



*"Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction"*

## **GSLFIA SUPPORTS THE FAA RUNWAY SAFETY PROGRAM**

During recent years, aviation training programs have experienced significant numbers of new aviators entering the training ranks. Many of new pilots are focused on joining the air carrier pilot career path. As aviation continues to expand, the need for additional educational programs also continues to grow. To help support the FAA Safety programs, the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association is planning to add additional focus on the FAA Runway Safety Program.



The FAA Focus to help eliminate Runway Incidents is based on safety through education and training. The program is committed to the continuous development of improving Surface Safety focused on the following areas listed below that are considered areas of primary concern in supporting Runway Safety.

- Airport Diagram Enhancements
- Runway Construction Improvement Awareness
- Runway Safety Expanded Publications
- Published Statistics to Increase Awareness
- Airport Hot Spots Enhanced Awareness
- Publication of Runway Incursion Awareness
- Expanded ATC Controller Construction Awareness
- Runway Excursion Incident Awareness

Please contact the GSLFIA if you would like to have a seminar offered at a local airport.

## **THE NEED FOR AVIATION PROFESSIONALS**



Have you explored the numbers of talented professionals needed in aviation today? If you did or didn't, the numbers are astonishing! Browse the internet and Google Boeing, Pilots and Technician Outlook. The numbers are incredible and always seem to continue to increase. Traditionally Boeing updates their report annually, usually during the month of July during Air Venture. Traditionally we are getting close to the next published announcement. At present, the projected need is for 674,000 pilots, 716,000 Technicians and 980,000 Cabin Personnel globally.

Try to find an A&P or Avionics Technician who is not employed. Aviation Maintenance schools are experiencing significant enrollment; however, aviation isn't the only competitor for their skills. Employers come from many areas, industrial plant maintenance facilities, major amusement parks, heavy equipment manufacturers, electronics manufacturers and maintenance facilities are among the competition for aviation maintenance personnel.

Many of the top employers compete for aviation skills beyond the aviation industry. If you know of a person today who is looking for an "In high demand skills training program, introduce them to aviation. They will be glad you did!!



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## **"ACTIVE FLIGHT SCHOOL / FBO OPPORTUNITY"**

Have you ever wanted to own and operate a very active flight school in an idyllic setting? Now is your chance! Sparta Aero Services, Inc. is actively looking for new ownership of the FBO-to include an active Part 61 flight school at the Sparta, Illinois airport. The airport has hard surface AND grass runways (perfect for your short/soft field and tailwheel training), instrument approaches, fuel, maintenance, and a very supportive city. The airspace is ideal for training - not too busy but close enough to St. Louis that the students can get the best of both worlds. Not enough traffic to cause wasted time waiting to takeoff, yet close enough to very busy airports so the students gain that experience also. The school is a turn key operation that leases several Piper aircraft, has multiple CFIs on staff, and has a full service aircraft maintenance shop. Please contact Scott ASAP at 618-443-5321 or [spartaaero@gmail.com](mailto:spartaaero@gmail.com) for more details.

## **" Avoid This Simple Mistake"**

A few weeks ago a friend of mine who was just finishing his PPL ASEL met the DPE for the check ride on an ideal Spring morning and, unfortunately, never even got past the ID check (usually the first thing a DPE looks at). Before a DPE administers a check ride they must make sure that the applicant is who they say they are - pretty simple, huh! Well, in this instance the recommending CFI (who happened to be sitting in on the check) hadn't confirmed that the applicant's name on his Student Pilot certificate and the applicant's Driver's License were the same. Seems like something that one wouldn't even think about, but in this case the names were slightly different, so the DPE had no choice other than to NOT even begin the check ride. The student had to go to the local FSDO and clear up the confusion, but, in the meantime had to reschedule the check - ride which he couldn't easily do as the DPE as booked weeks in advance.



## **“ AVOID THIS SIMPLE MISTAKE” Cont.**

This caused more training so that the applicant maintained the proficiency needed to feel good about taking the check, and at \$315/hour for the airplane & CFI, this was an expensive issue! So, it might be a good idea to confirm the names match when our student gets their initial Student Pilot certificate to avoid this simple mistake.

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## **A RECENT NOTED FAA PUBLISHED TERMINOLOGY CHANGE**

On February 10, 2025 the FAA changed the title "Notice to Air Missions" back to the pre-2021 title "Notice to Airmen". The title of FAA Order 7930-2 was also changed back to "Notice to Airmen".

