



Freeman Flash

NEWSLETTER of the FREEMAN FIELD
FLYING ASSOCIATION

Volume XIX, Number 11, **December, 2017**

Larry Bothe, Editor

Website: www.freemanfield.org

Taxiway Reconstruction 2 Years in a Row

Airport News

100LL hose: The elusive lighter weight hose is now allegedly in the hands of the contractor who takes care of our fuel system. We are waiting for him to find time to come down and install it. As of 12/20 he had still not found the time.

12/18/17 Airport Authority meeting: As usual, various administrative things were discussed. The one thing that is of interest to pilots is it appears that the center taxiway, from the main east-west ramp south to the intersection of runways 5 and 32, will be reconstructed (work actually done) in the spring of 2019. We're still in the design phase right now, and hopefully grant money will be awarded next fall. And remember that taxiway Alpha, from the northeast T-hangars out to the beginning of runway 23, will be reconstructed this coming spring, 2018. We have that money. When both taxiways are completed we will have "closed the loop", meaning that we have certified bearing strength pavement on runway 5/23, and on the ramp and the taxiways leading to both ends of the runways. (The mid-runway connectors are WW-II vintage and are not certified).

FFFA Meetings

Christmas dinner and annual meeting: We had 28 people turn out for our Christmas dinner. That included several guest/pilots

that Lance Bartels brought along. As usual, the food at The Pines was good.

After we ate President Karen James recapped the events and activities the FFFA participated in for 2017. She also told us that for 2018 she will definitely arrange for a tour of Indianapolis Control Tower. She tried in 2017, but it didn't work out.

Next we decided on officers for 2018. The current officers said they would serve for another year, no one else spoke up to volunteer for a position, so the current officer group was reinstalled for 2018. See Contacts - Officers on page 4 for who's who.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on January 11th (second Thursday), probably held at the museum. Karen will give her ADS-B briefing held over from late 2017. Members can tell of their experiences with ADS-B so far, and what their plans are to equip their aircraft, if any.

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**

Museum Archives

News of the Freeman Army Airfield Museum



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) overlap. The FFA on occasion supports the museum with gifts of money for worthy projects.

FMI www.freemanarmyairfieldmuseum.org.

Pins & Magnets: At the request of numerous visitors to the museum, we now have lapel pins and "refrigerator magnets" for sale for \$5 each. They go nicely with the T-shirts and baseball caps we already had.

Book cataloging/internet: Our book cataloging project got stalled due to the lack of a decent internet connection. Thanks to the generosity of the airport authority, and a company from Nashville, IN, Mainstream Fiber Networks, as of today (12/12/17), we now have reliable internet in both of the museum buildings.

Flight simulator: We are on our way to having a very nice flight simulator for the museum. A company called Volair donated a chassis (frame), with seat, in which to mount all the electronics, controls and displays. A friend donated an iPad for the flight instrument display. We have some ideas about how to raise the remaining \$2000 or so that it will take to complete the project.

New color brochure: We redesigned and updated our tri-fold color brochure. Local printer Grassle-Mercer once again printed 5000 of them at an economical price for the museum. The Jackson County Visitor Center contributed \$200 toward the expense. We are just now starting to place the new brochures at the 40 sites where we have plastic holders for that purpose.

New, universal phone number: The museum now has one phone number for all purposes; **812-271-1821**. Previously we had the airport office (Diane Schepman), my

phone number, and Bonnye Good's number, published on various websites and pieces of literature. In conjunction with the new brochure mentioned above we decided to have just one number. The way we are covering answering the phone is to forward the calls to museum board members' cell phones on a rotating basis. Right now it is forwarded to my phone.

Louisville Soaring Club News & Views

Provided by Maggie Hettinger, LSC Board
FMI www.soarky.org

You know the tune....

In our Twelve months at Seymour, we found at LSC:

View of a snaky river*
Great crosswind practice**
Friendly flying neighbors***
Many nearby airfields****
Space for overnighting*****
Freeman Field Museum*****
A flag atop the flagpole*****
6 awesome students!!!!*****
5 thousand feet to laaaaaand!!!!*****

(ba-dump, dump, dump)

4 house thermals*****
3 nearby mechanics*****
2 seats in a glass ship*****
aaaaand.... *(wait for it...)*

...Fridge space for popsicles and beer.

* The White River was called *Wapahani* (meaning "white sands") by the Miami people.

