

Fly-In Date Changed

The annual Fly-In has a new date. The Gatsby Committee has changed the date of Gatsby Days and therefore the date for the Fly-In will be changed as well.

The new date for the Fly-In is April 30 – May 1. This is at least a week earlier than the event has been held in previous years. This means that we have that much less time to prepare for the biggest event of the year at the airport.

Those of you who have attended the fly-in in the past know that it is quite the production! The airport is busier than it is at any time of the year. It's important for us to have our best foot forward for this event and in order to do that, we need the help of all FOESA members.

FOESA has several booths set up during the event and there is always the parking assistance and pilot assistance to deal with during this event. There are never enough hands to keep things running smoothly. We would like to see that change this year.

Usually, FOESA meets every other month. From now till the fly-in, there will be monthly meetings and perhaps a few in between time if necessary. It is important for you to attend the regular meetings so you will know what is going on and when the next meeting will be. Meeting dates will be published in the newsletter but if there is one before the next newsletter is due out, you may not be aware of it. If you have problems getting to the meetings because of transportation or meeting times, please let one of the contact people know so that we can see if there is any way that FOESA can accommodate your needs. This is an excellent way for you to become more involved in the airport. Make becoming more involved one of YOUR New Year resolutions!!



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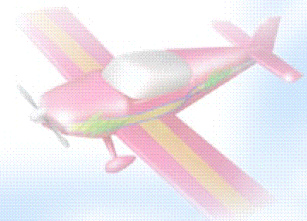
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Ideas for Fundraisers Now Being Accepted

We are starting a new year and it's time to start thinking about ways to raise money for all the things that we would like to see happen at the airport.

Your suggestions are important to FOESA. There are always new and unique ways to raise funds and we are interested in hearing yours.

Of course, simple donations are always welcome and there is a container provided for that at the airport. It is on the filing cabinet behind the sales desk in the lobby. Anything left in that container is collected and turned over to the treasurer so it can be deposited in FOESA's account.

If you have any ideas for fundraiser, even if they are a little crazy, you can jot those down and leave them in the same container or feel free to contact any of those listed in the contact information and let us know!

We look forward to seeing what everyone comes up with!



Children have the honesty to tell it like they see it. This short essay was written by a 5th grader at Jefferson School in Beaufort, SC, for a section they were studying about careers.

Pilots, pay attention here! This is the way kids see it so either you are very good at flying or you have at least managed to fake it really good!!

Why I Want to be a Pilot

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because it's a fun job and easy to do. That's why there are so many pilots flying around these days.

I don't need much school. They just have to learn to read numbers so they can read their instruments.

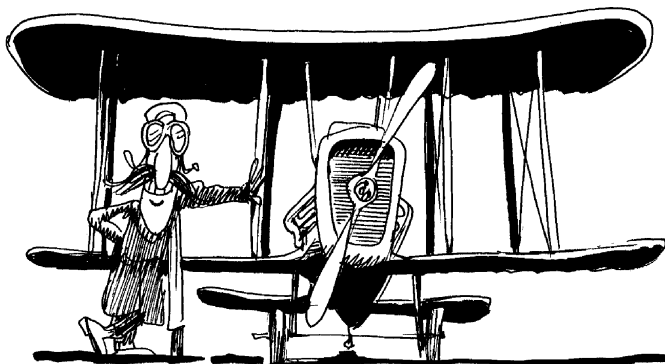
I guess they should be able to read a road map, too.

Pilots should be brave so they won't get scared if it's foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off.

Pilots have to have good eyes to see through the clouds, and they can't be afraid of thunder or lightning because they are much closer to them than we are.

The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they know what to do with. This is because most people think that flying a plane is dangerous, except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

I hope I don't get airsick because I get carsick and if I get airsick, I couldn't be a pilot and then I would have to get a real job and go to work every day.



FOESA's New Year Resolutions

Yes, our organization is no different from regular people, we have decided to make a few New Year resolutions for 2004.

The most important of those resolutions is that we have committed to becoming a bigger and more efficient organization than we have been in the past. As most of you know, we don't have official by-laws and we aren't registered with the state as a corporation or any of that. When FOESA was started, we decided that we would be an organization where aviation enthusiasts and those who have an interest in our airport could get together with like minded people and have fun as well as get business done. We are still committed to that idea but as we are growing and the airport is becoming busier, it will be necessary for FOESA to become even more organized and more efficient in its operations.

FOESA will play a more active role in airport improvements. By this, we mean that we are going to be present more often to help with maintenance of the building and the grounds at the airport. We have already begun discussing resources for siding to cover the second story of the terminal building.

FOESA will be sponsoring, and co-sponsoring with Excelsior Aviation, more events and get-togethers at the airport for FOESA members and for the public also. There will be a picnic area at the airport for the public to use to observe airport activity.

There will be more fundraisers this year than in years past. There are things that we would like to do at the airport that we simply do not have the funds to accomplish. Fundraising is the only way we have to gain the resources we will need to see our airport grow and become more active.

Your assistance in meeting these goals is needed in order for us to succeed. Consider attending as many meetings as possible so that you can be up-to-date on what is coming up. You never know, you may have that one little piece of information or know someone who can help us out on a project that would make or break that project.



