

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

## Global Aerospace Summit A Major Aviation Related Event with a Serious Plan for the Future.

Just weeks ago on August 13th and 14th the Global Aviation Summit sponsored by the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council filled the entire banquet hall of the Regency Conference Center at 400 Regency Park in O'Fallon Illinois.



This event was the first of a series of planned aviation promotional events that focused on employers, educators, STEM Programs, manufacturers, Internships and more to address the need for candidates with needed aviation skills.

Major Industry giants from the U.S. and beyond, Boeing, Gulfstream, West Star and several others were present along with about 260 plus others who are becoming part of a plan to determine how are we going to meet the needs of a rapidly growing industry in this area. The Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council staff had done their homework and invited representatives that brought in many of the colleges, trade schools, industrial training, STEM organizations and many additional training programs in the area. Kyle Anderson the President of the Southwestern Illinois Leadership Council and Bi-State Development Agency Vice President Mary Lamie of the Take Flight Forum guided the event to a new awareness of the need for qualified talent.

One of the highly valued items regarding this area are the large number of STEM programs and organizations that promote aviation knowledge and skills that are introduced at an early age. Several of the STEM and high school programs are now offering, Aircraft Upholstery, Aviation Electronics, Cabinetry, (Basics) A&P Airframe and Power Plant.

## Organizations Promoting Aviation Careers for our youth

C.A.V.E. Center for Advanced Vocational Education and Introduction to Aviation  
Aero Careers  
Collinsville Vocational Technical Center  
Wings of Hope Soar Into STEM program  
Many Area EAA Chapters  
Gateway Youth Organization at Creve Coeur Apt.  
Civil Air Patrol  
SWIC Aviation Summer Camp Aviation Sampler  
Boeing Programs for Work Force Education  
Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association  
Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association

The current focus is to help promote interest in aviation career opportunities that will guide more students and adults changing career paths into aviation training programs.

### SWIC AVIATION SUMMER SAMPLER CAMP

July 11-13, 2024

Rising 11-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

Advanced online registration  
required

Learn about the world of aviation, while being led  
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\$50 for 3 days of hands-on activities, presentations  
and the option to fly in the cockpit of a real airplane.

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- Machining and Aviation Maintenance
- Special Guest Speakers
- Student and Professional Panel
- Young Eagles Flight (optional)
- Tour Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. – TBD



#### Schedule

- Day 1 – 19400 Belleville Campus – 8am-4pm
- Day 2 – 19400 Belleville and Greater City Campuses – 8am-4pm
- Days 1 and 2 Meet at 2000 Carpe Ave, Belleville, IL
- Day 3 – 15, Louis Downtown Airport (DCA) – 8am-noon
- Day 3 Meet at 15000 Highway 27, Carle Place, IL

Visit us at

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## "Mentoring Our Youth – Intro to Aviation Ed"

May, 2025 ... this year? Most recently, GSLFIA hosted an exhibit on May 10<sup>th</sup> at "SciFest", held in the St Louis Science Center (SLSC). Included was a new handout (set of scenarios) on "Aviation with Agriculture".

Seminars, Town Halls, Webinars, etc continue to be important to maintaining proficiency! My "Chair-Flying" included WINGS credit for: "Schiff Show – Fuel Planning" (1/9), "GA Safety Culture" (1/14), "Behind the Glass (4/5), "Helicopter Wake Turbulence" (4/15) and "Schiff Show – SOP's for the GA-Pilot" (6/4). These were FREE!

Others via the FAA included "Gateway TRACON Educational Seminar" (4/1) and "Phraseology Workshop for Communications with ATC" (5/31).

Access SPANS notices, to discover what you viewed or missed ...  
<https://www.faasafety.gov/spans/>

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

## **GSLFIA Supports the FAA Wings Program**

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



## Safety is no Accident

2025 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 10 courses, very worth everyone's energy & attention. Then we continued thru lots of excellent webinars by ABS, EAA, FAA, NAFI, and "Social Flight Live".

You'll find a great article in the January/February 2025 "Safety Briefing" magazine. Articles in the March/April and May/June 2025 "Safety Briefing" magazines drew our attention to themes "Airports" and "Weather Tech & Automation". The FAA provides easy access to these magazines, for WINGS and AMT courses via: <https://www.faasafetybriefing.com/courses/>

## Aviation Educational Scholarships

**Students, ... be aware of this deadline, for 2026 scholarships.** Applications are accepted NOW ... opportunities – missed or taken? Apply now for AOPA's AV8RS membership, FREE for students ([www.AOPA.org/AV8RS](http://www.AOPA.org/AV8RS)). Visit these websites for details – AOPA ([www.AOPA.org/Scholarships](http://www.AOPA.org/Scholarships)), AWAM (Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance) ([www.AWAM.org](http://www.AWAM.org)), EAA ([www.eaa.org/eaayouth/Aviation-Scholarships](http://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/Aviation-Scholarships)), & Women in Aviation, International ([www.WAI.org](http://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

## "Beyond The ACS"

Remember, a long time ago, when you were young and thought that you knew everything, and there was nothing else that you needed to learn? On February 28, 1971, when I was a 17 year old high school junior, DPE Ron Eads, from Belleville Area College, handed me my Private Pilot Certificate and I thought, now I know everything there is to know about flying - I have a certificate, don't I?

