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January 15 Deadline Draws Near

The deadline for submitting annual membership dues for the Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport is coming up fast!

As we decided at the October membership meeting, beginning with January of 2002 FOESA will begin collecting dues for membership. Of course, donations are always welcome and we will still be holding fund-raisers throughout the year to raise money and help FOESA sponsor activities and events at the airport.

Members will receive the monthly newsletter along with any other mailings that bring news of upcoming events or problems at the airport. This will keep you on the leading edge of developments affecting the airport. Members will also receive the 2002 FOESA Membership Directory. This Directory will help FOESA members stay in contact with one another and will be a way to show others that you care about what happens at our airport.

With an identified membership, and a treasury to work from, we will begin looking more like the community organization that people have asked for. The January meeting of FOESA will cover this more extensively. We hope to see you there! (See Next FOESA Meeting Set)

CONTACT INFORMATION

As always, your comments are very welcome! We would love to have your input to the newsletter or what you would like to see happening at the airport.

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Next FOESA Meeting Date Set

The January FOESA meeting should be an interesting one! We will be electing officers and establishing even more organization. Don't think that will take the fun out of our group!! We have absolutely NO intention of doing THAT!

However, we feel that this is a necessary step in helping our organization grow and become more productive.

This meeting will involve not only the election of officers, but we will be discussing topics such as preparing for the Fly-In, other upcoming events, fund-raisers, and a host of other topics.

The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. No need to bring anything to this meeting other than yourself and something to take notes on if you like. We will not be having dinner although there will probably be something to snack on during the meeting.

If you would like to attend the meeting and pay your membership dues for 2002, we will be accepting them and you will remain on the mailing list.

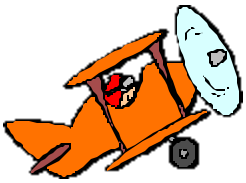
Don't miss the opportunity to join us for the fun!

Donation Presented to Good Samaritan

As you may remember, donations of food, necessary household items, and toys were collected at the FOESA Christmas party on December 15. We did real good!!!

Art presented Good Sam with two large boxes of donations from the members of FOESA. Those of you who took the time to donate should give yourselves a big pat on the back! Those donations stayed right here in our city to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves have a better Christmas.

Thank you to all of our members who are so generous! This just proves, once again, that the members of FOESA are a fine group of caring people!



*There are old pilots
and there are bold
pilots. But there are
no old, bold pilots!*

So Say The FAA

This section of the newsletter came about because of requests from several of our FOESA members. We have decided to take this section *back* to our members. You wanted to see articles in this section about new or updated regulations, clarification on some existing regulations and a whole host of other topics.

Occasionally, there will be articles in here from the FAA but we hope that most of the material you find here will be from YOU the reader.

You are invited to submit questions about regulations or other topics that are appropriate for the FAA. We will do everything possible to get the answers you need to help you be the safest pilot or the best mechanic that you can be.

Please submit your questions for the FAA to Cindy Nunamaker at (816) 630-1503 or you may e-mail your questions to SrCindy@aol.com. Please put "FAA QUESTION" in the subject line of your e-mail so that it gets to the proper place.

Calling the FSDO can be frustrating at times. We all know that they are extremely busy folks over there and it can be difficult to get to the right person to find the answers to your questions. We hope to be able to make getting those needed answers to you easier.

Of course, we can't guarantee that we can *always* get the answers but we are fairly certain that we will be successful.

Please get your questions submitted by the 25th of the preceding month so we have time to contact the appropriate person to find the answers.

We look forward to hearing from you!



In order to be a good aviator, one must keep up with the state and local laws. Here are some rather humorous laws from various places around the United States.

It is against the law for a pilot to tickle a female flying student under her chin with a feather duster in order to get her attention. – Columbia, Pennsylvania

It is unlawful for any female to appear in a bathing suit at any airport in this state unless she is escorted by two officers or unless she is armed with a club. The Provisions of this statute shall not apply to females weighing less than 90 pounds nor exceeding 200 pounds, nor shall it apply to female horses. – Kentucky (What does THIS say about pilots??)

