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Cherry Hill Aviation Day Set for Saturday, October 14th

Lance Bartels has announced that the Cherry Hill Aviation Day fly-in will be on Saturday, October 14th, from 11:00 to 3:00. There will be basic lunch food available, hopefully supplemented by attendees bringing a dish to share (pitch-in).

Lance has acquired some new (to him) planes, which he will have out on display. One is a very nice Christen Eagle aerobatic biplane. Another is a 2-seat Grob 103 glider. Lance recently got his glider rating, and is also now checked out to tow gliders aloft with the LSC Bellanca Scout tow plane.

Other activities available will be the Freeman Army Airfield Museum (across the street) being open extended hours to coincide with the fly-in (free admission), and airplane rides will be available (fee) for those people driving to the event.

Airport News

Grant funded: We finally received grant funding (\$1.3mm) for the reconstruction of the northeast portion of taxiway A. That's the part that runs from Larry Stewart's hangar out to the beginning of runway 23. Since it is too late in the season to do the work and be assured that we could get the final paving done before it gets too cold, the actual construction will be done in the spring. We don't want to end up with the taxiway closed all winter.

Cracks to be sealed: At the airport authority meeting on Monday evening it was decided to hire a contractor to fill the cracks that have opened up on runway 5/23.

100LL fuel hose delayed: The new, lighter-weight fuel hose for the 100LL pump has been delayed. That hose is part of a larger project involving also replacing the Jet-A hose, as well as the annual inspection and maintenance to be performed on the whole fuel system. The Jet-A hose that was ordered came in wrong and the contractor doesn't want to piecemeal the project. As soon as the correct hose comes in (another week or two?) the project will be done.

Louisville Soaring Club News & Views

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

LSC has been busy since the last letter. Steve Hayes, Patrick and RD Walker have been giving the PW-5 regular workouts. JB Schreur finally <grin> soloed and purchased a new-to-him DG 101 glider. Today (Sunday Aug 27) he meandered the skies for four solid hours.

Club president Bob Walker has returned from his western trip and is burning the midnight oil for the club again. Hearing

about his 119 hours of incredible flights will keep us all entertained over the winter.

Lance Bartels is approved as a tow pilot in our Bellanca Scout, has passed his glider check ride, and has purchased a beautiful two-place Grob 103 glider that he is leasing to the club. Lance took his son Nolan as the first passenger. Frank Hettinger enlarged the hanger a bit to make more storage space, and last weekend all the stuff fit inside the door.

One member successfully and skillfully managed his first off-field land-out, with minimal impact on some soybeans. (The local news mistakenly reported a glider "crash" with damage to a truck, which seems to refer to the truck and trailer club members took to the edge of the field, where they carefully disassembled the glider and walked the pieces out over the beans. This is an understandable mistake. Law enforcement personnel have to make reports of aircraft accidents and they don't do it very often. Actually, it really was just an off-field landing, and the farmer was thanked and got something for his beans.

Mike Carlson, Bob Walker, Frank Hettinger and I took a long weekend trip to Chilhowee, TN for some soaring and for the total eclipse of the sun. Frank and I discovered that driving the trailer on the old roads was very pleasant, with slower speed, better scenery, no loss of time, and almost no one on the roads, even when the interstates were clogged with eclipse traffic. I got a chance to really experience the benefits of the nearby ridge (lift), a lot like sailing on a calm lake. The next day Bob and Mike took it beyond the nearby ridge and explored many miles of nearby territory.

On eclipse day Mike and one other pilot won the right (by generous donations to the WSPA scholarship fund) to be towed up to 5000 AGL just before totality. There were questions. How dark would it get? Would there be a lot of power planes hobnobbing

around in the area? It had looked like a great soaring day, but how was the darkness and temperature drop going to affect the lift? Mike flew and found the answers. He did have one moment when it was dark, he was lower than he wanted to be, and the lift had totally disappeared. You can talk to him. It was all good.



Mike Carlson adds lights to his glider for eclipse flight

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 expanded retail sales area planned for the museum has been completed. A new glass case is now dedicated to the sales area. We presently have for sale 2 styles of coffee mugs (Freeman Field and Rosie-the-Riveter), 8 different DVDs about the WW-II era (including 4 produced by the museum specifically about Freeman Field), and reprints of the 1945 Freeman Field open-house magazine. We have T-shirts on order and will begin selling them the first week of October. Freeman Field baseball caps are in the works for later in the month. We will have Freeman Field pins and some other items available in the near future.

We are still hopeful to receive two aircraft engines from the National Air & Space Museum. However, we just learned that the availability has been delayed until at least April of 2018 when a list of excess items is to be published by NASM.

We also learned that our pending trade of a Typhoon radiator for a demilitarized German machine gun has been delayed by some requirements of our own Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (BATF). Apparently the British demilitarization procedures are not satisfactory to our BATF; more work will need to be done. We're a bit put out that it took them months to tell us that.

Our next project is the long-awaited cataloging of the books along the walls in our media room. We have been approached by an Eagle Scout candidate, Matt Rennekamp, looking for a public service project he could accomplish to fill that Eagle Scout requirement. It looks like the book cataloging is going to become that project.

