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Dine 'n Dash is Closing

Not the owner's choice; the building has been sold. Your editor dropped into D&D for lunch yesterday (Saturday, 5/25), and was informed that they will be closing. Their last day of business will be Saturday, 6/22, which coincidentally is Museum Airplane Ride Day, when there will (hopefully) be hundreds of people on the field. The D&D folks like the restaurant business and are seeking a new location.

The D&D building, nee Airport Café, is being purchased by the owners of *On the Rox*, located at 214 S. Broadway, Seymour. As your editor understands it, they intend to use the Freeman Field location as a catering operation; not a restaurant regularly open to the public. I don't know what that really means, and I have not had time to confirm that information.

Hangar Cleanup Day Set --
Trash pickup will be the morning of
Thursday, June 20th

The Freeman Field Flying Association, in conjunction with the airport managers office and the Department of Public Works, is sponsoring an opportunity to get all the old stuff out of your hangar, and not have to haul it away yourself. This is for the T-Hangar tenants and private hangar owners only; not for businesses operating on the flight line.

Hangar Cleanup Day is fashioned after *Make Seymour Shine Week* held in April. DPW will take pretty much anything you put out, but as you might imagine, there are some rules.

- Trash must out by 7:00AM on Thursday, 6/20. Pick-up time will be between 7:00 and 8:30. The pick-up vehicle will be a 2-man rear-loading compactor truck.
- Place your trash outside the nearest "people door" to your T-hangar space. Private hangar owners/tenants; put your trash out on the air/ramp side of your hangar.
- Plastic bags are OK if they are securely tied up. Trash cans need to have a lid. We don't want trash blowing all over the field. Large/heavy objects can be set out separately.
- Wooden pallets, old chairs, busted-up shelves, cardboard boxes, etc., etc. are all OK.
- NO WASTE OIL!! However, since Cherry Hill Aviation heats their building with a waste-oil furnace, your waste oil is always welcome at Cherry Hill.
- NO OLD TIRES Since the compactor truck goes directly to the landfill, and the landfill will not accept tires, DPW can't pick them up. However, if you want to get rid of old tires you can take them to DPW, on the field, and they will take them for a \$3 each cash disposal fee (\$5 if on a wheel).

- Other items DPW can't take are fluorescent light tubes, oil-based paint (latex paint is OK if solidified with kitty litter or oil-dry), chemicals of any kind, construction debris, and batteries.

The route of the compactor truck will be to snake through the northeast T-hangars (buildings B, C & D), then down the flight line on the air side to get trash at private hangars, and end up at T-hangar building A on the northwest side.

Please use your head and adhere to the rules for this clean-up. If we make a mess (stuff blowing around), or put out items that DPW can't take, they will never do this for us again. If you clean up your hangar over the weekend but are concerned about having your trash out for 3 or 4 days before pick-up, send me an email (lbothe@comcast.net) and I'll put your trash out for you right before the pick-up. Thanks to all.

May Sectional Chart Clinic

The sectional chart clinic held in conjunction with the May FFFA meeting was a huge success. We had about a dozen people in attendance and went over classes of airspace, permissions, weather minimums, TFRs and SFRAs, chart symbols, airport symbols and data block info, safe altitude and terrain/obstacle avoidance. We met in the media room at the museum, and the overhead digital projector, which was originally purchased by the FFFA, was put to good use.

Pilots Still Needed for Museum Airplane Ride Day on 6/22

We actually have enough pilots to do the ride day, but we sure could use some additional ones for relief, and to take over when others have to leave, or to help get us started before other pilots from out of town get there.

If you have at least 500 hours total time and would like to spend a few hours flying for a good cause, please help out the Freeman

Army Airfield Museum, a 501.c.3 charity. We have planes; we need pilots. All the money goes toward museum operating expenses. If you could fly for a few hours in either the morning or afternoon of June 22nd, please contact Larry Bothe at 812-521-7400, or email to LBothe@comcast.net. Thank you.

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 fire truck fuel system is completed and it runs fine. However, while installing the new fuel line from the tank to engine, Joe Clegg discovered bare electrical wires that were rubbing on the frame and arcing. Upon further inspection he found even more wires with the insulation falling off. The electrical work we had done on the truck about 10 years ago to get it running was not a complete rewire. Now Joe is tracing wires, removing the ones that don't matter, and replacing the ones that do. We hope to be ready to have it out for Airplane Ride Day.

And speaking of Airplane Ride Day, it will be on June 22nd this year, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Cherry Hill Aviation. The museum will be open. Soon we will be placing color flyers in stores, businesses and restaurants in Seymour, Brownstown and Crothersville. So far, we have 8 airplanes available to us, and enough pilots to fly them, initially. But not all the pilots can stay all day, and we need pilots for relief to we can keep flying while others are eating and taking a break. If any of you reading this can fly for us for a few hours, it would be very helpful. Besides pilots, we need ground helpers for ARD. Ride ticket sales people, "loaders" (walk people out to the planes and help them into the planes and get their safety belts buckled), keeping trash

cans empty (replacing the full bags with new ones), runners (back and forth to the museum buildings), help in the museum itself, are all needed. If you can help for a few hours on 6/22, call Larry at 812-521-7400.

Beyond help for ARD, the museum needs volunteers in general. Museum volunteers make coffee, conduct tours (we'll teach you how), sell souvenirs (not much), show our Welcome video, answer questions, clean up (vacuum the floor, empty trash cans), work on displays, and make small repairs as you might do around the house. We sure could use a few people on a regular basis, like one or two half-days a month. If you are interested in history and would like to help preserve it and pass it on to others, please come out and give us a hand.

