Getting Started in Soaring ” (5/15) and “Reflective Analysis” (5/26). These were FREE!

Others sponsored by GSLFIA included “Gateway TRACON and Runway Safety” (2/6) and “DPE answers questions about the ACS” (5/16).

Access SPANS notices, to discover what you viewed or missed ...

<https://www.faasafety.gov/spans/>

Of course, flying ... still requires proficiency - rewarded thru practice.

GSLFIA Supports the FAA Wings Program



**“Mentoring Our Youth – Intro to Aviation Ed”
Continued**

The GSLFIA fully supports the FAA Wings Program and encourages every pilot to be part of the “Pilot Proficiency Program”

Safety is no Accident

2024 is an educator’s year, beginning with the “Human Factors” series of FAA courses. Recall the “It Is Forever” article in the September 2023 newsletter about those new FAA courses on Human Factors? This series, beginning with ALC-730, consists of ten courses, very worth everyone’s energy & attention. Then we continued through lots of excellent webinars by ABS, EAA, FAA, Foreflight Workshops, and NAFI.

Most recent is a focus on the nine principles of flying small (light) airplanes. You’ll find a great article in the July/August 2024 “Safety Briefing” magazine. Articles in the March/April and May/June 2024 “Safety Briefing” magazines drew our attention to themes “Weather Wisdom” and “IFR Flying”. To help, the FAA provides easy access to these magazines, for WINGS and AMT courses <https://www.faasafetybriefing.com/courses/>

Aviation Educational Scholarships

Students, ... be aware of this deadline, for 2025 scholarships. Applications are accepted NOW ... opportunities – missed or taken? 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 (Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance) (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. For membership, join us via our redesigned website (GSLFIA.com) - join or renew your membership! We’ve made it easy for you & them – see related article, in the December 2020 newsletter.
Jeff Rapp, Ambassador to Education

“Expanding Your Horizons”

When I was teaching at the old Weiss airport (That takes some of us old guys back!) there was a pilot who flew professionally and I know was a great professional pilot. Unfortunately, he would come down final in his private aircraft at Warp factor 9 and try to land on our little 3,000’ (or so) runway and always turned off the end with brakes smoking and more gray hair on those of us who watched. Again, he was a great pro pilot who flew larger jets which probably did fly final at Warp 9 but this was a GA aircraft at a GA airport, and he flew like he was still flying his jet.

I’ve always been a test pilot wannabe (USAF Reservists were not allowed in Test Pilot School (TPS), but I used to fly our USAFR Douglas C-9A (DC-9-32F) with TPS students at Edwards AFB every 6 months when they needed to learn to fly yet another airplane type in school. I would sit in the right seat while a TPS student would fly our DC-9 without having ever seen one, much less having flown one (and they usually did better than I did - I hate those pilots!).

What was the difference between my Professional pilot friend from Weiss and the USAF Test Pilots? They were taught to fly many different aircraft (props, fighters, bombers, transports, helicopters, gliders, sea planes, etc.) so they learned what was important in almost every type of aircraft and RATHER than flying ALL aircraft like the LAST one that they flew, they flew the aircraft that they were currently flying like IT should be flown.

Short of going to TPS (or the Civilian National Test Pilot School (NTPS), about \$1,000,000 for their long course) how do we learn to fly

like the TPS pilots? Simple, fly everything that you can get your hands on and fly it the way that aircraft should be flown - to exacting standards. Have you flown sailplanes, how about gotten your seaplane ticket, there are schools in the STL area who can show you how to fly helicopters, how about aerobatics, ever flown formation, maybe an airplane type that you haven't flown before, have you done all of the instrument approach types in the area, have you done all of the tasks in all the various ACS's, how about flight test books (have you done any rudder or aileron doublets/singlets, how about stick raps, sawtooth climbs, stability tests, etc.)? As you can see, you could spend the rest of your life learning to be a better pilot.

Whenever anyone asks if I'm a pilot, I always say YES, I'm a student pilot, still learning after 54 years!

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A Good Pilot is Always Learning!!!

World's Busiest Control Tower

Air Venture 2024



Air Venture is now just hours away! If you have never been there, this is a must item on the bucket list of life for pilots and aviation enthusiast. Airventure this year officially starts on Monday July 22nd and continues through Sunday July 28th. Last year a reported 677,000 people visited the largest aviation event in the world. We are currently hearing that 2024 will likely bring a new record that just might top 700,00 visitors for the week. If you haven't been there, take a few days and enjoy the largest aviation event in the world.

You'll be glad that you did!!!!