



# December 2001

## Christmas Party!!

The Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport Christmas Party will be on December 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the airport. There will be lots of food and lots of fun!!

This year, we are collecting non-perishable foods and household goods for the Good Samaritan Center right here in Excelsior Springs. We have done this in the past but this will be the first time in a few years.

Please bring your donation with you when you come to the party. If you are planning on missing out on all the fun on the 15<sup>th</sup>, you can drop your donation off at any time either at the airport or at Excel Computer. The types of items that we are seeking are of course, canned goods including vegetables, fruit, canned meat like tuna and salmon and chicken, boxed dinners like macaroni and cheese and other types of non perishable foods. Items that you may not of thought of include, paper goods such as toilet paper, tissues, diapers, feminine hygiene products, and q-tips. If you would like, include a box of crayons and a coloring book for someone's child who may not otherwise have one.

If you know a family who may be in need this Christmas, please let us know, we will see what we can do to make sure they have a nice Christmas dinner and maybe a few gifts for the children. Let's show our generosity this year and help out some folks who don't have it as good as we do.

Please bring a side dish to share. The main course of meat will be provided.

We look forward to seeing all of you there. Please RSVP this one so we know how much food we will be needed. You may either contact Cindy or Pam at the numbers listed in the Contact Information later in this newsletter.

## Santa Clause is Coming!!

Bring your kids and grandkids to the FOESA Christmas party.

Since we have scheduled this quite a while before Christmas, Santa says that he will be flying in at 7:30 to hear any last minute requests and to give the kids a treat!

So round up the kids and bring them so they can make their last minute requests for Christmas. I supposed Santa wouldn't mind taking a few requests from the adults too but I don't know that he would want you sitting on his lap!!

This is going to be a great party. Don't miss it!!

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## Garage Sale Cancelled

The second FOESA garage sale fundraiser that was scheduled for November 17 had to be cancelled due to a number of circumstances.

We have a small core group of volunteers who are always willing to step forward to help and the month of November was not kind to most of them. There were circumstances beyond their control that prevented most of them from being able to help with the setting up and managing the sale. Since there were no other volunteers who had stepped forward to offer their time, the event had to be cancelled.

Hopefully, the year 2002 will see many more members of FOESA willing to step up to the plate and help out at events so they won't have to be cancelled like the garage sale was.

What do you think? Let's see if we can make that happen.

## Shareholders Annual Meeting Scheduled

The annual Shareholders Meeting for Excelsior Aviation is scheduled for December 15, 2001. This meeting will be held at the airport just before the FOESA Christmas Party.

Those of you who are shareholders should have already received your letter concerning this meeting.

Please try to be on time for the start of this meeting so the festivities that will follow can begin!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

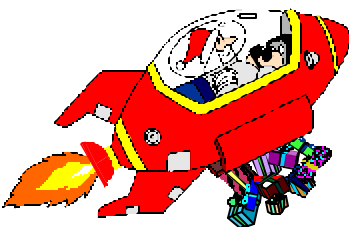
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As always, your comments, suggestions or contributions to the newsletter are very much appreciated!!



## Santa's Checkride

Santa Claus, like all pilots, gets regular visits from the FAA. Every year just before Christmas, an FAA examiner arrives for Santa's checkride.

In preparation, Santa had the elves wash the sled and give all the reindeer a bath. Santa got his logbook out and made sure all his paperwork was in order.

Sure enough, shortly before Christmas, the examiner arrived. The examiner walked slowly around the sled. He checked the reindeer harnesses, the landing gear, and Rudolph's nose. He painstakingly reviewed Santa's logbook and his weight and balance calculations for the sled's enormous payload.

Finally, they were ready for the checkride. Santa got in and fastened his seatbelt and shoulder harness and checked the compass. Then the examiner hopped in. Just as they were taxiing out for takeoff, Santa noticed a double-barreled shotgun between the examiners legs.

"What's THAT for!!" Santa asked.

The examiner looked over at Santa and winked and said, "Well...I'm not supposed to tell you this, but you're gonna lose an engine on takeoff."

*OK maybe it is a little sick but c'mon, tell me you didn't laugh just a little!?*

## FOESA Membership Dues to Go Into Effect January 15, 2002

As stated in the November newsletter, FOESA has decided to begin charging for membership.

Membership dues have been kept to the absolute minimum of \$10.00 per year. Your dues will be used for postage, supplies and to help sponsor events and activities at the airport. In return, paid members will continue to receive the monthly newsletters, will be informed of activities and events and a membership directory so that you can be in contact with others who care about our airport.

All donations that have been made by those of us who want to see the airport continue its existence have been greatly appreciated and always will be. Fundraising will continue throughout the year to bring in more funds to sponsor events.

Your membership dues need to be sent to the mailing address found in the Contact Information section on this page before January 15, 2002. Please make them to the attention of Cindy or Pam so we can be certain that they are accounted for properly. Checks can now be made out to Friends of Excelsior Springs Airport and will be used only for FOESA purposes.

As always, your comments are welcome. We hope to see all of you sign on.



## So Say the FAA

Because we are bound to get some winter weather sooner or later, this refresher on winter flying is timely. This is an excerpt from the FAA publication "Winter Weather Information for Pilots".

Fly Safe!

### Things to Remember in General About Winter Flying

1. If your aircraft's battery is dead, do not hand prop the aircraft. Have the battery serviced or use external power. Hand propping an aircraft is very dangerous.
2. Flight instruments need extra time to spin-up when they are cold. Be sure the cockpit is warmed up and gyros are up to speed before takeoff.
3. Take blustery winter headwinds into account, especially if flying westbound, when planning for fuel requirements. Also, check wind direction and speed at your destination and be sure it is within the aircraft's and your crosswind capability.
4. During engine start, be cautious about over priming your engine. Have a fire extinguisher nearby in case of emergency. Preheating is the safest way to winter starts and it is easier on the engine.
5. After a snowfall, remember that the landscape will no longer look like the VFR sectional chart. Many landmarks will most likely be snow covered.
6. Check with your destination airport for snow cover and removal operations. Airport surface conditions can change quickly with fast moving winter weather and the latest information may not be in the NOTAMs.
7. Dress for survival when you fly this time of year. Also, pack a winter survival kit.

### Things to Remember About Ice

1. There is no such thing as a little ice. Have an icing escape plan ready before you take off and use your "out" at the first sign of ice.
2. Turn the pitot tube heat on briefly during preflight and feel it to be sure it is working. Have it on well before entering clouds or reaching freezing temperatures.
3. Icing is very common over mountainous areas because of the lifting action and in the lee of the Great Lakes because of abundant moisture. Use extra caution in these area and remember that alternate airports with instrument approaches may be scarce in the mountains.
4. When there is a chance of ice, be sure that you can reach warmer than freezing temperatures, either above or below your altitude, or clear air, within the performance of your aircraft.
5. If you are topping clouds to stay out of ice, remember that the "tops" become higher near the low pressure center.
6. If you are flying an aircraft equipped with deicing boots, it is a good idea to cycle the boots periodically, even when ice is not expected. This keeps the valves in the pneumatic system from sticking.
7. If climbing above an icing layer, don't climb at a steep angle of attack. This can allow ice to form on the underside of the wing, which quickly degrades performance.
8. Pass along icing and cloud top information to Flightwatch on 122.0.
9. When considering PIREPs for ice encounters, remember that aircraft of different sizes and wing shapes accumulate ice very differently. Look for reports on aircraft types similar to yours.
10. A "zero flap" or "partial flap" landing may be best when landing with a load of ice. Use higher than normal approach speeds. Consult your approved airplane flight manual.

