



# Freeman Flash

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## Good Christmas Party!!

This year's party, held for the first time at D's Diner on the field, was an unqualified success. 25 of us were there to share the occasion. The food and service were excellent. They even provided some fancy deserts that were not in our menu package. Toward the end president Karen James asked for feedback about having the party at D's (or going back to The Pines) next year. There were a lot of murmurs of approval. On the way out at the end about half a dozen people stopped to tell me they thought it was great, and we should have the party at D's again next year. D's it is!

The Christmas party is also our official annual meeting, when we select officers for the coming year. Basically, the officers from 2016 agreed to serve again in 2016 (see corrected list on page 4). One change is that since Jack Hildreth has been unable to serve for about a year, due to ongoing medical problems, he has been replaced on the Board of Directors by Barty Moffett. Also, since we haven't heard from Matt Vieck for more than a year we declared the position of Secretary to be open.

We're still looking for program ideas for the 2017 meeting season. We intend to invite the glider folks to come to a meeting, tell us about their operation, and what it takes to get rated in gliders. Movies are a good possibility now that we have a digital

projector and the museum has a new movie screen, comfy chairs and a media cart. We're open for any other program ideas you might have.

### Other Airport News

Your editor attended the airport authority meeting held on 12/19. There wasn't anything of immediate interest to pilots discussed at the meeting. It appears that we will get funding to reconstruct the remainder (northeast portion) of taxiway Alpha (out to rwy 23) in 2017. That would put the reconstruction of taxiway Charlie (the center taxiway going south to the beginning of runways 05 and 32) in 2018 and the reconstruction of runway 14/32 in 2019. The FAA has a history of delaying funding beyond the planned dates so don't count on all this happening as projected.

Last month it was reported in these pages that the obnoxious odor from United Granulation had apparently been corrected by their recent plant upgrades. However, it looks like we spoke too soon. At the airport authority meeting it was mentioned that there were several instances of strong odor in recent weeks. Your editor did not personally experience any of this, but others said it was pretty bad. Don Furlow, airport manager, is monitoring the situation. Appropriate action will be taken as we go forward.

**D's Diner:** D's continues to be open 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch. A phone call (812-523-3395) gets a car to pick pilots up from the airport terminal so walking over there isn't necessary. And yes, they'll take you back to your plane. Fly-in diners can also park up by the northeast T-hangars and walk only a couple hundred yards to D's.

## Museum Archives

*The Freeman Army Airfield Museum is a completely separate entity from the Freeman Field Flying Association. Some of our board members (L. Bothe, B. Grant, J. Hildreth) overlap. The FFFA on occasion supports the museum with gifts of money for worthy projects. FMI [www.freemanarmyairfieldmuseum.org](http://www.freemanarmyairfieldmuseum.org).*

Work on the donated boat continues. The engine runs. The exterior has been all cleaned up. Electrical wiring is under repair. We are now at the point of assessing what further repairs we will make before offering it for sale. Seats are an issue. The old ones were toast.

The museum has been fortunate to receive a substantial grant for the purpose of much-needed electrical upgrades. Work will include new LED light fixtures in the main building, repairs to several glass display cases to make the internal lights work again, central switching to turn museum lights and display cases on and off from one location, lighted EXIT signs at appropriate locations, an additional emergency exit door at the rear of the "back room" of the main building, additional overhead display lighting, and numerous other small additions or repairs to bring the electrical system in the buildings up to code and make life a lot easier for museum staff. Thanks to museum director Mike Jordan for obtaining this grant on our behalf.

The planned trip for museum staff to visit the Grissom Air Museum in Peru, IN was delayed due to the illness of the wife of our contact up there. We were supposed to go for the purpose of looking at excess WW-II items that they might want to give to our museum. These items are stored in

unheated outbuildings so now we may end up waiting until spring to go there. We already know there are some items we would like to have. We just need to get up there with an appropriate vehicle to pick them up.

Larry Bothe finally found time to download book cataloging software for the museum. There are roughly 300 books in our library. We want to get them all into a database so we can definitively know what we have, and where each volume is located. We will report further on this project as we go forward with it in 2017.

## Third Class Medical Reform Review The FAA Has Issued A Review Of The Proposed Third Class Medical Reform Guidelines Passed By Congress

*Ed. note: This article was "captured" from the 12/20/2016 issue of Propwash, the Aero News Network daily online aviation newsletter.*

EAA has published information that indicates the new third class medical reform regulations will be introduced by the FAA sometime in January. Dr. James Fraser, FAA Federal Air Surgeon, has provided a review of the guidelines passed by Congress. Here's a slightly abridged version of that review.

**WHEN DOES IT START?** The new law gives the FAA six months to write the rule, and a further six months before a "non-enforcement" period begins. What that means is that you will have to wait until the FAA's new rules implementing the legislation become effective before you can fly under this relief. In the unlikely event that the FAA is unable to issue rules by July 15, 2017, the FAA would be precluded from taking enforcement action against airmen who are complying with the new process as outlined in the law. But the FAA has confidence it will be able to publish final regulations in the Federal Register long before that date.

**WHAT DO I NEED?** If you want to fly under the Act's relief, here are some of the basic requirements. You must first have a current and valid state driver's license. You must

also hold, or have held, any FAA medical certificate in the ten year period counted from July 15, 2016. This means that if your medical certificate was valid at any point after July 15, 2006, you are covered. If you've never had a medical certificate, or your certificate lapsed before that date, you will have to get a one-time medical certificate. If your most recent medical certificate has been suspended, revoked, withdrawn, or denied, you will also need to get a new medical certificate before you can take advantage of the reforms. If you don't know the date of your last medical exam, you can look it up in our airmen database. Certain conditions will still require a one-time special issuance medical certificate. Broadly, these include certain mental health, cardiovascular, and neurological issues. The final rule will address the specifics.

