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THE GSLFIA IS WORKING FOR YOU! RECENT AIRPORT SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

The GSLFIA organization has been very active providing several recent presentations. On October 16th we added an additional TRACON Operations presentation at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport at the Airport Customs facility with Pete Seddon as the guest speaker. Pete provides an excellent overview of the TRACON flight operations and procedures. The event drew an attendance of 46 area pilots, instructors and students.

The next TRACON Presentation is planned for 3 December 2024 at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville in the Liberal Arts building theater. Watch for updates on the FAA www.faasafety.gov web site for SPANS notices regarding GSLFIA and aviation community events occurring around the St Louis Area.

AIRCRAFT ICING PRESENTATION

On November 12th at the Wings of Hope Hangar Facility on the Spirit of St. Louis Airport the GSLFIA and GSLBAA will be supporting an aircraft Icing presentation.

Jay Rickmeyer will be the guest speaker. Jay has a significant background as a retired consultant with the military in the dangers associated with aircraft icing, aircraft performance degradation, and the associated accident data. Instructors, please recommend this event to your students so they better understand the dangers associated with icing and best practices to use when encountering aircraft icing. This event also qualifies for credit for the FAA WINGS Safety program.

See the attached Event Flier in this newsletter.

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

January 11th and 12th 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 provide the FIRC through the sponsorship of the GSLFIA.



As in past years, the GSLFIA or sponsor will provide a Continental Breakfast and beverages along with lunch on both days. The cost of the FIRC will continue to be the same at \$200.00.

Please make a notation on your calendar to register early. Annual dues for the GSLFIA has increased annually to \$30.00 annually for 2025 to help cover many of the expenses for operation of the organization. Early registration for the FIRC is up to and including January 2nd. Late registration starts on January 3rd and up to the door on the morning of the event on January 11th at \$225.00.

If you are a new member of the GSLFIA, you have a great benefit of attending the 2025 FIRC totally free. See the website for details. 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 certification.

Please also help promote the GSLFIA FIRC and recommend it to a friend.

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GOOD NEWS ON GSLFIA WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

It has come to our attention over time that the process of signing up for a new membership, renewing an existing membership, or signing up to take a FIRC was cumbersome and confusing for some. After considerable effort among the GSLFIA Board, and with the help of our Website hoster and developer, Beanstalk Web Solutions, we have a new signup system up and running. In addition, we have reviewed and updated the entire site where necessary.

Without going into the minute details, here are the basics of our new signup system. We have consolidated the main menu FIRC, renewal and initial signup-to-join selections under one single menu selection, "Membership and FIRC". If one makes that selection, they want to do one of three things:

1. Join the organization and take their first FIRC free either now or in the future.
2. Renew as an existing member and take the next FIRC.
3. Just renew as an existing member.

In all three cases, they need to either fill out our instructor information form for the first time or update it with any changes. Therefore, the form is the first thing that comes up. After the form has been reviewed, filled out or updated, one of the three choices above must be selected. Each selection produces a credit card page that makes the appropriate charge for membership and FIRC, produces a thank you page on the screen, and sends emails detailing the transaction to the appropriate board members. Also included automatically, if one elects to take the next FIRC, is a link to the signup system for Aviation Seminars, our FIRC provider and presenter.

As we get closer to the FIRC dates, January 11-12, 2025, we will publish details on how to negotiate the Aviation Seminars signup system and how it is integrated with IACRA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Horowitz

Webmaster and Vice President GSLFIA

“The Regs, They Are A-Changing”

Wouldn't you know it, I just learned all of the CFR's (FAR's) that apply to my CFI (It's about time after 47 years as a CFI) and the FAA goes and changes them! Effective 1 December 2024 we're going to have to learn a new set of regulations that change the look of our CFI certificate, the way that we maintain it and the rules that allow us to train initial CFI's.



First of all, a CFI certificate received or renewed after 1 December will NOT have an expiration date printed on the certificate (in line with your Pilot certificate). This is a money saving issue, as the FAA doesn't have to keep printing and mailing our renewed CFI certificate every 24 calendar months. Rather than an expiration date printed on your certificate, now you'll have to meet activity-based requirements to continue to exercise your CFI privileges. For those of us who renew with an FAA approved FIRC every 24 calendar months, we can still use the FIRC to renew our CFI.

For CFI's who are actively instructing they can renew (14 CFR 197) via a FIRC OR recommend at least 5 candidates for a practical test and get an 80% initial pass rate or better. A “big” change is that your CFI does NOT expire at the end of 24 calendar months if, within 3 calendar months after the 24 calendar months you complete the FAA approved FIRC and submit the required 8710 via IACRA.

