



Friends of Excel sior Springs Airport

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Ahhh...Success is Sweet!

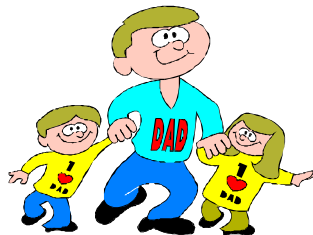
13th Annual Fly-In a Soaring Success!

If you weren't there, you can't even imagine how much of a good time you missed!

The fun and festivities started off on Friday evening with Channel 9 KMBC broadcasting the weather live from the airport during both the 5 and 6 o'clock news. Yes, folks, if you weren't there, you missed meeting Bryan Busby and the chance to be on live television. You also missed free Wabash Barbecue. Thank you Art!! The entire KMBC crew told us they had a great time and would definitely be back. Perhaps this won't be the last time we have live remote broadcasts from our airport?

There were a lot of visitors in costume and we had a few of the antique and classic cars there. Bryan broadcast a portion of the weather from the driver's seat of a new Prowler. It seemed like he really enjoyed that. And that is putting it mildly!
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Happy
Father's
Day!



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The judges had a difficult time this year deciding the winners of the antique and classic plane contests! There were more entrants than ever and they were all great planes.

There were pilots that flew in from all different directions. We enjoyed visitors from Nebraska, Arkansas, Iowa, St. Louis, and Kansas. And that only covers a few of the places! The Missouri State Aviation Museum in St. Louis was represented by more than one aircraft, as was the Missouri Pilots Association.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Grand Champion, Antique Division

D. J. Short of Warrensburg, MO with a Taylor J2

Runner Up Antique Division

Bill Strand of St. Charles, MO with a Fairchild 24

Grand Champion Classic Division

Dennis Donaldson of Atchison, KS with a Cessna 170B

Runner Up Classic Division

Willard Womack of St. Louis, MO with a Cessna 195


A big CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and a big THANKS to *all* of those who participated!



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On Saturday, the day started off at 6:00 (earlier for some of us!) when the Kiwanis Club members started cooking pancakes for breakfast. Our first pilot flew in at 6:30 on the dot and it only improved from there! We were blessed with perfect flying weather and as a result, there were about 80 planes that flew in Saturday. This is by far, the largest number of planes yet! It was great to be so busy that we had a difficult time keeping up!!

According to Kelli Rice of the Kiwanis Club, this year's breakfast was the also the biggest yet. The food was wonderful and it was great to be with friends both old and new.

FOESA served over 90 during the cook out lunch. This was our first fund raiser and we didn't get rich but we still see it as a success. Thanks and kudos go to Don Sharp and Mark Germann for cooking!! There were times when it looked like they were making burnt offerings instead of burgers but we helped them get back on track!! Just kidding guys! You did a wonderful job! 

Painting Party Being Planned

Those of you who have been to the airport recently have no doubt noticed that the buildings are in serious need of scraping and painting.

One of the items on the agenda of the next FOESA meeting will be the planning of a painting party. There are a handful of people who are almost always at every meeting and who can be relied upon to help out when necessary. We would like to see some of those that we don't usually see around there or at the meetings become more involved. Of course all of us have busy schedules and sometimes do not have time to become involved as much as we would like to. This is your opportunity to do so! We should be able to expect some decent painting weather and the more people there to help, the faster the job gets done. Of course, I am sure that there will be food for this party and for those who haven't been around much, the combination of food and airport people ALWAYS translates into a great time. Don't miss out this time!! Join us for the next FOESA meeting and help us plan the date and menu!



Next FOESA Meeting Set

Our next meeting will be a busy one! We will meet on June 10, 2001 at 6:00 to critique the Fly-In and begin planning for next year. Since this event continues to grow at a tremendous rate every year, we need to get organized! There have been a lot of suggestions for improvement and there are probably a lot of other great suggestions out there. Your input is needed to help this event run as smoothly as possible. The better organized we are, the more fun it will be for our visitors, volunteers, and for those of us involved with the airport.

There will be a **Celebration Dinner** beginning at 5:00, just prior to our meeting. There will be burgers cooking on the grill and you can bring a side dish to share if you want. We are inviting our volunteers so that we can properly thank them for their help and hard work.

We hope to see you there!!



Prop Wash

You Know You've Been Flying Too Long When...

1. You pull out of your driveway and start to drive with your car centered on the dashed line.
2. You pull into the parking lot and start turning off the radio, electronic equipment,...and where is the dang mixture?!
3. You roll down your window and shout "CLEAR!" before starting the car's engine.
4. You drive into a fog bank and immediately begin to stare at the dashboard.
5. You tell the cop that you are allowed to go up to 250 in the TCA.
6. You get out of your car and start to look for the tiedown ropes.
7. You use the emergency brake to drop the flaps.
8. You start logging the odometer readings on your car.
9. You reach for the microphone to talk to the people in the back seat.
10. You get into the car and yell to your passenger, "TAKEOFF CHECKLIST!" (See Prep pg. 3)

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11. You safety-wire the gas cap on your Pinto.
12. You brake through left turns and accelerate through right turns.
13. You are lost in a strange city and you let go of the wheel and get out your sectional (without pulling over or stopping)
14. You try to steer your Buick with the brake and clutch.
15. You ride the clutch to counteract engine torque.
16. You watch the local news, hoping the weather anchor will give you ceilings, visibilities and winds aloft.
17. You try to shove a dipstick down the fuel filler pipes.
18. You get really nervous about skids around corners.
19. Driving home, you find yourself sequencing cars for the approach at a four-way stop sign.
20. You get on the highway and hit "rotate speed" (50 mph for a Cessna 150). You pull back on the steering wheel and don't get airborne. You panic, abort the "takeoff" and hit the brakes. (Drives the guy in close trail with you crazy!)



Always try to make the
number of landings equal to
the number of take offs

Welcome to New FOESA Members

The Fly-In also brought a couple of new members to our group. E-mail brought us a third new member. (See [FOESA Logo on its Way](#) on this page)

We would like to welcome Charles Aldana of Gladstone, Missouri and Mike Howard of Omaha, Nebraska and Sarah Ellerman of Excelsior Springs!

Charles and Mike are licensed pilots and we hope to see them flying in occasionally for meetings and get-togethers soon. You can read about Sarah in the FOESA Logo story on this page. We have a lot of fun so I know they will have a great time and will feel very welcome.

Welcome to the group guys!!

FOESA Logo on its Way!

You will all want to be at the June 10 meeting. I received an E-mail from a local lady by the name of Sarah Ellerman who has always been very pro-airport around here in Excelsior Springs. She is a graphic designer and has offered to design a logo for our group!

She has been generous enough to offer her services to us. We are very excited! Sarah has been hard at work designing some logos for us to review at the meeting and I hope that we have a good member attendance so that we can vote on and adopt an official logo.

The logo will be used for a variety of things. Anywhere from t-shirts or hats to letterhead. This is a great offer and we want to thank Sarah for her generous offer!!

Birthdays? What Birthdays?

EXACTLY!! What birthdays? In case you haven't noticed, there has not been a Happy Birthday column here for the last couple of months at least. That is because **NOBODY HAS GIVEN ME THE BIRTHDAYS!!**

Come on!! It's not like you would get ribbed about it being your birthday or anything!! I put mine in here in April and it really wasn't very painful at all!!

Please send me the dates of birthdays so that we can get that started up again. It's fun and admit it...you like being recognized at the meetings for having a birthday!!

Just use the contact information found on page 2 to send those in!!



"No, I told you, I can't turn that one on until I get a Multi-Engine license!"