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Taxiway Alpha Reconstruction and Fuel Pump Paving Underway

The reconstruction of the northeast part of taxiway A began this week. The work is expected to take about 60 days. That means it should be finished by the end of June. The old pavement will be dug up and hauled away. A completely new taxiway, all the way down to the base, will be constructed in the same place. Runways 5-23 will remain open during the construction period. However, it will be necessary to back-taxi on the runway to get a full-length takeoff on runway 23. If you land long on runway 5 you'll have to back-taxi on the runway to about the midpoint to get to an open exit. Be careful out there!

A shorter term inconvenience is the strengthening of the pavement in front of the fuel pumps. The pavement there has turned out to be insufficiently strong to withstand the repeated landings of the Stat-Care helicopter. It is necessary to dig out the blacktop and replace it with stronger concrete. That job will take about 2 weeks, during which time the fuel pumps are officially closed, probably through May 4th. However, based aircraft needing fuel will likely be able to get it by pulling up off to the side and dragging the hose over to their plane. Be careful around the construction site if you follow that procedure. The best plan would be to just buy fuel at another local airport for the next two weeks.

April FFFA Meeting

The April FFFA meeting and activity was to attend the annual tower safety meeting at Columbus. The meeting was held in the media room of the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum on Thursday, April 19th. Columbus Tower Chief Ben Euler made a presentation on safety issues at Columbus, and then entertained questions and discussion for the audience for about half an hour. It was very informative. There were perhaps 30 people overall in attendance; 7 of which were from Seymour, all FFFA members. We were well-represented.

After the questions and discussion ended Ben offered to take interested people up in the tower (lots of stairs!), and the airport authority folks took others on an automobile tour of the airport out on the taxiways. Matt (???), the chair of the Ivy Tech aviation program, invited yours truly and Frank LaGreca to fly their Redbird LD flight simulator. It was a really neat evening for those who made the effort to go to Columbus.

The May meeting of the FFFA will be on Thursday, 5/10. Right now we don't have a formal program in mind. Any of you out there want to come and tell us what's going on in your aviation life?

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.

Freeman Field is gaining in notoriety. We were mentioned in the April, 2018 edition of *National Geographic* magazine, in the context of racial strife here during WW-II, and the museum is specifically listed in a new, slick state publication about things to do in the various counties. Could more visitors be on the way?

Our flight simulator is nearly ready for use by museum visitors. We have one accessory (radio module) that doesn't function properly, and we want to add photo-realistic background scenery to the simulation program. Other than that, it's ready to go.

The annex floor epoxy coating project has begun. We moved all the exhibits from the east half of the building to the west half in order to expose the floor. Bob Sneberger has been kind enough to let us keep the fire truck in the green hangar for the duration of the floor coating project; about 3 weeks. The annex building is closed to the public while this work is being done.

We expect the paving of the driveway and turn-around (for the fire truck) to be done the week of 4/30. It's a 2-day job so it will be done all in the same week.

Airplane Ride Day 2018 (museum fund-raising event) is set for **June 23rd**. Several people have volunteered to fly for us, and/or loan us their planes. However, we still need a few more. If you have at least 500 hours total time and would like to fly for a good (charitable) cause, please contact Larry Bothe at 812-521-7400, or email him at LBothe@comcast.net. We also need

volunteer loaders and ticket sales people, so even if you can't fly, we could sure use your help. Thank you.

Louisville Soaring Club News & Views

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

Hello again!

Soaring activity should start picking up now after winter lets loose of her hold. A lot of recreational flying seems to have suffered from an unusual convergence of cold and/or wet weather on the weekends, and soaring is no exception. But you knew that.

April tends to be the start of the new season for many of us, saying goodbye to frost-kissed toes and hello to cumulus clouds again. This April we are saying hello to new hangar space as Lee Jarrard, Paul Osborne and myself take hangarship of the west end of T-hangar building A, on the north end of 14-32. Cleanup is planned for 4/21, and we three should all be in there soon. It will be cozy. In a glider hangar neighbors have to be "good" neighbors since our long wings have to nestle in together. That's a good thing. Friendly.

The Soaring Club's annual meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28**. Normal business will be discussed, plans for the coming season and for the future, with a little hangar cleaning and soaring afterwards.

Oh, did I forget lunch? **Lunch** for the meeting will be held **at the clubhouse**. We will all be happy to see new members and old. **Seymour friends are especially welcome!** If you want to put your name in for the lunch **RSVP to Maggie at mhettinger@mac.com**. The **cost** of the lunch will be **about \$6**, and we're planning to **eat around noontime**. Your editor is planning to drop by for a bite.

FFFA Treasurer's Report

For the period: March, 2018

Opening bal, all funds	7,741.17
Opening bal, chkg acct	640.82
Income	
Dues	
Other	
Total Income	
Expenses	
Electric bill	77.13
Sewer bill	9.14
Water bill	
Other	
Total Expenses	86.27
Transfer from MMF	1,000.00
Transfer to MMF	
Closing bal, chkg acct	1,554.55
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal	7,100.35
Transfer out to checking	1,000.00
Transfer in from chckng	
Interest earned (3 mo.)	
Closing bal, MMF	6,100.35
Net change, all accounts	-86.27
Grand total, all funds	7,654.90

Member Accomplishments

Mark Kendall, Seth Wonning and Dick Burton are in the process of finalizing a partnership agreement to share the use of the Beech Musketeer that Mark has owned for a long time. We look forward to seeing the airplane in the air more often.