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE AVIATION PROFESSIONALS OF TOMORROW**

If you are considering an aviation career or if you are already engaged in a collegiate program working towards a professional aviation career path, here's an opportunity for you to learn more. The Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association is expanding and available to students to become part of the GSLBAA Mentor Program. The Mentor program is designed to connect career focused students with industry and opportunities.

We are primarily focused on Business Aviation but also fully support aviation careers that include future Air Carrier Pilots, Aircraft Maintenance Technicians, Avionics Program, Dispatchers etc. Please contact Keith Mueller at 618-222-5683 if you are interested in becoming involved with a group focused on becoming a Future Aviation Professional of Tomorrow.



**Greater St. Louis Flight  
Instructors Association**

## **A CALL TO THOSE WHO WANT TO SUPPORT AVIATION SAFETY, TRAINING AND EDUCATION.**

If you consider yourself an up and coming Future Aviation Professional, here's your opportunity to help support your goals while enhancing your professional resume. Although many planned aviation professionals of tomorrow have grand ideals of success; however, there may be some gaps on your resume. If you haven't experienced a professional aviation interview you may not be aware of some of the characteristics that employers are considering when searching for their next employee.

While education, qualifications, experience and personality are foremost, frequently employers are looking for candidates that are involved in the community. A question in many professional interviews relate to "Identify some community or professional event or program where you volunteered your time". The GSLFIA can be a resource for you! Spend some time volunteering your support to enhance aviation safety programs, events, seminars etc. and you'll have a item on your resume that fills the gap under "Membership in Professional Organizations".



## **GSLFIA “WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, WHAT DO WE HAVE TO OFFER”**

Our mission statement “The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association promotes aviation safety and improvement of flight instruction by increasing education, instructor knowledge, professionalism and techniques”, is the starting point for who we are, what we do and what we have to offer. To continue with our website “This is accomplished through the exchange of ideas and techniques between instructors, developing effective communications, and/or liaison with the FAA and/or other desirable aviation interested entities. We deliver ideas and techniques by sponsoring the Ed Blue Flight Instructor Scholarship, FAA Safety Clinics, FAA Wings Programs, and FAA approved Flight Instructors Revalidation Clinic and other Seminars”.

There are very few Flight Instructor associations in the US with National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE) and the GSLFIA being the only ones that I know of. So we are a rather unique organization and have been around since the late 1960's with about 100 CFI members, mostly in the St. Louis, Missouri area.

GSLFIA has been putting on Flight Instructor Refresher Clinics since the early 1970's, renewing thousands of CFIs over the last half century. We continue to offer an annual in person FIRC each January, where attendees can discuss issues with other, very experienced CFIs. A typical FIRC will have CFIs with a cumulative experience of 40,000 - 50,000 hours of “dual given”.

The GSLFIA sponsors about 6-10 presentations every year to the St. Louis area's General Aviation community. Topics from CFI techniques, regulatory/AIM changes, specific topics on aircraft care, icing, Loss of Control, discussions with local DPEs on what they see on check rides and how to better prepare our students to be successful on a check ride, We sponsor annual tours of the STL TRACON to give pilots a chance to discuss issues with ATC controllers in order to understand each others' duties and requirements, thus making a much safer environment.

We sponsor “CFI of the Year”, “New CFI of the Year”, Discovery Flights for potential pilots, an “Ed Blue Scholarship” for outstanding CFIs, a “James Byrnes” award for individuals who've greatly contributed to STL area aviation over a long period of time, the “Spirit of St. Louis” award for individuals or corporations who've been instrumental in promoting St. Louis aviation. These awards are traditionally presented in our Awards banquet held at a St. Louis location.

GSLFIA maintains a list of CFIs available to provide almost any kind of flight instruction imaginable to prospective pilots from all of the local STL area airports. Some of our CFIs provide remedial training to those who may need a little extra attention in certain areas.

We enjoy a close relationship with the many aviation businesses and educational institutions in and around St. Louis, such as; Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC), St. Louis University, all of the local flight schools, the various MRO facilities in the area and pilot organizations such as Experimental Aviation Association (EAA), Greater St. Louis Business Aircraft Association (GSLBAA), Women in Aviation International (WAI), etc.

GSLFIA invites you to become associated with our organization to see how we can provide resources to improve your business. Please contact us at 618-514-2647.



## 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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## HIRING AN AVIONICS TECH

## HIRING A&P W/SHEET METAL EXPERIENCE

## HIRING CESSNA 310R CFIs, 500 hours Multi, 50 hours make & model

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**HIRING A&P's, CFIs**

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