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Star Party, Airport Briefly Closed 4/13

Freeman Field will be closed on Saturday evening, 4/13, from approximately 5:00 PM until midnight. Rain date is 4/20. There will be a "Star Party" sponsored by an astronomy group from Louisville (with a strong Seymour following). The public will be invited to view the heavens through telescopes that will be set up on the center, north-south, taxiway. The museum will be open from 5:30 until 8:00 that evening as an added attraction for the public to visit.

(Minor) **Crisis at northeast T-hangars:** Our porta-potty blew over in a recent storm. Marshall Grooms and Larry Bothe had anchored it to the ground shortly after we first got it, maybe 8 years ago. The FFFA owns the porta-potty and pays for servicing; it's not rented. We bought it, used, from a company just south of Louisville. Ben Higginbotham hauled it home for us in his dad's pickup truck when Ben was going to A&P school down there. Long time ago!

The porta-potty sustained some damage in the blow-over (but it wasn't, um, messy, thank God!), but it is still useable. It is now anchored to T-hangar bldg C with lag bolts; it won't blow over again. There is a step up to enter it now. The door has a new closing spring. Rumpke has been called to service it.

It will be back in service in a few days. Thanks to Don Furlow and Doug Eaton for their help making these repairs and set-up.

Museum Airplane Ride Day Set for June 22nd

The museum has set Airplane Ride Day for Saturday, June 22nd. We are actively seeking qualified pilots (at least 500 hours total time), with or without their airplanes, to fly for us on that day. This is a charity event; nobody gets paid. All the money goes toward museum (a 501.c.3 charity) operating expenses. If you could fly for a few hours in either the morning or afternoon of 6/22, please contact Larry Bothe at 812-521-7400, or email to LBothe@comcast.net. Thank you.

Member Accomplishments

Speaking of **Ben Higginbotham**, he's back in our area. He and his wife recently bought a house up near Gnaw Bone and moved back from the Houston area where Ben had been working as an aircraft mechanic. But up here he has switched careers again and is back in the funeral direction business, working in Columbus. Ben and his dad, Brian, bought a Cherokee 140 last year, and it's based here in Seymour, in the northwest T-hangar. Welcome home, Ben.

Sandhill Cranes Gone

The seasonal invasion of sandhill cranes is apparently over. They have left the area. In the meantime, the airport had applied for a permit to shoot cranes if they really get out of hand. They got the permit (from the federal wildlife people) in only about 10 days. Who knew that a federal agency could move that fast? Thus far, no birds have been harmed.

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.

After the great painting project of January and February, things seem rather subdued. Thank God, we couldn't stay at that level of intensity all year. Our attention is now turned to several smaller projects that got put aside during the paint work.

The project to put LED lights in the *Edged Weapons of WW-II* display case was completed this past Saturday. It turned out to be less complicated than we originally thought. Once in a while we get off easy.

The project to restore the fire truck fuel system to its original stock configuration is nearly completed. The reconditioned gas tank and overhauled mechanical fuel pump are installed. Next the new copper fuel line gets put in place. We'll be ready to run for the 2019 parade and car show season.

We are working on an imaginary window in a depression in the south wall of the annex, where a real window used to be. When museum visitors look "out" of our imaginary window they will see a scene, in color, of the airplane ramp from the foreign aircraft evaluation period (right after the war). We have the wooden window, the scene, and the

LED lights. The window frame needs to be refinished, the "scene" properly mounted on foam-core board, and then the whole thing can be assembled, with LED lighting.

The museum had a fire inspection on March 7th. It was all good except for several extension cords that had to be eliminated or changed to long-cord plug strips with surge suppressors. We learned that permanently-installed extensions cords are not allowed. All the discrepancies have been corrected and the inspector was back on 3/16 and signed us off. Now that we know about the extension cord rule we shouldn't have any problems in the future.

Freeman Field Flying Assn. Treasurer's Report

For the period: February, 2019

Opening bal, all funds	7,421.77
Opening bal, chkg acct	1,243.39
Income	
Dues	280.00
Other	
Total Income	280.00
Expenses	
Electric bill - Jan (missed)	10.38
Electric bill - Feb	10.11
Sewer bill	
Other	
Total Expenses	20.49
Transfer from MMF	
Transfer to MMF	
Closing bal, chkg acct	1,502.90
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	259.51
Grand total, all funds	7,681.28

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

Apr 2-7, Sun 'n Fun 2019, Lakeland, FL
Apr 11, FFFA meeting, in the museum, 7:00
Apr 13, Star Party at Freeman Field, 5:30 PM until
Midnight. Museum will be open 5:30-8:00
Apr 13, Hancock Co. (KY8) breakfast
Apr 27, ISU Open House, HUF
Jun 22, Museum Airplane Ride Day at Seymour
Jul 16, (Tue!) Hagerstown (IN) Flying Circus

July 22-28, AirVenture 2019, Oshkosh, WI
Sep 5-7, Midwest LSA Expo, Mt. Vernon, IL
Sep 18 (Wed. evening, 4-8 PM) Columbus, IN
Birds 'n Brews (replaces 2019 Airport Day).
Canadian Snowbirds will perform. Don't miss it!

*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.

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