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Members on the Move

Lance Bartels is moving up in the jet world. He has taken a new job with NTS, a commercial properties builder and owner across the USA. Lance will be the captain on a Falcon 2000 (the same airplane that FFFA member David Gray flies) and on a Lear 60, both based at Standiford Field, Louisville, KY. Lance is in school as this is written, and will soon be type-rated and captain-qualified in the Falcon. He is already typed and captain-qualified in the Lear 60.



Falcon 2000

Lance will continue to serve his previous employer, Circle-K, by doing maintenance work on their Challenger 300 and perhaps flying as a relief pilot when needed. That means he has to keep up-to-speed in three quite different jets, all at the same time.

Airport News

The airport authority meeting of 2/15/16 didn't yield anything of great interest to area pilots.

Don Miller visited Charles Lindbergh's (1902-1974) grave in Maui, HI. He sent along several pictures of the site.



Larry Bothe had two accomplishments in January. He was awarded the status of Master Flight Instructor Emeritus by the professional organization Master Instructors, LLC. Larry has been a Master CFI for 15 years.



The other thing he did, which gets harder every time as you get older, is pass the Second Class FAA medical exam. He's good to continue getting paid for flying activities.

Negative accomplishments department: On January 21st **David Gray** fell and broke his hip when he slipped on a wet hangar floor while carrying coffee & donuts to the plane. He won't be able to fly for 6 to 8 weeks. David reports that he's getting around on crutches and has little discomfort. While he can't fly he's going to work on some museum projects.

Area Fly-In Listing

For the past several years Rob & Bri Stoinoff (EAA Chapter 1328, North Vernon) have worked diligently to compile a listing of fly-ins & air shows that southern Indiana aviators might want to visit. With their permission your editor has done some editing and distributed the list to FFFA members and to other area aviation groups. I'm sorry to tell you that Rob & Bri will not

be compiling a fly-in list for 2016. As an alternative it is suggested that you log on to socialflight.com (just Google it) and look for events in our area. Your editor has already looked at social flight. I like it. I will continue to list event is our immediate area in the **Local Events at a Glance** section of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

For the period: January, 2016

Opening bal, all funds		10,443.62
Opening bal, chkg acct		3,428.28
Income		
Dues	230.00	
Other		
Total Income		230.00
Expenses		
Electric bill	62.20	
Sewer bill	9.14	
Water bill	14.87	
Other		
Total Expenses		86.21
Transfer from MMF		
Transfer to MMF		
Closing bal, chkg acct		3,572.07
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal		7,015.34
Checks written		
X-fer in from chckng		
Interest earned	2.18	
End bal, MMF		7,017.52
Net change, all accounts		145.97
Grand total, all funds		10,589.59

2016 FFFA Dues

We're down to less than 20 members (out of 83) still owing their 2016 dues. A few are snowbirds and will pay when they return to our area in the spring. A dues reminder was sent out on February 9th and several people responded immediately. Thank you! If you haven't yet paid, please do so now. Dues were due in January so you're already a bit behind. Dues are \$10 per year. Make checks payable to FFFA and mail to Larry Bothe, 1082 Governors Ln, Seymour, IN 47274-1135. Thank you.

Ask an Instructor

Your editor hasn't heard a thing from Adam.

Interesting Aviation Links

Zero Takes First Flight Over Japan Since WW-II - Historic Mitsubishi warbird flies over its homeland with American pilot at the controls.

<http://www.flyingmag.com/zero-takes-first-flight-over-japan-since-wwii?cmpid=enews012816&spPodID=030&spMailingID=24586092&spUserID=NDC4NjE3MDQ0MwS2&spJobID=724108637&spReportId=NzI0MTA4NjM3S0>

WW-II PEARL HARBOR ATTACK: There have been many movies and docudramas depicting the Pearl Harbor attack December 7, 1941..“A Day That Will Live In Infamy”...!!! Most of the films, particularly the ones supposedly based on fact, showed short clips of a couple of P-40 pilots getting airborne and shooting down Jap planes. But I, for one, never had seen the true story and more detailed info on who these two pilots were and their actions and associated events while airborne. The “YouTube” site below contains a superb video of that story. From Dan Kiel, 2/1/16.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/zS8HWFwaga4>

German WW-II Flying Wing, way ahead of its time. From Dirk Vallo, 2/3/16. We had one of these at Freeman Field right after the war. See photos in the museum.

<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20160201-the-wwii-flying-wing-decades-ahead-of-its-time>

Budapest Air Show video, from Gail LaPook, 2/15/16. A couple years old but well worth watching for about 3.5 minutes. The helicopter shots are unreal. Great views of a beautiful city.

https://www.youtube.com/embed/0px9HFIVYjY?feature=player_embedded

Museum Archives

Note: The Freeman Army Airfield Museum is a completely separate entity from the Freeman Field Flying Association, but some of our board members (Larry Bothe, Berl Grant) overlap.

New museum hours: Effective 1/23/2016 the museum made its Saturday hours 10:00 to 1:00 instead of 9:00 to 12:00. Nobody ever came at 9:00 Saturdays, but visitors often want to stay past noon. The goal is

actually be open several days a week, perhaps Wed - Sat, 10:00 to 2:00. However, that will take more volunteers than we have right now. If you could volunteer in the museum 2 couple days a month for 4 hours each, we sure could use some help. Contact Larry Bothe at 812-521-7400 if you would like to work with us to preserve and display some WW-II history.

The 11-year old sign in front of the museum is about shot. We have a new design for a sign and hope to obtain a grant to fund the purchase. The new main building sign, and a smaller one for the annex, will cost about \$800. Materials and labor to install will run another \$200 to \$300, so the new signs are an \$1100 project.



Check out the **museum's new website** at www.freemanarmyairfieldmuseum.org. It's pretty neat! FFFA member Shawn Mahoney, who created then new FFFA website about 6 months ago, stepped up and created one for the museum as well. It has an event

calendar and 360-degree views of some of our rooms. The museum is thrilled with Shawn's work! The website will be a big help in attracting additional visitors to the museum. Thanks, Shawn.

FFFA Meeting on 2/2/16

It was an ugly, rainy night and the meeting was not well attended. Larry Bothe did a Power Point presentation about dealing with an engine failure in flight. He has experienced 9 such events in 43-years/7500 hours of flying. Berl Grant made some comments that caused Larry to add a couple of slides. Larry then did the presentation again for the EAA chapter at North Vernon on 2/13. It went much better with the additions. All this is tune-up in preparation for giving the presentation in the big FAA Safety Center at Oshkosh on Wednesday, 7/27 at 1:00 PM.

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.

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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

March 1, FFFA meeting, Program: Mystery Guest
April 5-10, **Sun 'n Fun**, Lakeland, FL
July 25-31, **AirVenture**, Oshkosh, WI
Sept 16-17-18, **Lee Bottom**
Sept 18, **Madison (free) Air Show**

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.

Sell - Buy

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