Once you meet these requirements, you will need to meet some other provisions. The details are still being worked out, but as an example, pilots will be required to complete an online aeromedical training course every two years and keep the certificate of completion in their logbooks. They'll also need to make some attestations to the FAA about their health, and consent to the same National Drivers Registry inquiry when they apply for a medical certificate. Additionally, pilots will be required to have a physical exam from a state-licensed physician every four years. That physician will use an approved checklist and form to certify that you do not have any disqualifying conditions and are not taking any medications that would make you unsafe to fly. You must carry a form in your logbook documenting the exam.

**WHAT CAN I DO ONCE THE RULE IS ENACTED?** The law allows private pilots to do most of the flying they already do. You can fly under VFR or IFR at altitudes below 18,000 feet MSL and at airspeeds below 250 knots. You can use any aircraft that has a maximum takeoff weight of up to 6,000 pounds (single or multi-engine) and six or

fewer seats. Like all pilots, whether you hold a medical or not, you are still required to self-ground when you are not safe to fly.

**DOES THIS MEAN THE THIRD CLASS MEDICAL IS GOING AWAY?** No. While medical reform offers a new medical qualification that pilots can elect to use, you can also just get a regular medical certificate the way you always have.

### **Member Accomplishments**

The FFFA welcomes 3 new members; **Bill Oliver, Seth Woning** and **Joe Niemeyer**. Seth and Joe are both students at Cherry Hill Aviation and are both about to solo. They also both work for Cummins; Seth as an engine technician and Joe as an electrician. Bill Oliver is the CEO of Oliver Winery, is a Private Pilot with Instrument Rating, owns a Cessna 206 (G-1000), a Eurofox LSA, and also a hot air balloon.

**Barty Moffett** joins the FFFA Board of Directors to help guide the organization. He replaces **Jack Hildreth**, who continues to reside that the Lutheran Home in the long-term-care section. Jack had a procedure (successful) done on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> to get his damaged vocal chords to close properly. Proper closure allows him to once again take food by mouth (after some swallowing exercises), instead of by feeding tube to the stomach. His voice will also be much stronger.

**Monte & Mindy Gullion**, who are in the process of joining the FFFA, recently purchased a very nice 1964 Piper Cherokee 180 in which they are learning to fly. Monte soloed in the new plane on 12/19, and Mindy isn't far behind him. Your editor has the honor of teaching them to fly.

Also on the recent solo list is **Seth Woning**. Seth attended our Christmas party and has since soloed in the Cherry Hill Skyhawk on 12/22.

**Larry Bothe** has decided to reclaim his life from flying all the time. Starting in 2017 he will be limiting himself to flying 5 days a week, Wednesday through Sunday, and doing FAA checkrides not more than 100 miles from Seymour. That will give him more time to work on museum projects and things at home. There is more to life than flying airplanes and earning money.

### Interesting Aviation Links

No interesting links this month. Your editor hasn't received anything worth passing along.

### Treasurer's Report

For the period: **November, 2016**

Opening bal, all funds	9,710.00
Opening bal, chkg acct	2,672.69
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	
Other	
<b>Total Income</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	
Electric bill	10.91
Sewer bill	9.14
Water bill	15.28
Other	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>35.33</b>
Transfer from MMF	
Transfer to MMF	
<b>Closing bal, chkg acct</b>	<b>2,637.36</b>
<b>Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal</b>	<b>7,037.31</b>
Checks written	
X-fer in from chckng	
Interest earned	
<b>Closing bal, MMF</b>	<b>7,037.31</b>
<b>Net change, all accounts</b>	<b>-35.33</b>
<b>Grand total, all funds</b>	<b>9,674.67</b>

### Ask an Instructor –

Our *Ask an Instructor* columnist, Adam Springmeyer, is taking the month of December off from writing. He and his wife have just welcomed a new foster child into their home and life is kind of hectic for them at the moment. We'll welcome Adam back to the newsletter in January.

### Ask an Instructor/Airline Pilot

Do you have a question about some phase of aviation? It could be about pilot certification, logging flight time, FAR's, how airlines do things, instrument flight, or anything else. Send a message to Adam Springmeyer at [adam.springmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:adam.springmeyer@gmail.com) and receive a personal reply directly in your e-mail.

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> of July.  
**Freeman Flash** issues going back to 1999 are available if you contact the editor.

### Local Event Calendar at a Glance

#### Jan 3, FFFA meeting, 7:00 PM

Sun 'n Fun 2017 April 4-9, Lakeland, FL

AirVenture 2017, July 24-30, Oshkosh, WI

\*An asterisk means Cliff Robinson will be performing aerobatics at that event.

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**Freeman Field Flying Association** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, FFFA Bldg.

**Airport Authority** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.

**Museum Board** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:15 PM, main museum building library room.

**Merry  
 Christmas**

## **Sell – Buy**

Have something you want to sell or buy? FFFA members get a free ad. Contact the Editor, Larry Bothe, 812-521-7400, or e-mail [LBothe@comcast.net](mailto:LBothe@comcast.net) to place an ad.

### **Local Aircraft For Sale**

#### **½ share of 1963 Beech Musketeer**

Mark Kendall's brother-in-law lost his medical. He'll sell his share for \$16,500. Aircraft is IFR-equipped and the annual was just completed by Cherry Hill Aviation. Call Mark for more info, 812-216-1147

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