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The 26th Annual FAA WINGS Weekend will be held July 8-9 at the Coles County Airport in Mattoon.

Once again, our dedicated group of volunteer flight instructors will provide instruction to participating pilots to meet the flight training requirements for the WINGS pilot proficiency program. Seminars on a variety of aviation topics will be offered on both days. Completing a phase of WINGS substitutes for the flight review required under FAR 61.56.

As an alternative, pilots may request a flight review, either in addition to or in lieu of their WINGS training. A FAR Part 91 review with an optional endorsement, showing the required ground instruction for a flight review, will be offered as a seminar topic again this year.

Flight instructors may renew their flight instructor certificate through participation in WINGS. Flight instructors must hold a current phase of WINGS and must have evaluated at least 15 WINGS-accredited flight activities. AC-61-91J provides further details.

This is an excellent opportunity for both instructors and pilot participants to learn more about the WINGS program. Past participants have been pleasantly surprised at the ease with which they completed the flight segments of the program.

Printed copies of the WINGS flight training syllabi will be available for both participating pilots and instructors along with assistance to guide you through the process of using this program. Once again, FAASTeam representatives will be on hand as pilots and instructors return from their flight, to assist with logbook endorsements and also with recording WINGS activity online. Participation in the WINGS program is open to pilots holding a Sport Pilot certificate or higher.

WINGS Weekend also offers a variety of seminars that fulfill the Knowledge Elective course requirement for the WINGS program. Once again WINGS pilots will be able to complete all three knowledge activities without completing an online course.

Please note **flight instructors who provide WINGS training and endorsements do not need to have an email address or be registered on faasafety.gov**. If you wish to participate, we will assist you. Come join us!

WINGS Weekend is sponsored by IDOT Division of Aeronautics, Coles County Airport, Springfield FSDO and the Illinois FAASTeam.

2016 WINGS WEEKEND INFORMATION

Friday Events:

0730: Registration opens
0800: Pilot and instructor briefing
0900-1600: Seminars
1200-1330: Lunch in the hangar
1730: Friday hangar dinner & Instructor recognition

Saturday Events:

0730: Registration opens
0800 – 1130: Seminars
1200 – 1300: Lunch in the hangar
1400: Flying ends

Registration and Questions: Call or email Carol Para (217) 785-4989, Carol.Para@illinois.gov, for a registration packet or go to faasafety.gov and locate this event. Pre-registration is not required, but is helpful to speed up processing on arrival.

Aircraft Rental: Contact Aerinova at (217) 234-8146.

Lodging: Free ground transportation will be provided for all fly-in WINGS participants. Hotels in the area include: Baymont Inn (217) 234-2420, Comfort Suites (217) 235-6745, Hampton Inn (217) 234-4267, Holiday Inn Express Mattoon (217) 235-2060, Super 8 (217) 235-8888, Unique Suites Hotel (217) 348-8161, and US Grant Motel (217) 235-5695.



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**MESSAGE FROM THE
INTERIM DIRECTOR**

STEVEN M. YOUNG

It looks like this newsletter is dedicated to our outstanding airports, heliport and airport restaurant. I cannot think of a better way to tell you about these folks. These award winners are recognized for their cooperation and coordination with the Division of Aeronautics and the FAA; their safety records; promotion of seminars, aviation events and aviation in general; and maintenance and upkeep of their facilities. Each of these winners is truly deserving of the award.

As the summer quickly approaches I look forward to seeing everyone at WINGS Weekend. This is a great opportunity to renew your flying skills and spend time with your fellow aviators.

Finally, I urge everyone to exercise caution when flying this summer. We have a number of airport improvement projects underway. Remember to check NOTAMs before your flights.

Steven M. Young



Primary Airport of the Year **CHICAGO O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** (Chicago)



Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics; George Lyman, Deputy Commissioner Airfield Operations, O'Hare International Airport; Jonathan Leach, Chief Operating Officer, Chicago Department of Aviation; Steve Young, Interim Director, Division of Aeronautics.

Just mentioning O'Hare invokes a response in most people. If O'Hare International Airport (ORD) were a city it would be the 42nd largest city in Illinois, between Quincy and Streamwood.

During the war, the airport was called Orchard Place/Douglas Field, hence the airport's identification ORD. In 1949, the airfield was renamed Chicago O'Hare International Airport in honor of Lieutenant Commander Edward "Butch" O'Hare, a young Navy flier who gave his life in defense of his country.

Today ORD is in the midst of one of the largest airport redevelopment programs in the world. The City of Chicago is updating the airport's original "pinwheel" configuration to a more modern high density east-west flow alignment. This redevelopment is underway while still maintaining services for one of the world's busiest airports.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates Mayor Rahm Emmanuel, Commissioner Ginger Evans of the Chicago Department of Aviation and her staff on a truly successful, professional and world-class airport operation.