Member Accomplishments

Seth Wanning passed his Private Pilot knowledge test with a grade of 93%.

Larry Bothe crossed over the 8000-hour mark at the end of August. That happened while he was conducting a Private Pilot checkride for Joseph Light down at Clark Regional Airport.

Interesting Aviation Links

The Last Fighter Pilot; and interview with the pilot who flew the last mission over Japan at the end of WW-II. Stirring. From Mike Breuckmann, 8/27/17.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10156070029429316&id=14863629315&_rd=1

Naval Air; China Lake Range: What it looks like when naval aviators blow things up. From Jan Harris, 9/13/2017.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/dN1SeHA15E>

FFFA Treasurer's Report

For the period: August, 2017

Opening bal, all funds		9,287.98
Opening bal, chkg acct		2,223.32
Income		
Dues	5.00	
Other		
	Total Income	5.00
Expenses		
Electric bill	21.56	
Sewer bill	9.14	
Water bill	15.95	
Other; porta-potty svc.	27.29	
	Total Expenses	73.94
Transfer from MMF		
Transfer to MMF		
Closing bal, chkg acct		2,154.38
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal		7,064.66
Checks written		
X-fer in from chckng		
Interest earned (3 mo.)		
	Closing bal, MMF	7,064.66
Net change, all accounts		-68.94
Grand total, all funds		9,219.04

Your Logbook: To Take or Not to Take?

By Adam Springmeyer, September, 2017

Hello FFFA Members. Welcome to September. From the look out of my window, currently in Burlington, Vermont, I can begin to see the leaves change their colors. Soon fall will be upon us. I personally cannot wait for the cooler weather, and of course, football. I hope that all the teams you cheer for do well this season.

Now for this article this month, I was reminded of a scenario that we discussed in my Aviation Law class many years ago while attending Indiana State University. This particular scenario did occur, and the case made it to the Federal Appeals Court. Though I cannot personally remember all the details, please read the following scenario, and ask yourselves the following questions. Was the FAA in their right? Was

the pilot in her right? What would you have done if placed into that scenario?

A pilot was flying pipeline patrol for a particular company. She was assigned to a different base for a period of 1 month. During this time, she packed all her bags and flight gear, everything she would need to accomplish her flights. The pilot in question decided to leave her logbook at home so it would not be lost, or worse destroyed. She instead took a notebook and wrote down the last couple of entries along with a personal statement attesting who she was, the ratings she held, and the hours she obtained to date.

She had just finished her 1st route for the day. She was getting lunch, and accomplishing paperwork. She had just recorded her flight in her spiral bound notebook, and was accomplishing her mission logs, when approached by 2 representatives of the FAA local FSDO office. The individuals identified themselves. One inspector went out to the helicopter, and the other asked to see her certificates. After showing all, the inspector asked to see her currency, and the pilot presented the spiral bound notebook. All information was recorded, and a copy of her logs were taken with the FSDO inspectors. The pilot took off and finished her next mission.

About 30 days later, her assignment was finished, and she returned home. She received a notice that she had violated FAR 91.13, and to surrender her certificates for 30 days. The reason for the violation was the spiral bound notebook, and not having an official logbook, and her records could not be validated.

The pilot in question did fight the FAA on the violation, and did win. She did not have to surrender her certificate. The courts determined that the pilot did not do anything wrong. There is no FAA regulation saying a pilot, except a student pilot on a

cross country, must take their log book with them.

Do you have a topic that we should discuss? If you have a question, someone else in our group might have the same question. Fly Safe, and I look forward to talking with you next month.

Adam

Ed. note: I believe that you should NOT carry your pilot logbook around with you in the aircraft. If you ever have an accident and the plane catches fire (logbook burns up), you will not be able to prove currency.

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.

2017 Annual Airport Awareness Day

WELCOME ABOARD!
NORTH VERNON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

AIRSHOW PERFORMERS
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SATURDAY, September 23rd
8:00 to 4:00

FREE ADMISSION & AEROBATIC AIRSHOW
AIRFIELD CLOSED FOR AIRSHOW: 1:30 TO 3:30

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- AIRPLANE RIDES
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Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Sep 23, North Vernon Airport Awareness Day, fly-in and air show*

Sep 30 & Oct 1; Danville, IL, fly-in & air show*

Oct 12; 7PM, FFFA meeting, in museum, guest speaker.

Oct 14, Seymour Aviation Day, sponsored by Cherry Hill Aviation

Nov 9; 7PM, Veteran's Day program, guest speaker, probably in museum

Dec 14, Christmas party & annual meeting, 6PM, D's Diner

(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. 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 library room.

Sell – Buy

Have something you want to sell or buy? FFFA members get a free ad. Contact the Editor, Larry Bothe, 812-521-7400, or e-mail LBothe@comcast.net to place an ad.

Local Aircraft for Sale

½ share of 1963 Beech Musketeer

Mark Kendall's brother-in-law lost his medical. He'll sell his share for \$16,500. Aircraft is IFR-equipped and the annual was just completed by Cherry Hill Aviation. Call Mark for more info, 812-216-1147

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