



# Freeman Flash

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## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pitch-In & Fireworks

We're having our traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July pitch-in on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> at the FFFA building. Bring family and friends. After we eat we'll stay around for the fireworks. Due to the long daylight hours the fireworks don't start until about 10 PM. We'll gather at the FFFA building around 7:30 PM and eat about 8:00. If you've been partying and eating with friends & family all day you should be read to eat again by 8:00 or so.

As usual, the FFFA will provide meat, buns and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. Also, be sure to bring folding chairs to sit on for the fireworks. We'll probably move over across the street to Cherry Hill Aviation for the fireworks part.

### **FAA reminds pilots to taxi with transponders on...**

The Federal Aviation Administration has issued an alert reminding pilots to keep aircraft transponders turned on to the altitude-reporting mode even when their planes are on the ground. Runway safety systems use data from the transponders to track plane locations. [AIN Online](#) (6/2) From AOPA Aviation Brief, 6/3/2015. **Ed. Note:** This is for all aircraft at all airports. Exception: Within 30 NM of Oshkosh during AirVenture week, when arriving or departing VFR. Read the AirVenture NOTAM carefully if you're flying to Oshkosh.

### **June FFFA Meeting**

and

### **Airport News**

Nothing. Nada. Your editor missed the June FFFA meeting, but Karen reports that nothing important was decided or accomplished. I attended the airport authority meeting this past Monday, and nothing of consequence to pilots happened at that meeting either. Life is tough in the Newsletter Editor job.

### **Neat Picture**

Brian Payne, the Airport Director at Columbus, sent along the picture of Freeman Field as seen through the tail gunner's position of a B-25. It was taken the weekend of 6/13-14. No explanation as to how Brian ended up in the tail of a B-25 south of Seymour a week ago.



## Interesting Aviation Links

**B-24's at Willow Run:** A video about B-24 production by Ford at Willow Run, near Detroit. This is pretty neat; your editor had not seen it before. From Floyd Hollandbeck, 5/28/2015.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/iKlt6rNciTo?rel=0>

**Civilian Harrier:** 8-min video about the guy who owns and flies one. He also has 2 others. From Paul Rawnsley, 6/8/15.

<http://www.wimp.com/feelgood/pilot-buys/>

**Rare WW-I film footage of the Red Baron.** From Mike Pastore, 6/18/15.

[http://videos.komando.com/watch/8095/kims-picks-ultra-rare-footage-of-the-most-famous-fighter-pilot-ever?utm\\_medium=nl&utm\\_source=tvkim&utm\\_content=2015-06-11-article-title-c](http://videos.komando.com/watch/8095/kims-picks-ultra-rare-footage-of-the-most-famous-fighter-pilot-ever?utm_medium=nl&utm_source=tvkim&utm_content=2015-06-11-article-title-c)

## Treasurer's Report

For the period: May, 2015

Opening bal, all funds	10,841.69
Opening bal, chkg acct	3,827.46
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	
Other	
<b>Total Income</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>	
Electric bill	15.15
Sewer bill	9.14
Water bill	14.87
Other	79.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>118.16</b>
Transfer from MMF	
Transfer to MMF	
<b>Closing bal, chkg acct</b>	<b>3,709.30</b>
<b>Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal</b>	<b>7,014.23</b>
Checks written	
X-fer in from chckng	
Interest earned	
<b>End bal, MMF</b>	<b>7,014.23</b>
<b>Net change, all accounts</b>	<b>-118.16</b>
<b>Grand total, all funds</b>	<b>10,723.53</b>

## Member Accomplishments

**Lynn Lykins** has taken some refresher training and is getting back into flying again. He's good to go.

## Museum Archives

The museum has three new exhibits. The first one is an authentic Gray Lady (Red Cross volunteer) dress on a mannequin.



### Gray Ladies

Red Cross Hospital & Recreational Corps

The Gray Lady Service, part of the American Red Cross, was founded in 1918 at Walter Reed Army Hospital. It was originally called the rather lengthy Hostess and Hospital Service and Recreation Corps. In 1934 the name was reduced to Hospital and Recreation Corps, and finally in 1947 simply Gray Lady Service. These volunteers worked in both military and civilian hospitals. They were not medically trained, but rather acted as hostesses and provided recreational services to hospital patients, many of whom were wounded wartime veterans. The Gray Lady Corps came to an end in the mid-60's when the Red Cross adopted a unified volunteer concept and did away with different color uniforms for various types of volunteers. Now all Red Cross volunteers wear blue.

Our Gray Lady uniform was donated to us by Vicky Hammond of Marietta, GA. after becoming aware of our museum via the Internet. The dress was worn during WW-II by Vicki's mother-in-law's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth "Bertie" Bennett when she volunteered at the Paula Sterns Hospital in Saginaw, MI. Some of

Bertie's duties included rolling bandages for the nurses and raising money for the Red Cross.

The second exhibit is a consolidation of all of our WW-II German aircraft armament and related memorabilia. We have modified a large wooden case originally owned by Jack Hildreth's grandfather, added lighting, and built stands to hold the various guns. Final assembly is scheduled for Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. No picture because it's not quite finished.

The last new exhibit is entitled Freeman Field Publications. It showcases our bound volume of the base newspaper, Twingine Times, the cadet yearbook for the first two classes of cadets to go through training at Freeman Field, and the base information magazine that was published to give to visitors and new personnel.

Please stop by the museum and see these new exhibits.

## Aviation Humor



## Local Event Calendar at a Glance

### Jul 4; FFFA pitch-in & fireworks

Jul 20-26, AirVenture (Oshkosh) 2015

Aug 1-2, 1/4-scale R/C model airplane meet

Aug 15; Taildragger Rendezvous, Post Air

Aug 29; North Vernon Airport Awareness Day

Sep 19 Wood, Fabric & Tailwheels, Lee Bottom

Sep 20 Madison free Air Show

**Sep 26, Seymour Airport Awareness Day**

**Airport Authority** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.  
**Museum Board** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6 PM, main museum building library room.

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