** Winds blow from the West on a regular basis.

*** Too many to mention. How many have you met?

**** Many nearby airfields, fields and grass strips. Upcoming LSC seminar: Landout Options.

***** Rooms, shower, equipped kitchen and meeting/flight school area for extended use.

***** Freeman Army Airfield Museum is right across the street. A gem.

***** Flag placed by Seymour Volunteer Fire Department.

***** Tom Melton, Jason Alberring, Cody Seale, Lee Townsend, Bob Walker, Richard Winegarden.

***** Just off runway 14, Walmart, Valeo, White River on calm evenings.

***** 5502 ft, pavement and grass.

***** Check in with Cherry Hill Aviation.

***** What can you do dual that you might not do solo? Improve your skill and have fun.

This winter, club ships are insured all year. If there is enough use we will do it again next year. Make it so.

Mark your calendar for the LSC traditional New Years' Day flying and potluck supper **FFFA members are invited. Bring a dish to share. Food happens around 3:00**, after the flying is done.

Look for seminars (in Louisville and/or Seymour) on:

- Landout Options and Nearby Fields
- Oudie setup and navigation

SEE YOU NEW YEARS' DAY if not sooner!

Maggie

Interesting Aviation Links

Wing suits & airplanes: Two wing-suit dudes jump off mountain in Switzerland and "land" in an airplane in flight. Video, 2-min. From AOPA online newsletter, 11/30/17.

https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2017/november/30/daring-jump-video-goes-viral?utm_source=ePilot&utm_medium=email&utm_content=news&utm_campaign=171130epilot

Yak "twin"?: Enterprising individuals put 2 Yak 55s together into one airplane. Think of a post-modern P-38 Lightning. It will be coming to an air show near you in 2018. 30-

sec video, with article and still pictures. From EAA online newsletter, 11/30/2017.

http://inspire.eaa.org/2017/11/30/because-they-could/?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWkRBelpHRmtOalkwWWpRMYSInQoiJlUWU9xTnNGO0IvaFBtMXdWRzVOSEJmYndoRVhPNHpiTzMweUV1OFZJZG5GZXhpY3NlRWJrWXd6RzJlZUZhNDNpNVlWNzNyZ2M1eDRhNEZianZwcDEzQmtQNT1wSVVoWFJwemg3amx4V2h1a2UwdmFkOVdqUUVdWTRRQURJSRVVYyZk4ifQ%3D%3D

Member Accomplishments

The good news is that **Adam Springmeyer** has been **promoted to Captain** at his regional airline. The bad news is that additional training and scheduling demands on his time mean that he will have to take a 2-month hiatus from writing his regular column for the newsletter. Look for his next column in the March issue.

FFFA Treasurer's Report

For the period: November, 2017		
Opening bal, all funds		9,163.80
Opening bal, chkg acct		2,082.32
Income		
Dues	20.00	
Other		
Total Income		20.00
Expenses		
Electric bill	14.17	
Sewer bill	9.14	
Water bill	15.95	
Air Force Museum trip	156.49	
Christmas basket donation	100.00	
Other		
Total Expenses		295.75
Transfer from MMF		
Transfer to MMF		
Closing bal, chkg acct		1,806.57
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal		7,081.48
Checks written		
X-fer in from chckng		
Interest earned (3 mo.)		
Closing bal, MMF		7,081.48
Net change, all accounts		-275.75
Grand total, all funds		8,888.05

FAA Safety / Wings Program

By Adam Springmeyer

Hello FFFA Members. I would like to wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and to a safe and happy 2018. After this article I have to take a couple months off from writing. I have been

promoted to Captain with my airline. I will be going to training in January and February. Once everything is complete I will be back on reserve, and my schedule will change wildly. With that being said, I will be taking off the next couple of months.

For this article, I would like to remind everyone about the FAA Safety Program (FAASafetyTeam.) This program was originally called the FAA Wings program. There were originally 20 different levels. Each level gave a pilot a certificate and a different set of wings for continuing their flight education. I was first introduced to the program through the Civil Air Patrol on an annual flight review. I have participated in the program since, and have also become a FAASafetyTeam Representative.

The program has changed extensively over the past years. Today, the program has a pilot go through a series of online ground training events, and then fly a series of flights covering different areas of the Practical Test Standards. When both are completed, a pilot then submits for approval online through www.faasafety.gov. At the completion of each of the levels (Basic, Advanced, and Master), the pilot earns a nice certificate, a pair of wings, and now has the ability to earn the pilot discounts through different insurance companies. The best part of the program is the amount of data that is recorded. You can get email reminders on when your flight review is due, when you need to take different courses, and what seminars are near you. The possibilities are almost unlimited to what can be done on the site.