Reliever Airport of the Year **ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AIRPORT** (Alton)



Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics; David Miller, Airport Director, St. Louis Regional Airport; Jay Christians, Airport Manager, St. Louis Regional Airport; Steve Young, Interim Director, Division of Aeronautics.

St. Louis Regional Airport (ALN), located just “East of Alton”, is a general aviation reliever airport to St. Louis Lambert International Airport and provides a great, uncongested access point to the Southwestern Illinois and Madison County area. Regional is also located in the northeastern portion of the St. Louis metropolitan area and is less than 30 minutes by Interstate to the Gateway Arch.

West Star Aviation, one of the largest Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul facilities in Illinois, is based at ALN. Recently Arch Helicopters, a major St. Louis based air medical transport service that serves central and southern Illinois, announced that they will soon open a new base at St. Louis Regional Airport. This installation will help reduce emergency response times in the Madison County area. Finally, ALN boasts a great on-airport restaurant and food emporium, The High Flyers Grill, a past Five Prop Airport Restaurant Award Winner.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates the Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Airport Authority, Airport Director David Miller, Airport Manager Jay Christians and his staff on a truly successful and professional airport operation.

General Aviation Airport **CENTRALIA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT** (Centralia)



Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics; Greg Reichenbacher, Advisory Board Member, Centralia Airport; Kala Lambert, Economic Development Director, City of Centralia; Simone Shaw, Airport Manager, Centralia Airport; Dan Ramey, City Manager, City of Centralia; Steve Young, Interim Director, Division of Aeronautics.

The Centralia Municipal Airport (ENL) serves the City of Centralia and surrounding counties as a general aviation facility. ENL provides air freight and charter passenger services connecting to major commercial airports such as Lambert-St. Louis International Airport and Chicago O’Hare International Airport.

Centralia has a very historic and vibrant fixed base operator known as AIRGO. AIRGO has been training “International” students since 1989 and is approved by the Department of Homeland Security’s Student and Exchange Visitor Program to issue the M-1 training visa. AIRGO has trained flight crewmembers that are employed by airlines and corporate flight departments around the world. Professional pilot customers are trained to meet specific requirements for each home country such as the Government of India’s Directorate General of Civil Aviation and the Civil Aviation Administration of China. AIRGO has business partners in many countries to help with the specific conversion process.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates the City of Centralia, the Centralia Airport Advisory Board, the Citizens of the City of Centralia and Airport Manager Simone Shaw and her staff on a truly professional operation.

General Aviation Airport

WHITESIDE COUNTY AIRPORT – JOSEPH H BITTORF FIELD (Sterling-Rock Falls)



Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics; Michael Dowell, Airport Manager, Whiteside County Airport; Steve Young, Interim Director, Division of Aeronautics.

The Whiteside County Airport (SQI) serves the corporate and general aviation needs of Sterling and Rock Falls, Whiteside County and portions of northwestern Illinois. Whiteside County Airport is a busy place with numerous community events throughout the year.

SQI is managed by M&M Aviation Services, Ltd. M & M is very active in organizing the many events hosted at the airport. M&M's FBO services include a pilot training program in cooperation with Sauk Valley Community College. Besides FBO Services at SQI there is also an avionics shop and a Civil Air Patrol squadron. Major corporations such as Borg Warner Inc., Raynor Garage Doors, Walmart, Union Pacific Railroad and Niemann Foods access SQI on a regular basis.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates the Whiteside County Board, the citizens of Whiteside County, Airport Manager Michael Dowell and his staff on a truly successful and professional airport operation.

Private, Open to the Public Airport

ZELMER MEMORIAL AIRPARK (Palmyra)



The origins of Zelmer Memorial Airpark begin in 1962 when Harold Zelmer established a Restricted Landing Area on his property just south of Palmyra. Sadly, Mr. Zelmer passed away unexpectedly in 1971. A group of 20 members formed a not for profit corporation called Zelmer Memorial Airpark, Inc. and approached the Zelmer estate to purchase the airport. In 1972 the airport was certificated as a commercial airport and continues to bear the Zelmer name in honor of the airport's original owner. The Macoupin Flyers Club was also formed to provide a ready means for aircraft access and flight training. Through the efforts of volunteers, the north/south sod runway was paved in 1988. Private fueling facilities were also constructed to serve the needs of the Zelmer Memorial Airpark Inc. members as well as the flying club.