In other quick museum news, Larry Bothe got a new table saw, and donated his old one (perfectly functional!) to the museum. We acquired a pristine copy of Lou Osterman's 1986 history of Freeman Field. Lou gave us permission to have it reprinted. We'll soon have copies for sale. We added lights to two more glass display cases. Boy, do the lights ever make a difference!

Member Accomplishments

Please welcome new member **Helmut Weislein** to the FFFA. Helmut lives in Shepherdsville, KY and is a recently-retired UPS pilot. He is looking to buy a plane; perhaps a Super Cub. Helmut has extensive taildragger experience (both large and small) from many years ago. And he flew the Champ just fine a few weeks back.

Bowman Field ATIS Frequency Has Changed

Effective 5/8/2019, the LOU ATCT ATIS frequency **changed to 120.025**. The change may or may not make it onto the next cycle of the St. Louis sectional chart in June.

June FFFA Meeting

Program TBA.

Glider Club News

By Maggie Hettinger

Maggie sent along an explanation of some radio call procedure changes that have been adopted and standardized by the Louisville Soaring Club. Different members had been saying different things, and there was some confusion about what each radio call meant. Her description of the standardized radio calls all the members now use follows.

After review and discussion, the following procedures were adopted by the Louisville Soaring Club at Seymour Freeman Field. In the interest of clarity, efficiency and being good neighbors, the club is working toward using some slightly different terminology. Radio calls seem to be easier to understand when all involved hear the language they expect.

TAKEOFF:

When a glider having a clear empty runway is going to set up on that runway, it is expected to hear all of these 6 calls before the glider takes off and the runway is clear:

*SEYMOUR TRAFFIC, GLIDER IS MOVING TO **LINE UP AND WAIT** MIDFIELD RUNWAY 32 (14), SEYMOUR*

TOW, GLIDER RADIO CHECK

TAKE UP SLACK

THREE FEET...SLACK'S OUT

***GLIDER IS READY** (Mandatory*

before takeoff!)

Tow plane makes departure call:

SEYMOUR TRAFFIC, GLIDER AND

TOWPLANE DEPARTING RUNWAY ____,

SEYMOUR.

After the glider and tow plane depart and climb to altitude, at the glider's airborne release:

__(Aircraft)__ IS RELEASED, 2500. (AGL altitude)

LANDING: The standard landing pattern for glider traffic will be to the WEST of runway 14-32.

Prior to landing:

SEYMOUR TRAFFIC, GLIDER DOWNWIND

RUNWAY 32, SEYMOUR

*SEYMOUR TRAFFIC, GLIDER DOWNWIND
FOR RIGHT BASE RUNWAY 14, SEYMOUR*

Note that some gliders may also call base and final on landing, but most are not able to do that. The DOWNWIND call will most likely be the only one heard.

As soon as possible after landing, the pilot will call:

*SEYMOUR TRAFFIC, GLIDER STOPPED
MIDFIELD RUNWAY 32, SEYMOUR*

This will be followed (perhaps a few minutes later) by:

*SEYMOUR TRAFFIC, GLIDER CLEAR OF
RUNWAY 32, SEYMOUR*

Looking forward to sharing the air with all. What a beautiful area we are in!

Maggie Hettinger

Editor's Note: All the gliders, and the tow plane, have a radio. When approaching the field from away when I think there might be gliders flying (pretty much any day between 10AM and 4PM when the weather is decent), I call from about 5 miles out. The call goes something like *Seymour glider operations, Champ 9855Y is 5 to the north, landing. Any gliders up right now?* I know from experience that the glider group is very good about responding to radio calls, so if I don't get an answer I conclude that there is no glider activity at that time. If there is glider activity then somebody answers and tells me where the gliders are located, and where they are headed. Sometimes the tow plane answers with takeoff information. It works very well.

The gliders may be flying any day of the week. Their operations are no longer limited to weekends. And they fly in a fair amount of wind. Don't assume they won't be up just because it's a bit breezy. They fly in wind that I won't even get the Champ out of the hangar.

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. 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 Operations* 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.

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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.

The museum needs additional volunteers on a regular basis. Could some of you please help? Call Larry Bothe, 812-521-7400, for details. Thanks.

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Jun 13, FFFA meeting, 7:00PM, Museum
Jun 15, OVO Flap Jack breakfast
Jun 22, Museum Airplane Ride Day at Seymour
***** No FFFA meeting or newsletter in July *****
Jul 16, (Tue Eve!) Hagerstown (IN) Flying Circus
July 22-28, AirVenture 2019, Oshkosh, WI
Aug 8, FFFA meeting, 7:00PM, Museum
Aug 11, Fly-in lunch, 11-3, Franklin, IN 3FK
Aug 31*, Fly-in, Red Stewart Field, 40I
Sep 2-8, *Triple Tree fly-in, Woodruff, SC SC00*
Sep 5-7, Midwest LSA Expo, Mt. Vernon, IL
Sep 7-8, Greencastle Airport Days, GPC
Sep 18 (Wed. evening, 4-8 PM) Columbus, IN
Birds 'n Brews (replaces 2019 Airport Day).
Canadian Snowbirds will perform. Don't miss it!
Sep 21*, North Vernon Airport Awareness Day
Sep 28*, Madison Air Show, IMS
Oct 5-6*, Bowman Field fly-in & airshow, LOU
**An asterisk means Cliff Robinson will be performing an air show at that event. If you want to see world-class aerobatics with no admission charge, attend one or more of these events.*

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.

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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