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Proposed 2019 Activities

At our February meeting President Karen James presented a list of suggested activities for this year. They include:

April – Pitch-in/cookout with the museum and the glider folks.

May – Fly-out to Salem, if their new runway is open.

June – Help the museum with preparations for Airplane Ride Day; June 22nd.

July – No meeting – Oshkosh

August – Oshkosh debriefing; pictures & stories.

September – Pilot safety meeting (we have to decide on a topic).

October – Tour of Indy Tower & Approach Control. (Note that Karen is determined to get this done!)

December – Christmas party & annual meeting.

This is a tentative listing of the things we would like to do for 2019. Over the coming months arrangements will be made and details worked out. Stay tuned.

Airport News

At the airport authority meeting on 2/18 it was reported that after the recent cold snap, followed by heavy rains, and being shooed away by airport personnel, the sandhill cranes have moved away from the immediate vicinity of the airport. However, there are still

large numbers in Jackson County, and your editor did see a few cranes close to the airport while flying on 2/18.

Other than the crane report, there wasn't very much of direct interest to pilots discussed at the airport authority meeting. Routine ground rental increases for industrial park tenants were approved. Design and construction phases of the 5/23 runway shift to accommodate the Burkhart Blvd. extension were briefly reviewed. It was a short meeting.

Member Accomplishments

Judd Foster recently purchased a very nice 2012 Cessna 182. It has the G-1000 "glass cockpit" instrument panel, autopilot, synthetic vision, and is ADS-B compliant. The previous owner/operator must have been really into short field work, because the plane also sports vortex generators and an angle-of-attack system.

Lance Bartels has obtained an aircraft dealers license. Lance has bought and resold airplanes off and on for years, but with recent increase in that activity, the dealers license is a real benefit. It allows him to buy and resell without having to pay sales tax (but the ultimate buyer still has to pay tax), and grants him certain privileges with respect to aircraft registration.

Dues & Expense Update

Almost all of our members have paid their 2019 dues. There are a few stragglers who will be reminded again in early March, if they haven't paid by then.

On the expense front, it is a pleasure to report that our decision to no longer heat the FFFA suite of rooms in the winter is working out as intended. Our electric bills for January and February were \$10.38 and \$10.11; a far cry from the nearly \$200 a month we were paying in prior years. Without the big heating bills our dues will cover our other operations, and we'll stop losing money every year.

FFFA Treasurer's Report

For the period: January, 2019

Opening bal, all funds		7,236.70
Opening bal, chkg acct		1,058.32
Income		
Dues	200.00	
Other		
Total Income		200.00
Expenses		
Electric bill		
Sewer bill	14.93	
Other		
Total Expenses		14.93
Transfer from MMF		
Transfer to MMF		
Closing bal, chkg acct		1,243.39
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal		6,178.38
Transfer out to checking		
Transfer in from chckng		
Interest earned (3 mo.)		
Closing bal, MMF		6,178.38
Net change, all accounts		185.07
Grand total, all funds		7,421.77

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 FFFA on occasion supports the museum with gifts of money for worthy projects.

FMI www.freemanarmyairfieldmuseum.org.

The painting project in the main building has been completed, and as of Feb 12th the museum was put back together and ready to receive visitors. When we put all the pictures back on the walls we took pains to sort them into categories, and include new explanatory signs where necessary. Duplicate and very similar pictures were "retired", and were some really bad photos that should never been up in the first place.

As part of the reorganization we created several new exhibits. Among them are the latest update on the AT-10 restoration at AirCorps (a picture series), information on the five WW-II auxiliary airfields around Freeman Field, and a display called *Handguns of WW-II* (see picture below).



Now that the painting project is completed, we can get back to finishing restoring the fuel system in the fire truck and completing the BMW-801 engine display. Other plans include adding lights to the edged weapons display case, and creating a recessed "window" depicting a view of the Freeman Field aircraft ramp, in color, as it was during the period immediately following the war.

Wanted to Buy – Table Saw

Your editor would like to buy a newer, bigger table saw. I want one with a 10" blade and a 24" to 36" wide table. A slide-out table extension would be nice. Contact Larry Bothe, 812-521-7400, LBothe@comcast.net.

Glider Operation Information

The Louisville Soaring Club would like aircraft flying at SER to know that the gliders almost always operate off runways 14/32, and usually on weekends. However, that does not mean that the wind favors 14 or 32. The gliders and tow plane use 14/32 because it is convenient to where the gliders are stored. All the gliders have radios. When approaching the field, especially on weekends, call addressing *Seymour Glider Operation* and ask where the gliders are; they will tell you. It actually works best, when glider operations are in progress, for power planes to use 5 or 23. FMI www.soarky.org, or call President Bob Walker at 502-314-3519.

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.
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Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Mar 14, FFFA meeting, in the museum, 7:00
April 2-7, Sun 'n Fun 2019, Lakeland, FL
Jun 22, Museum Airplane Ride Day at Seymour
July 22-28, AirVenture 2019, Oshkosh, WI
*An asterisk means Cliff Robinson will be performing aerobatics at that event.

Freeman Field Flying Association meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM, at the Freeman Army Airfield 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.

Sell - Buy

Have something you want to sell or buy? FFFA members get a free ad. Send an e-mail to LBothe@comcast.net to place an ad.

Burn Wood/Waste Oil/Corn
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