Fast forward almost 55 years and I realize that I was then and still am a STUDENT pilot (and that's a good thing!). When I'm asked how long it takes to learn to fly, I tell people "a lifetime, of course". You might get all of the certificates and ratings and satisfy all the tasks in the numerous Airman Certification Standards (ACS) but that is just the minimum. When you got your Commercial MEL would you hop in the right seat of a Boeing or Gulfstream and start carrying passengers for hire? When you got your Instrument rating, would you shoot that ILS to 200 and a 1/2 the next day? Maybe you could, but now I know better. After almost 55 years and 34,000 hours of flying, I've realized that there is so much that I still don't know (and probably never will).



I've learned that every day that I fly, no matter what type of aircraft, I should be learning something - often that is not in an ACS.

I find that when I listen to very experienced pilots like, Greg P., Peter S., John M., I hang on every word - they are my Mentors and have done so much more that I probably ever will. So, how do I get to the frame of mind that there's more that I need to learn? For one thing, maybe read this article and for another, attend an upcoming presentation about just this very idea - "Beyond the ACS". I still need to confirm the date/venue but watch for a SPANS (Thank you Randy), and/or posters, websites (I Fly STL, etc.) and please join me in discussing how to continue your lifetime of learning to fly. Bring your own ideas, you'll see how many of us have things that we don't know about and could learn, that might not even be in the ACS! Thank you and I hope to see you in a few weeks.

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Greater St. Louis Flight  
Instructors Association

A good pilot is always learning. If you would like to contribute a little of your time to promote aviation and aviation safety please consider becoming a GSLFIA member or board member.

The Greater St Louis Flight Instructors Association

Presents:

## Flight Instructor Refresher Course



January 17th & 18th

To Register:  
[www.gslfia.com](http://www.gslfia.com)

Registration at the door, 7:30 am Saturday January 17th

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\$200.00  
After January 3rd,  
\$225  
Audit \$50.00 per  
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For Questions  
618-514-2647

Location:  
Wings of Hope  
18370 Wings of Hope Blvd  
Chesterfield, MO 63005



# BEYOND THE A.C.S. *WITH CRAIG O'MARA* Thursday, September 25, 2025 7:00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Creve Coeur Airport - Main Terminal - Banquet Hall Hangar

Presented by:

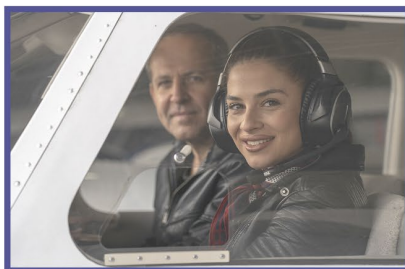


**Greater St. Louis Flight  
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Join us for an open forum discussion designed to go beyond the FAA Airman Certification Standards (ACS). Together, we'll explore not only what the ACS requires, but also the knowledge, techniques, and insights that can make you a more effective instructor, a more prepared student, and ultimately a safer pilot.

**What critical skills and lessons fall outside the ACS that can help shape better aviators?** We'll dive into those questions and more in a collaborative and interactive environment.

This event is open to all, with particular value to CFIs, CFIs-in-training, and students preparing for any type of checkride



## **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 eve

## 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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## CURRENTLY HIRING SIMULATOR INSTRUCTORS

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**NOT CURRENTLY HIRING**

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Josiah Bridges, Owner  
618-250-7930

**NOT CURRENTLY HIRING**

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Maryland Heights, Missouri 63146  
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## CURRENTLY HIRING BEECHCRAFT AND CESSNA 310 CFIs

### 310 CFI REQUIRES 100 HRS MULTI. 30 IN MAKE/MODEL

**BEECHCRAFT CFIs REQUIRE 50 HOURS HIGH PERFORMANCE, 30**

## HOURS MAKE/MODEL, BEECHCRAFT GROUND & FLIGHT TRAINING

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<https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/siu?>  
Category [0]=Airports & sort=PositionTitle%7CAscending

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