The old days of having to reinstate your CFI with a practical test only apply if you don't renew WITHIN the 3-calendar month “grace period”. If you have an opportunity to teach INITIAL CFI's those rules have changed also. There are now THREE methods to allow you to teach INITIAL CFIs. The old 61.195 requirement of having your CFI for at least 24 calendar months and to have given at least 200 hours of instruction still applies. The NEW allowances are in 61.195 (h) and allows a CFI to train INITIAL CFIs if the CFI has endorsed at least 5 applicants and have an 80% first time pass rate. Lastly, the CFI can graduate from an FAA approved Flight Instructor Enhanced Qualification Training Program (FIEQTP). FAA 141 schools are developing this course to satisfy this new requirement.

This a pretty big change and those of us who don't instruct as much as we used to, should look at the latest Federal Register for the complete ruling and dive back into Part 61 Subpart H to get caught up on these new rules. Thanks for listening and please let me know if I got any of this wrong!!

Craig O'Mara
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AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS AND TRAINING PROGRAM EXPANSIONS

Here's just some opportunities for individuals to become aware of aviation education programs that are available in the Greater St. Louis area. Aviation is expanding at a significant rate, just listing some new changes that are available if you are interested for career opportunities or personal goals.

PISTON AVIATION News from Piston Aviation!!!



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Piston Aviation celebrates their continued success with expansion and opening their second location at the St. Louis Regional Airport at Bethalto, Illinois. Since the grand opening in August of 2022 at their Creve Coeur location, Piston Aviation has grown substantially. They decided to expand their organization to the Illinois market at the St. Louis Regional Airport at 16 Terminal Drive Building 1, East Alton, Illinois 62024.

The piston fleet has grown and they are now offering a new approach to ground instruction titled, PistonLive.com, that program connects students with instructors on line to help support their ground training needs. Contact Piston at <https://www.facebook.com/FlyPiston>

AVIATION ELECTRONICS (AVIONICS) STARTING AT SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE IN JANUARY 2025

Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) is now adding to their list of aviation programs. In January, starting the Spring 2025 semester the new Aviation Electronics (Avionics) program is launching at the Granite City Industrial Technology Center Campus location. SWIC has provided Aviation programs since 1968 that are currently expanding to provide additional services in aviation education.

- AVIONICS Certificate and A.A.S. Degree program options are available. Avionics is one of the top program skills needed in the Aviation industry.
- Aviation Maintenance Program (Airframe and Power Plant) A.A.S. Degree. Program Facility expansion starting in 2025 at the Granite City Industrial Technology Center .
- Aviation Management B.S. Degree Program through SIU Carbondale on the Belleville SWIC Campus. Credit for flight Training is available. The core 48 semester hour program completes in only 16 Months. Students can transfer credits from other educational organizations toward a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation.



AVIATION EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

We frequently hear people discussing teachers and their teaching techniques, as well as coaches and their coaching strategies. But have you ever considered the two terms, which are not interchangeable, similar, or dissimilar? Do these terms apply to your flight students? Broadly speaking, coaching is a holistic, iterative process focused on developing a specific aspect of the person being coached, whereas teaching is a linear, sequential method primarily involving one-way communication, to impart new information.

Coaching and teaching both involve passing on knowledge and skills to others. Both necessitate a certain level of knowledge in the subject matter being taught or coached. Both seek to help people improve or develop in some way. As flight instructors do we find ourselves favoring one pedagogical practice to another? This presentation will examine the similarities and differences between coaching and teaching as it applies to flight instruction.

GREATER ST. LOUIS FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The GSLFIA would like to make an appeal to the aviation community for individuals who are interested in supporting aviation safety, education and training programs. Helping to support our youth (Next Generation of Aviation Professionals) is rewarding. Consider becoming part of the organizational membership and / or Board of Directors.

Aviation is expanding at a significant rate and there is a need for individuals who are interested in helping to develop events, expand membership and promote educational programs to the aviation community. Please contact a board member if this an item you would like to support.

AIRCRAFT ICING PRESENTATION TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12th

The most dangerous item about aircraft icing is what we don't know or understand!!



AIRCRAFT ICING
WITH JAY RICKMEYER
Tuesday, November 12th, 2024
6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m.
Wings of Hope Hangar
18370 Wings of Hope Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63005

Presented by:
 Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association

As we head into the winter flying season, take advantage of this opportunity to learn from retired military consultant Jay Rickmeyer about the dangers of aircraft icing.

Topics will include regulatory airworthiness standards when it comes to Flight Into Known Icing, forms of aviation ice and their dangers, aircraft performance degradation in icing conditions, aircraft accident data, and overall good rules of thumb when it comes to aircraft icing. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions or share your experiences with aircraft icing.



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

Attention Pilots!! Students, Flight Instructors!! Icing Season is here! Here's an opportunity to learn more about aircraft icing from the experts. The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association and the Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association is supporting an Aircraft Icing seminar on Tuesday November 12th starting at 6:30pm. The event will be located at the Wings of Hope Hangar facility at 18370 Wings of Hope Blvd Chesterfield, Missouri 63005.

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Greater St Louis Flight Instructors Association
Presents:

Flight Instructor Refresher Course

January, 11th 12th 2025



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To Register: www.gslfia.com

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