FROM THE DESK OF... THE faa

A Checklist for Pilots Approaching the Flight Physical

By Robert J. Gordon, DO, Senior AME

Pilots, whether you believe it or not, your AME wants you to pass your medical exam. We know how important that continuing to fly is to you because most of us are pilots too. If you have any problems, your AME, the FAA, and your personal physician will work with you to resolve them. We want you to be happy pilots and to leave our office with your medical certificate in hand. With that in mind, here is a checklist to follow during your approach to landing in our office. If you follow it, taking off again will be a piece of cake.

- ❖ Don't forget your eyeglasses
- ❖ Make sure you have a current eye exam and glasses, especially if your near/far vision has changed
- ❖ Bring your Special Issuance letter from the FAA with you to the exam
- ❖ If you have a Special Issuance medical, mail in all necessary medical information requested by the FAA by the required date
- ❖ Bring all medical information outlined in your Special Issuance letter
- ❖ Do not forget to tell your AME if you have one of the 15 disqualifying conditions: diabetes mellitus requiring hypoglycemic medications; angina pectoris; coronary heart disease that has been treated or, if untreated, that is symptomatic or clinically significant; myocardial infarction; cardiac valve replacement; permanent cardiac pacemaker; heart replacement; psychosis; bipolar disorder; personality disorder that is severe enough to have repeatedly manifested itself by overt acts; substance dependence; substance abuse; epilepsy; disturbance of consciousness without a satisfactory explanation of the cause; and

- transient loss of nervous system functions(s) without a satisfactory explanation of the cause.
- ❖ Bring ALL required medical records from your personal physician regarding any chronic medical condition. (Examples: hypertension and asthma)
- ❖ See your personal physician for evaluation and treatment prior to your exam if you have borderline high blood pressure
- ❖ Avoid coffee, decongestants, cigarettes, or any other stimulants prior to your exam. These all may raise your blood pressure.
- ❖ If you have a family history of diabetes mellitus (or other familial diseases), you need to have periodic checks with your personal physician prior to your medical exam
- ❖ If you have a family history of diabetes mellitus, avoid large amounts of sugar prior to the exam. Urinalysis will show positive sugar if large amounts are consumed prior to exam.
- ❖ Mark on questions 17a (under *Medications*) if you are taking a prohibited medication on a regular basis.
- ❖ Do not forget your SODA (Statement of Demonstrated Ability; e.g., color vision defect)

Arguing with a pilot is like wrestling with a pig in the mud, after a while you begin to think the pig LIKES it!

General Dynamic Bulletin Board

Next FOESA Meeting

The next meeting of FOESA will be January 4, 2004, at 1700 (5:00 pm) at the airport. There is a lot to discuss so we encourage all of you to attend. The fly-in is getting very close and we will be discussing our involvement in this event so it is important that you attend and give us your ideas and input. FOESA will be taking a much more active role in the fly-in this year so there's a lot of exciting new things happening! We will also finalize the election of FOESA officers at this meeting so if you want a say-so in that matter, you must attend.

If you would like to bring a snack to share, that would be great but don't let that stop you from attending. Bringing something to eat is NEVER a requirement to attend the meetings.

This would also be a perfect opportunity to get your information updated and your dues paid for 2004! Please bring the enclosed completed documents with you to make it quick and easy!

We look forward to seeing you there!



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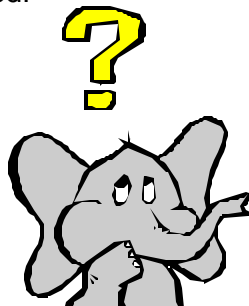
The Newsletter is Back!

The newsletter has been out of publication for quite some time. Of course, you *all* missed it!! It will again be published monthly beginning with this January issue.

There is a lot of information to be published about things going on at the airport in the coming year but your input as a reader is always welcome. Room will **always** be made for any articles that you find or write or any other information you would like to see addressed in these pages.

One of the new features in the newsletter this year will be an opportunity for readers to pose questions about anything aviation related. Whether it be a question for the FAA or for airport personnel. E-mail or send your questions to the addresses found in the Contact Information section of the newsletter.

Unless your permission is obtained, your name will **not** be published when you submit a question. You can remain totally anonymous. So those of you who have always wondered if prop wash really *does* exist, you can now ask that question without feeling like a fool!! Nobody will ever know that it was you who asked!



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Membership Renewal Due

Enclosed with your newsletter you will find a couple of other documents for updating and renewing your membership to FOESA. ***It is of great importance that these documents be returned to the address listed on them AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!***

Returning these documents ensures that your particular information is correct in our database and that you are credited for paying your membership dues. In the past, it has been acceptable for you to drop off your membership applications, updated, along with your dues at the airport or at Excel Computer. Unfortunately, because this became very difficult to track, that will no longer be an option. The information can only be accepted at the address listed on the forms. By sending your documentation to that address, it will be received by current treasurer, Bishop David Jones.

Membership dues and updated information will also be accepted at any FOESA meeting or event.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. FOESA is dedicated to becoming even more efficient in 2004 and this will help a great deal.