There is an active aviation community at the airport which harkens back to an earlier age of aviation enthusiasm. Zelmer Memorial Airpark, Inc., currently has over 100 active members. The airport can be a busy place on weekends and evenings. Fly-in breakfasts are regularly held the third weekend of September. The flying club is active in promoting aviation to area youth and encourages new members to join and experience flying.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates the Zelmer Memorial Airpark and all those who volunteer their efforts to make it the facility it is.

Heliport of the Year

CLAY COUNTY HOSPITAL (Flora)



Dennis Jarman, Flight Safety Coordinator, Division of Aeronautics; Jay Walker, Plant Operations Manager, Clay County Hospital; Steve Young, Interim Director, Division of Aeronautics; Linda Schumm, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics.

Clay County Hospital is a unique medical facility not only because serves the rural Clay County, but also due to its location adjacent to U.S. Route 50. The hospital's heliport allows for quick access to critical care in the event of motor vehicle accidents or other emergencies. In the heliport's nearly 16 year history, it has not had one documented incident of non-compliance with the Division of Aeronautics.

Clay County Hospital's due diligence toward aviation safety is evident in the organization's willingness to safely maintain and operate their hospital heliport. In addition, hospital employees have an excellent record of maintaining close cooperation with Division of Aeronautics staff regarding helipad alterations and renovations.

Five Prop, Airport Restaurant of the Year

AIRPORT STEAK HOUSE (Coles County Airport)



Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics; Andrew Fearn, Airport Manager, Coles County Airport; Steve Young, Interim Director, Division of Aeronautics; Linda Schumm, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics.

Airport Steak House, located at the Coles County Airport in Mattoon. Airport Steakhouse offers a unique dining venue which combines great food and excellent service, with a front-and-center view of aviation activities. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week, Airport Steak House is home of the "Elephant Ear Tenderloin" & "famous hand cut and breaded to order fried mushrooms." Pilots, locals and those just passing-through frequent the restaurant to get their fill of a delicious meal and take in the welcoming atmosphere.

Like most airport restaurants, you can park right out on the ramp and walk in, but you better make a good landing because all the patrons will be watching.



2016 Calendar of Events

JUNE

June 18, 7:00AM – 3:00PM

Wings and Wheels Fly-In and Cruise-In

Pekin Municipal Airport, Pekin, IL

Clayton Stambaugh (309) 348-3692 clstambaugh@ci.pekin.il.us

June 18, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Prairie Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day

Central Illinois Regional Airport, Bloomington, IL

Steve Schmidt (309) 838-1053 sschm2601@aol.com

June 19, 7:00AM – 11:00AM

Gen-Air Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

Gen-Air Park (3G8), Geneseo, IL

Kent Johnson (309) 912-0437 airport1@geneseo.net

June 19, 7:00AM – 12:00NOON

Annual Father's Day Fly In Drive In Breakfast

Marshall County Airport, Lacon, IL

Jim Fassino (309) 361-6828

www.facebook.com/MarshallCountyFlyersInc

June 20, 7:00PM

Aviation Safety & Education Seminar*

Marshall County Airport, Lacon, IL

(309) 246-2870 manager@marshallcountyairport.com

JULY

July 4, 7:00AM – 10:30AM

50th Annual Fly-In Breakfast

Monmouth Municipal Airport, Monmouth, IL

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July 8-9

WINGS Weekend*

Coles County Airport, Mattoon, IL

Carol Para (217) 785-4989

Carol.Para@Illinois.gov

July 16, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Prairie Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day

Central Illinois Regional Airport, Bloomington, IL

Steve Schmidt (309) 838-1053 sschm2601@aol.com

AUGUST

August 20, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Prairie Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day

Central Illinois Regional Airport, Bloomington, IL

Steve Schmidt (309) 838-1053 sschm2601@aol.com

August 27, 12:00 NOON

Coles County Airshow

Coles County Airport, Mattoon, IL

Andrew Fearn (217) 234-7120 www.colescountyairport.com

SEPTEMBER

September 8-10

8th Annual Plane & Pilot Midwest LSA Expo*

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, Mt. Vernon, IL

(618) 242-7016, www.midwestlsashow.com

Sept 17, 7:00AM – 11:00AM

EAA Chapter 137 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

Jacksonville Airport, Jacksonville, IL

Kent Allen (217) 371-2861 kallen62650@frontier.com

Sept 17, 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Prairie Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day and Cruise-In

Central Illinois Regional Airport, Bloomington, IL

Steve Schmidt (309) 838-1053 sschm2601@aol.com

Sept 18, 8:00AM – 11:30AM

EAA Chapter 241 Scholarship Pancake Breakfast

Hinckley Airport, Hinckley, IL

Dan Thurnau (815) 631-6629 piperdan@charter.net

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