Frank LaGreca, Tom Hallow and Larry Bothe finally received the major parts they need to complete a top overhaul of their 1961 Champion 7EC "Champ". The clean and careful mechanics at Cherry Hill Aviation will be putting the engine back together, doing the annual inspection, and adding an oil cooler over the next couple of weeks. It will be the end of a project that started before Christmas last year.

The Professional Pilot vs. the "professional pilot"

By Adam Springmeyer

Hello FFFA Members. Welcome to the warm weather of spring. From what I can see the

snow has melted and I am looking forward to the warmer days and looking beyond those days in the single digits. I can proudly say that I have completed all the requirements with my airline and the FAA and now am a certified Captain in the ERJ-170-100 and ERJ-170-200 (175.) I am still based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania so the days of reserve can be done from my recliner at home.

During training we were presented with an interesting discussion item: What makes a pilot a Professional Pilot, and not a "professional pilot." For the purpose of our article we want to strive to be Professional Pilots, and not "professional pilots." We are using the quotes to use the term loosely, and something we are NOT striving to become. Webster's Dictionary defines the word *professional* as one of the following:

- of, relating to, or characteristic of a profession
- participating for gain or livelihood of an activity or field of endeavor often engaged in by amateurs
- following a line of conduct as though we are in the profession

My class all agreed that we are professionals because we are compensated for our time; letter 'b' of the definition. We determined that being a Professional Pilot means coming to the aircraft fully prepared for the flight. This was determined by having our iPads and back-up batteries fully charged, charts up-to-date, being fully compliant in our company required memos and have completed company training requirements, are appropriately dressed in our uniform, and exhibit proper conduct around the passengers; these are our guidelines for being a Professional Pilot. The class also agreed that in our down time, though we may enjoy an adult beverage, we are still holding our conduct to the highest standard.

I decided to search 'being a professional pilot' on Google. I came up with 1,650,000

different search results. The first result on this topic was an ad to apply for a particular regional airline, and to become a student with ATP Flight School. A little down the 1st page was a general list saying "earn this certificate, then do these ratings, then accomplish this..." on and on. Instead of focusing on letter 'b' of the definition how about we try for focus on letter 'c' of the definition? We do not have to be compensated for our time to be Professional Pilots. So the question is: How we become a Professional Pilot, and not a "professional pilot?" Here are some suggestions:

- Have your sectional charts, and airport information readily available during the flight, and up-to-date prior to the flight.
- Get a complete weather briefing, and do a NOTAM check before we fly
- Review different courses through the FAA Safety and AOPA Safety Foundation websites
- Conduct a proper pre-flight inspection and run-up before every flight. Don't just say "It worked just fine last time I flew."
- While in a FBO, always conduct yourself as if you were being compensated
- Ask questions to yourself such as, "what are my personal minimums," and "am I complying with the IMSAFE checklist"
- Are you using the correct aircraft checklist for the phase of flight being conducted?
- Are you interested in, or have you conducted, some different training pursuant to an additional certificate or rating?
- Are you practicing different maneuvers that you don't always use?

I'm sure we could discuss this matter for several hours and add many more items to the above mentioned lists. I hope that every time we take to the skies we are a

Professional Pilot, and not a "professional pilot."

Thanks for reading! I look forward to talking with you next month. If you have any questions, or topics that you would like to see presented, please email me at adam.springmeyer@gmail.com. Fly Safe, and Blue Skies.

Adam

Interesting Aviation Links

OK, not aviation, but Indiana military historian Jim West sent this link to a really neat explanation of what goes on at the **Muscatatuck Urban Warfare Center** these days. There is a good overview and a lot of pictures (takes a while to load) to support the text. It's worth taking the time to go through it.

<http://www.indianamilitary.org/Camp%20Atterbury/Muscatatuck/Muscatatuck.htm>.

And when you have finished learning about Muscatatuck, take a look at the rest of Jim's extensive website about all things military in the state of Indiana.

Boeing Final Assembly – Watch an airliner being built in a few minutes of high-speed photography. From Dan Kiel, 4/19/18.

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.

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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.

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

May 12, Pancake breakfast, Sky King (313)
Jun 9, Columbus, IN Airport Day (tentative)
Jun 10, Sinful Sunday at Lee Bottom
Jun 15-16, Aeronca fly-in, Middletown, OH
Jun 23, Museum Airplane Ride Day, Seymour
Jun 23, Fly-in breakfast, Franklin, 8-11 (3FK)
Jun 30, Pancake breakfast, OVO, 0700-1030
Jul 7, Anderson fly-in & air show (AID)*
Jul 8, Sinful Sunday at Lee Bottom
Jul 14, Pancake breakfast, Sky King (313)
Jul 17 (yes, it's a Tue), Hagerstown Flying Circus
Jul 23-29, AirVenture 2018, Oshkosh, WI
Aug 12, Sinful Sunday at Lee Bottom
Aug 25, Mattoon, IL, fly-in & air show (MTO)*
Sep 1, Marion, IN (MZZ) fly-in & air show*
Labor Day Weekend – Red Stewart fly-in
Sep 6-8, Midwest LSA Expo, Mt. Vernon, IL
Sep 8, Pancake breakfast, Sky King (313)
Sep 22, North Vernon Airport Awareness Day*
Sep 29, Madison Air Show (IMS)*
Oct 5-6, AOPA fly-in, Carbondale, IL
Oct 6-7, Red Bull Air Race, Indianapolis

(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.

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