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Happenings at DeKalb County Airport

- The Sewer Extension improvement is underway. The extension is connected from an existing sewer line on the west side of County Road 427 and will be run along the south side of County Road 60 to the Glenn T. Rieke Terminal Building. The sewer will be gravity flow with a depth deep enough to continue past the main terminal if future growth warrants. Sewer Construction pictured at right.
- The Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) is functional. However, the AWOS is currently in test mode while the system is being calibrated. Official Commissioning of the AWOS will be later this month. The AWOS broadcasts on a MHz frequency of 124.15 and the telephone line number to call in is (260) 925-8225. The AWOS tower is the shorter narrower tower in the foreground in the picture, right.



Sport Pilot a Reality September 1st.

FAA Administrator Marion Blakey officially unveiled the long-awaited [Sport Pilot and Light Sport Aircraft rule](#) that will allow many pilots to fly with a valid driver's license in lieu of a medical certificate and create new, less-expensive ways to become a pilot. Beginning September 1, pilots who qualify will be able to act as light sport pilots using a driver's license.

Pilots who hold a recreational certificate or better, but whose standard or special issuance medical certificate has lapsed, will be able to fly under sport pilot rules with a driver's license and with a self-certification that they are medically fit to fly. Pilots whose medical has been revoked, suspended, or denied will need further review by the FAA and could be required to obtain a special issuance. Certificated pilots who hold a valid driver's license and whose medical has not been suspended or revoked will be able to fly many familiar certificated airplanes, including Piper J-2 and J-3 Cubs and models from Luscombe, Taylorcraft, and Ercoupe, when the rule becomes effective September 1.

The rule also creates a new class of light sport aircraft that will include both kit airplanes and yet-to-be-certified models. The FAA estimates that light sport aircraft will be available for "about the price of a new car," but because the class includes powered parachutes and two-place ultralights, that figure may not realistically represent the cost of a more traditional airplane. Even so, new aircraft should be less expensive than many models now available, and with that lower cost will come lower operating and maintenance expenses.

And the rule creates a more affordable avenue for learning to fly, requiring a minimum of 20 hours of flight time to earn a sport pilot certificate. While experience suggests that the certificate may take closer to 30 or 35 hours to earn, the standard still represents a significant cost savings over the average time of nearly 70 hours to earn a private pilot certificate.

The rule has been, literally, years in the making, and only the dedicated efforts of organizations like the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), which has made sport pilot regulation its sole focus, have made it possible.

Don't Forget

Don't forget: **September 22nd** is the first day of Fall.

To Do List:

September 1-7 - Auburn Fall Classic at Kruse Auction Park Exit 126

September 2-6 - ACD Festival for more information: www.acdfestival.org

September 16 - Cruise In at the Court house square 6:30 to 8:30pm.

September 17 - Hoosier Warbirds Fish and Chicken Dinner from 4:30 to 7:30.

September 24-25 - Military Show, War Reenactment, and Auction at the Kruse Auction Park exit 126.

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Special points of interest:

- The BOAC meets every third Friday at 12:30 PM. The next meeting will be September 17th, 2004.

Calendar of Nearby Events

September 3-5 - Three Rivers, MI. Three Rivers Airport (HAI) annual 3 day gathering of ultralight aircraft. Camping, Vending, Arts/Crafts, intro-flights, and daily entertainment.

September 4th - Marion IN. Marion Municipal Airport (MZZ) Fly-In Cruise-In, annual Pancake Breakfast.

September 4-6 - Cleveland OH. Burke Lakefront Airport (BKL). Cleveland National Air Show, celebrating its 40th anniversary.

September 10-12 - Van Wert OH. Van Wert County Airport (VNW). Festival of Flight a 3 day event with a Friday night cocktail dinner party. Entertainment on Saturday and Sunday.

September 11th - Shelbyville IN. Shelbyville Airport (GEZ). Fly/In Drive/In breakfast and lunch with remote controlled planes, classic cars, parachute jumpers, and plane rides.

September 18th - Cambridge OH. Cambridge Regional Airport (CDI). 2nd Annual parade of planes. Planes are separated by categories with an emphasis on EAA aircraft.

September 19th - East Liverpool OH. Columbiana County Airport. Wings-n-Wheels fly-in drive-in. Airplanes, Motorcycles, Autos, auction, concessions, prizes, etc.

Industry News and Events

Looking for a warbird? During WWII the Navy used Lake Michigan to train pilots the art of carrier landings. Over 100 aircraft were lost. Now the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is funding a remote sensing survey of the lake to help locate the missing Navy airplanes.

Rhode Island repeals taxes... not all taxes but lawmakers repealed the state's aircraft sales and use taxes. The repeal, which becomes effective Jan. 1st 2005, exempts the sale, storage, and use of new and used aircraft and aircraft parts from taxes. Rhode Island joins Connecticut and Massachusetts in exempting aircraft from taxes.

Tennessee Tax Relief... Governor Phil Bredesen, who is a pilot, signed a bill reversing a scheduled tax increase on aviation fuel.

How much do they make? The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) has released its annual survey of General Aviation service employee compensation. The survey includes salaries and benefits for pilots, line service personnel, maintenance technicians, inspectors, dispatchers, customer service reps., and other employees.

Famous Lines...

- If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible. (Bob Hoover - renowned aerobatic and test pilot)
- The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you. (Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot)
- Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you.
- "Now I know what a dog feels like watching TV." (A DC-9 captain trainee attempting to check out on the 'glass cockpit' of an A-320).
- If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.
- You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal.
- You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3. (Paul F. Crickmore - test pilot)
- A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum. (Jon McBride, astronaut)
- Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day.

Skin Replacement Services at DeKalb County Airport

Make those ugly patches, stop drilled cracks, dents, and wrinkles go away with new replacement skins. Skin replacement services offers aircraft flight control, stabilizer, fuselage, and wing skin replacement. With colder weather approaching and reduced flying, now may be the time you want to take care of some unsightly hangar rash. We are now taking appointments for winter projects. Just call or stop in the airport office and ask for Keith Miller or Steve McMurray for a free quote.

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