



Welcome New Members!

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Fly-In Plans Moving Right Along

For those of you who missed the February meeting, you missed out on the big news!! The Fly-In in May (the 18th to be exact!) is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet!

So far, and I say that because we aren't done yet, we will have demonstrations of Radio Controlled aircraft this year presented by the Northern Knights. Rick McQuerrey and Gary Himes were kind enough to come up and talk to the group at the February meeting and Art has been in contact with the skydivers in Lexington.

In addition to those, we will have a *lot* new aviation related booths set up. We are talking to organizations such as the 99's, Amelia Earhardt Museum, Aviation Institute of Maintenance, the US Navy, the US Air Force, pilot supply companies and several more groups that I will not list here. In short, THERE IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF NEAT STUFF!!

HELP!!

It seems like there is an article in the newsletter every month asking for help, doesn't it? Well, that could be because there frequently is! We should all be glad to see these types of articles though because that means that progress is happening at the airport, improvements are being made and it also means when members turn out to help, it shows support for the airport and unity among our group.

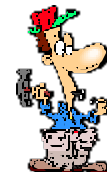
As you are all aware, we have hopes of seeing the Morton Building become an aviation museum. That dream is quickly becoming a reality. But in order for that to happen, the building needs to be finished off. Part of achieving that is insulating the building in anticipation of heating and cooling being installed for the preservation of artifacts.

The insulation project has been coming along fine thanks to Art who has been heading that up and working on his own time. It is now time to finish that insulation project up. Members have been generous in donating the use of equipment to help but now it's time to get some bodies up there.

On Saturday, March 16, the last of the insulation needs to go up. We need to have at least 68 volunteers to come up and help. There isn't any additional equipment needed so none of you would have to bring any tools, only yourselves to help. If you can spare some time on Saturday, call Art Gentry at the shop (816-630-3444) to find out the exact time that work will begin. If we have enough volunteers, this project could be wrapped up that afternoon! Let's see some support by having the volunteers up there to help!

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Representatives of FOESA Attend Friends of Clay County Meeting

FOESA members were invited to the meeting of the Friends of Clay County Airport that was held on February 21. Art and Pam Gentry and Cindy Nunamaker attended and were very well received.

There are some members of our group who are also members of Clay County Friends and the two groups would like to begin cultivating a working relationship. Our groups support the same ideas for different airports and working together only makes good sense!

Clay County's annual Fly-In is coming up on April 7th. There has already been discussion about the two groups helping each other out with both fly-ins. We could certainly use the help and they could too so let's start thinking about planning not only to attend the Clay County Fly-In but also making time to volunteer if we are needed.

We are looking forward to having a long-lasting friendship with Friends of Clay County and having them as honorary members of the Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport!

Welcome aboard Clay County Friends!

I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things.

Antoine de St. Exupery

Interest From the Press!

It seems that our little airport has come to the attention of printed media!

Art Gentry, President of Excelsior Aviation and FOESA President Cindy Nunamaker met with Ms. Blankenship and an associate from the Kansas City Star the third week of February. Ms. Blankenship called and requested a meeting with the representatives because she would like to write a story about what is going on here at the airport. She was very interested in the development of the aviation museum and what the purpose of FOESA is. She went away impressed with the information and the plans that we have for the future.

In addition to that interest, Amy Brant from the Daily Standard printed a very nice article in the February 26th edition of the Daily Standard. There is a copy of this paper at the airport if you would like to read it.

The focus of both the article in the Standard and the article that will appear in the Kansas City Star at a later date was the future museum. We are still looking for artifacts to display so please let us know if you know of any that we could borrow or could be donated. See the contact information for how to contact us!



Prop wash



Next FOESA Meeting Date

The next FOESA meeting is set for Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 p.m. And this one is a **PIZZA PARTY!!!** That's right! Charlie Wirt said that he wants to see some people up there and he's buying the pizza!!

Again, at this next meeting, we will be discussing ways that we can improve the fly-in so come full of suggestions instead of the usual stuff that everyone is full of all the time!! Just kidding!

Please plan to come up earlier in the afternoon and help finish up the insulation project in the Morton Building. We can wrap that project up in no time with just about 6 or 8 volunteers.

Hope to see a lot of you there. There will be more exciting news to relate on events and different vendors and booths that are planned at the fly-in.



Art Gentry has a birthday this month but for the sake of my own health, I will not tell which one or on what day!

Happy Birthday, ART!



So Say The FAA

FAA Proposes Sport Pilot and Light-Sport Aircraft Rule

In order to keep pace with advances in sport and recreational aviation technology, the FAA is proposing new certification requirements for light-sport aircraft, pilots and repairmen. Current FAA regulations do not address the "sport pilot" segment of general aviation.

"The new FAA rule will promote an even higher level of safety that goes beyond the many outstanding voluntary industry initiatives already underway," said FAA Administrator Jane F. Garvey.

An estimated 10,000 existing aircraft will be certified and 10,000 people are expected to become certificated sport pilots and flight instructors. An additional 9,000 pilots and newly manufactured aircraft will be certificated over the next 10 years.

- The proposal would define light-sport aircraft as simple, low-performance aircraft that are limited to 1,232 lbs (560kg) maximum weight, two occupants, a single non-turbine powered engine, stall speed of 39 knots, maximum airspeed of 115 knots, and fixed landing gear. Aircraft categories include airplanes, weight-shift-control aircraft, powered parachutes, gyroplanes, gliders, balloons and airships. Due to their complexity, heli-powered-lifts are not covered by the proposed rule. Light-sport aircraft standards meet the "Voluntary Consensus Standards" of OMB Circular A-119.

The FAA would include two new aircraft categories – weight-shift-control aircraft and powered parachutes. Helicopters and powered lifts are not covered by the proposed rule due to their complexity.

The proposal would establish new FAA certification categories for:

Aircraft:

- A new experimental aircraft airworthiness certificate for operating light-sport aircraft. There are three groups of aircraft that may obtain this certificate:
 - 1) Existing light-sport aircraft that do not meet the requirements of Part 103 (ultralight vehicles) of the FAA Regulations.
 - 2) Aircraft assembled from eligible kits that do not comply with the 51 percent amateur-built requirement.
 - 3) Aircraft issued special, light-sport certificates that do not comply with the operating limitations of that certificate.

- A new special aircraft airworthiness certificate for light-sport aircraft that meet an airworthiness standard developed by industry. Aircraft holding this certificate may be used for flight training and rental (similar to the primary category).

Airmen:

- A new student pilot certificate for operating light-sport aircraft, a sport-pilot certificate, a flight instructor certificate with a sport pilot rating, and a repairman certificate.
- Two new aircraft category and class ratings:
 - Weight-shift-control (with land and sea class ratings)
 - Powered parachute
- New training and certification requirements for the new ratings.
- A current and valid US driver's license or an FAA airman medical certificate would be required to operate a light sport aircraft.

Repairman

- A new repairman certificate with a maintenance or inspection rating to maintain and inspect light-sport aircraft.

The proposal is estimated to cost \$40.4 million over the next 10 years, while generating potential benefits of \$221.4 million over the same period.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) will be published in the Federal Register and may be downloaded from www.faa.gov/avr/arm/nprm.htm. The FAA has also established a sport pilot web site at: www.faa.gov/avr/afs/index.htm. The public comment period is 90 days starting February 1, 2002. The FAA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing a virtual public meeting that will allow participants to provide comments on-line to a series of questions posed by the FAA about the proposed rule.

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