The online ground courses cover accident case studies, aeronautical decision making, basic aircraft systems, IFR challenges, flight maneuvers, practical test standards, and many others. Each course gives between ½, 1, and 2 credits in each of the 3 levels. All you have to do is review the material being presented, and then answer some questions. Each test is correct to a 100%,

and if a pilot misses a question, you can review the material, and change your answer.

When you are finished with the ground courses, you are ready to fly. You can fly different profiles, including slow flight, stalls, takeoffs and landings, instrument maneuvers, and so many more. Before you fly with your instructor I would suggest looking through the profiles to make sure you know what each profile is required for credit to be awarded. When you have finished flying you can request credit from each flight instructor who is registered through the FAASafety site. Each profile will earn 1 to 2 credits in each of the 3 levels (Basic, Advanced, or Master).

Thanks for reading! I look forward to talking with you in a few months. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at adam.springmeyer@gmail.com. Fly Safe, and Blue Skies.

Adam

(Ed. note: Get started by creating an account at www.faasafety.gov. Completion of a level of the Wings program qualifies as a flight review. Your editor is also a FAASafetyTeam representative.)

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.

FFFA Officers - Contacts

Karen James, President, 812-498-4482
Flygirl172@me.com
Jan Sipes, Vice President, 812-522-9446
sipesj@hotmail.com
Secretary, open
Larry Bothe, Treasurer/Membership, 812-521-7400
LBothe@comcast.net
Barty Moffett, Board, 812-528-0012
barty@barty.com
Tom Hallow, Board, 812-569-4293
thallow@3cbb.com
Berl Grant, Board, 812-580-8685
berlgrant@frontier.com

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 and receive a personal reply directly in your e-mail.

Eagle Avionics

Radio repair and installation, shop at BAK
Authorized dealer for Garmin, Aspen, Avidyne, Lynx (L3), Dynon, Stratus, and several others.
Contact Eagle Avionics for your ADS-B solution.
Transponder & IFR certification at your airport
Call Andy Zeigler, 812-344-0468

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Jan 1, LSC traditional New Year's Day glider flying (weather permitting), followed by pitch-in supper around 3:00 PM.

Jan 11, FFFA meeting, 7PM, probably in the museum, Karen gives an ADS-B briefing.

Apr 10-1, Sun 'n Fun 2018, Lakeland, FL

Jun 10, Sinful Sunday at Lee Bottom

Jul 8, Sinful Sunday at Lee Bottom

Jul 23-29, AirVenture 2018, Oshkosh, WI

Aug 12, Sinful Sunday at Lee Bottom

(Bold items are FFFA meetings/activities)

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

Freeman Field Flying Association meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, FFFA Bldg. or at the museum. No meeting in July. Christmas dinner in December.

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, 6:15 PM, main museum building map room.

The Engraver **Trophies Plaques Gifts Plastic Signs**

Quality Gifts & Awards, Aircraft Placards
1520 Schleiter Rd, Seymour. 812-522-6181
www.engraverinc.com

Larry Bothe

FAA Designated Pilot Examiner

Private and Sport Pilot Checkrides
Vintage & Tailwheel Readily Available
812-521-7400

Cherry Hill Aviation

Aircraft Maintenance & Annual Inspections
Tube & fabric work a specialty
Refurb 1981 Cessna Skyhawk for rent
Lance Bartels 812-322-6762

Burn Wood/Waste Oil/Corn

Sherrill's Heatmor Furnaces

Dave & Rita Sherrill, 812-569-2242

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 to place an ad.

Local Aircraft for Sale

½ share of 1963 Beech Musketeer

Mark Kendall's brother-in-law lost his medical. Aircraft is IFR-equipped and the annual was recently completed by Cherry Hill Aviation. Call Mark for more info, 812-216-1147

Cliff Robinson Aerobatics

Open cockpit bi-plane rides in 500HP Stearman
Acro and tailwheel training in Super Decathlon
Cliff Robinson, Madison, IN 812-701-9990
cliffrobinsonaerobatics.com

House Painting, Interior & Exterior

Call Jeff Kleber at 812-525-2042 for an estimate.
Clean, neat work by a full-time professional painter