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Berl Grant Joins FFFA Board

At our Christmas dinner held at The Pines on December 9th Berl Grant was elected to the BoD, filling the slot vacated by Herschel Zahnd. The other officers and BoD members agreed to serve again next year. (Secretary might be open. We haven't heard from Matt Vieck for a while.) For a complete list of officers and BoD members, with contact information, see the box on page 3 of this newsletter.

We had 21 people in attendance for the Christmas dinner. Karen gave a summary of FFFA activities for 2015 and spoke a bit about plans for 2016. The January meeting on 1/5 will feature a movie about Doolittle's Raiders provided by Berl Grant. In February we intend to visit the Wilbur Wright birthplace museum. In March yours truly will do a Power Point presentation on engine failure. April will be a mystery guest speaker - ???

Airport News

As reported earlier in a separate e-mail news supplement, **D's Diner is now open on Saturdays from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM.** Planes flying in for breakfast or lunch can park by the northeast T-hangars and easily walk a couple hundred yards over to the restaurant. Also, D's has reduced their regular weekday hours, now closing at 2:00 PM rather than the 6:00 PM closing they started out with. Closed Sundays.

Member News

and Accomplishments

Marshall Grooms and wife Diane have officially moved to the Phoenix, AZ area. They left on 12/13. Their phone numbers (cell phones) and e-mail addresses remain the same. The new street address is 5519 W Paradise Lane, Glendale, AZ 85306.

Over the years many Freeman Field pilots have flown **Gregg Pardieck's 1980 Skyhawk 6313F**. He thought of selling it, but in the end decided to keep it and have it painted. He got it back a couple weeks ago and it looks like it just came from the factory! The interior, although still original, has been spiffed up a bit. Could upgraded avionics be next?



Third-Class Medical Reform:

There have been some changes.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation has passed the

[Pilot's Bill of Rights 2](#), legislation that would make it possible for most private pilots to continue flying without ever again having to obtain a medical certificate. The legislation, which appears to have strong support in the Senate but has a less certain fate in the House, eliminates the need for private pilots to obtain a third class medical certificate, provided the aircraft they fly weighs no more than 6,000 pounds, has no more than five passenger seats (plus the pilot seat), and remains below altitudes of 18,000 feet and speeds of 250 knots. Pilots, if appropriately rated, can fly VFR or IFR, day or night, single or twin, in qualified aircraft.

Here's a summary of the current provisions: *New student pilots would need to obtain a third-class medical to set a baseline of health, as would pilots whose medicals expired more than 10 years from enactment of the law. Pilots with special issuance medicals would also need a one-time exam from an Aviation Medical Examiner. After that, those pilots could fly indefinitely without ever obtaining an FAA medical again. Pilots with current medicals also would never need to visit an AME again. However, all pilots would be required to visit their personal doctor and supply the physician with a checklist of things to test for. The FAA would never see the results; instead, the pilot would simply make a logbook entry stating the exam had been performed. Lastly, all pilots would be required to medically self-assess their fitness to fly (which is actually a current regulation) as well as take a free online aeromedical training course once every two years.*

The full Senate passed the bill on 12/15. Yay! Now it goes to the house.

Museum Archives

Over time the museum has acquired a number of "edged weapons"; knives, bayonets, a sword, etc. When we recently got a German bayonet we decided it was time to create a stand-alone edged weapons

display. We had available a very nice wood and glass display case that we had cleaned up a couple months ago. We gathered up the edged weapons we had scattered around the museum and put them all into the one display case, along with appropriate descriptive signs. The result is shown in the picture below. We think it came out very well. Stop by the museum and have a look.



Treasurer's Report

For the period: November, 2015

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| Opening bal, all funds | 10,496.52 |
| Opening bal, chkg acct | 3,481.18 |
| Income | |
| Dues | 30.00 |
| Other | |
| Total Income | 30.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Electric bill | 11.53 |
| Sewer bill | 9.14 |
| Water bill | 14.87 |
| Christmas basket | 100.00 |
| Al Seibert memorial | 50.00 |
| Total Expenses | 185.54 |
| Transfer from MMF | |
| Transfer to MMF | |
| Closing bal, chkg acct | 3,325.64 |
| Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal | 7,015.34 |
| Checks written | |
| X-fer in from chckng | |
| Interest earned | |
| End bal, MMF | 7,015.34 |
| Net change, all accounts | -155.54 |
| Grand total, all funds | 10,340.98 |

2016 FFFA Dues

After the Christmas party, about half of our 82 members will owe their 2016 dues in January. We'll be sending out a separate e-mail with a dues invoice attached to those members who owe dues. Many are paid several years ahead; 4 are paid through 2019, and 3 more through 2018. Dues are still \$10 per year. If you receive an invoice message toward the end of December, please print the invoice and put it with your bills to be paid in January. Thank you.

Al Seibert

Most of you probably know by now that long-time FFFA member Al Seibert passed away back in October. Your editor was remiss in not mentioning it in the October edition. I was out east when it happened so I couldn't attend the services. I completely forgot about it when I hurriedly put the newsletter together after my trip. As per the family wishes, the FFFA made a donation to the museum in lieu of sending flowers.

Interesting Aviation Links

The end of the jumbo jet, basically a retrospective on the Boeing 747. From Robert Wilmoth, 12/14/2015.

http://www.businessinsider.com/the-days-of-the-jumbo-jet-are-coming-to-an-end-heres-a-look-back-at-its-glory-years-2015-12?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+clusterstock+%28ClusterStock%29

Join FFFA: Dues are \$10 per year. Send a check, payable to FFFA, to Larry Bothe, 1082 Governors Ln, Seymour, IN 47274-1135. Include e-mail address and phone number. ½ price after the 4th of July.

Freeman Flash issues going back to 1999 are available if you contact the editor. A website archive is planned.

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Jan 5, FFFA meeting, movie night, *Dolittle Raiders*, provided by Berl Grant.

April 5-10, **Sun 'n Fun**, Lakeland, FL

July 25-31, **AirVenture**, Oshkosh, WI

Freeman Field Flying Association meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00, FFFA Bldg
Airport Authority meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.
Museum Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6 PM, main museum building library room.

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Happy &
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New Year.**

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