It is a violation of local law for any pilot or passenger to carry an ice cream cone in their pocket while either flying or waiting to board a plane.
– Lowes Crossroads, Delaware

Citizens are not allowed to enter an airplane within four hours of eating garlic. – Wakefield, Rhode Island

No one can play cards on the airport grounds with a woman, a child, or an Indian.
– White Horse, New Mexico

Citizens cannot carry a slingshot on an airplane without special permission. – Okanogan, Washington

No pilot is allowed to eat unshelled roasted peanuts or watermelon while flying. – Leadwood, Missouri

Gargling is prohibited while flying. – Hackberry, Arizona

It is against the law to sneeze in an airplane.
– Lynch Heights, Delaware

No flying instructor "can place his arm around a woman without a good lawful reason" while flying.
– Rock Springs, Wyoming

Loud burping while walking around the airport is prohibited. – Halstead, Kansas

Roosters may crow, only if it is done at least 300 feet from the airport. – Sturgis Michigan

Juggling in front of an airplane is illegal. – Wellsboro, PA

No turtle races shall be held at the airport.
– Bourbon, Mississippi
(There goes that fund raiser idea!)

No one – man, woman, or child – can be seen flying while barefoot. – Fairplay, Colorado

No person is allowed to read the Sunday paper while sitting in a chair at the airport while church services are going on. – Upperville, Virginia

No married man can go flying on Sundays.
– Burdonville, Vermont



It's a BOY! And a GIRL!

For those of you who haven't heard, Mark and Kandi McCasland are expecting their first baby! Oops! *BABIES* I mean! That's right, they are expecting twins, a boy and a girl, sometime this month!

According to the proud daddy-to-be, the nursery is ready even if Mom and Dad aren't too sure *they* are! We are very excited for them and want to wish them all the best in their new arrivals. Of course, Mark, you *WILL* call and let us know as soon as possible when they get here, right!?

At last check, Mark had not started working on fitting the Travel Air with infant seats but I guess that probably could wait at least a few months!



"When once you have tasted flight,
you will forever walk the earth
with your eyes turned skyward, for
there you have been, and there you
will always long to return.

---Leonardo da Vinci

New Furniture Donated to Airport

Our airport will soon see some improvement to the lobby furniture. Dr. T.R. Baldwin has generously donated several chairs, a sofa and a desk for use at the airport. The furniture in the lobby has needed updated for some time now but there have been other improvements to the airport that had to take priority.

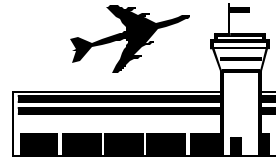
There have been a lot of improvements made at the airport since Excelsior Aviation has been responsible for the management and we will continue to see improvements as funds and volunteers allow. Without the generosity of the members of FOESA and members of the community who want to see our airport flourish, we would not be able to make all that improvements in the appearance and the safety of our airport. We hope to continue to see that.

A great big THANK YOU to Doc and Zora for their generosity.

Clay County to Build New Terminal Building

According to the latest issue of the Clay County Regional Airport newsletter, the monies have been approved to build a new Terminal Building on the airport. The drawings are already on the table and they plan to begin construction soon.

We would like to congratulate them and wish them success in their project!



Volunteers Needed to Further Historic Display at Airport

As some of you may know, it has always been a dream of those of us who are heavily involved in the goings on at our airport that we have an historic display there of antique aircraft and other aviation memorabilia.

That dream is getting closer and closer to reality. We already have antique aircraft based here, we have the owners of those aircraft willing to share their awesome flying machines with the public under strictly controlled conditions and we already have several pieces of aviation memorabilia that have been either donated or loaned for display.

We have one small display case in the lobby of the airport and we have another much larger display case waiting to be installed at the airport. This display case is located right here in town at Excel Computer Store and is ready to be moved to the airport to be set up with additional artifacts relating to aviation history.

Volunteers are desperately needed to help move this display case. In addition to good strong persons, a trailer with a ramp that can be lowered for a furniture mover to run up on would be most helpful. This display case is large and heavy but with the proper equipment, should not be difficult to move and put into place at the airport.

Any of you who would like to volunteer to help with this project, please contact Art Gentry at Excel Computer (816) 630-3444 or leave a message for him by calling the airport at (816) 630-2369.

We know that we have great members of this organization that will step up to the challenge and help us get this project done!

