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GSLFIA News

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"Aviation Professionals Dedicated to Excellence in Flight Instruction"

Massive Growth of Aviation in STL Area

Searching for a career in aviation? Look no further. STL is experiencing incredible growth which also means a serious need for talented people who will develop and produce the most technologically advanced tactical aircraft in the world. Fighter Town as STL is also known by many is what St. Louis has become but now to new levels beyond imagination.

The serious numbers of military aircraft development and production contracts will bring hundreds of billions of dollars into the area economy and incredible growth in STL aviation. Boeing's technological advances bring a series of high-profile updates in technology and credibility



Boeing media image of the MQ25 carrier based refueling drone.

to the STL area.

The MQ 25 image above is built at the Boeing – Mascoutah facility near MidAmerica Airport. Additional Boeing contracts as published in area business journals and public media include the Air Force F-47 6th Generation tactical aircraft, T-7 Air Force new Jet Trainer, Navy replacement for the current F-18 Super Hornet and the extended life program for the Air Force F-15 Air Superiority Fighter.

Colleges and Technical Schools who display the foresight and understand the need for qualified personnel are expanding programs to help support the massive need for qualified personnel.

General Aviation is also gaining major advancement in the STL Area. Companies such as Gulfstream, West Star Aviation and Aviation Materials and Technical Support (A.V.M.A.T.S.) are also experiencing serious expansion. Gulfstream is frequently identified as the company that produces the world's Premier Business Aircraft.



Gulfstream media image .

The Gulfstream organization is currently in process of introducing its next level of world class business jet, the G-800.

As educators and mentors, we should be influencing our students about career opportunities with these companies as their high-level goals as they develop the skills needed to join these ultimate quality organizations.

Today, more than ever, aviation educational organizations need to communicate and integrate their training programs through advisory boards to maintain a strong line of communication to meet each other's needs.

West Star Aviation with more than 10 locations around the country is one of the highest rated Aircraft Maintenance facilities in the U.S.. With almost 80 years of industry experience, West Star Aviation holds the position of a leading Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul facility provider.

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IT'S TIME FOR THE 2027 ANNUAL GSLFIA FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER COURSE

Once again January is getting close and the dates for the ANNUAL GSLFIA FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER COURSE is near. For 2027 the dates for the FIRC are January 16th and 17th. The FIRC will again be held at the Wings of Hope Headquarters Facility at 18370 Wings of Hope Blvd, Chesterfield, Missouri 63005.

As usual, we plan to provide a Continental Breakfast and Box Lunch for both days. We have received many positive comments about providing food at the event. This also provides those in attendance to have more time to renew friendships and not having to depart for lunch.

AVIATION SEMINARS
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Aviation Seminars will again be the provider of the FIRC. Doors will open on Saturday and Sunday at 7:00am. The FIRC will start at 8:00am. Due to price increases by Aviation Seminars we will need to make an adjustment in the cost of the FIRC.

2027 Individual FIRC Fee	$250.00
Individual FIRC Audit (Per Day)	50.00
GSLFIA Annual Membership	30.00

As always, Aviation Seminars will provide your CFI renewal process. Complete your signup and FIRC payment on the GSLFIA Website as soon as possible and follow the link to start your sign up with Aviation Seminars.
Then, no earlier than 30 days prior to the FIRC, sign up through IACRA and finish the Aviation Seminars signup in accordance with the instructions E-mailed to you by Aviation Seminars.

NEW CHANGES COMING TO THE GSLFIA ORGANIZATION. WE ARE REBRANDING, RESTRUCTURING AND UPDATING OUR VENUE FOR FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

We are about to launch the newly rebranded, restructured and updated venue with the Greater St. Louis Flight Instructor Association. The coming newsletter will introduce an updated method of doing business and providing a new improved "Working Togther Concept" with other Flight Training Facilites in the area. Our webpage will also begin to take on a new venue as well. The GSLFIA will become the "Go To Organization" to support events and recognize area Flight Instructors and organizations for their accomplishments.

PROFICIENCY KNOWLEDGE PROFESSIONALISM SAFETY

Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association

Updated Mission Statement *– Our mission is to strengthen flight instruction and aviation safety throughout the St. Louis Region by connecting instructors, advancing professional development, sharing knowledge, and inspiring excellence in Aviation Education.*

New Concepts *– Come to Learn or Come to Share*

We welcome new ideas, don't hesitate to ask for presentations on new topics, concerns, regulations, medical examineers, ask questions from DPE's, DME's etc. We want to be your support organization. If you have a training, educational, event article that you would like to see published, please forward it to a board member and we will add it to the newsletter.

Annual Presentations and Events – *Our goal as an organization will be to provide a minimum of four or more significant events annually. Additioinal events will be added as subject matter and opportunities are available.*

1. The annual January Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic as we have accomplished for more than 50 years.

2. The annual Certified Flight Instructor of the year award for excellence recommended by flight schools.

3. Instructor / Pilot Career Development Seminar and facility tours that can include Corporate Flight Departments, C.F.R. Part 135 Operators, Part 121 Air Carriers. Our goal is to help support you to achieve your aviation career goals.

4. Annual Membership Meeting, General Public Learn to Fly Promotion, Pilot Career Opportunities and Development, Instructor Professionalism etc. Invitation open to everyone. Time Approximate 4 hours.

   Additional seminars / events that include guest speakers and pared events with high interest and value such as the TRACON, FAA Safety Programs, Medical Examiners etc.

Help us help you, please communicate.

Visit our website at GSLFIA.com

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR REVALIDATION CLINIC

Presented by: Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association

January 16 - 17, 2027

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wings of Hope | 18370 Wings of Hope Blvd. | Chesterfield, MO 63005

FEES

$250 in advance and at the door

$50 per day to audit the course

IACRA RENEWAL INCLUDED

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TO REGISTER: GO TO WWW.GSLFIA.COM OR CALL 618-514-2647

2026 ST. LOUIS AIRPORT DIRECTORS STATE OF THE UNION BREAKFAST

When **11 Dec 2026**
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Location 18250 Edison Ave (2nd floor), Chesterfield, MO 63005

Registration

GSLBAA Student Member

Member - $20.00

Non-Member - $25.00

For registration information please visit:
https://gslbaa.org/event-6382606