



HUGHES' JETSTAR ARRIVES

A 1969 Lockheed Jetstar, serial #5145 originally owned by Howard Hughes, arrived at our Greater St. Louis Air and Space Museum in late February.

A team of volunteers will construct concrete parking pads and reassemble this historic aircraft on the front lawn of the museum's hangar on our west ramp. The plane should be on display as the museum's centerpiece for the Midwest Regional Fly-in May 5-6.

This particular Jetstar was one of four Jetstars in Howard Hughes' Summa Corporation's fleet and was registered as N511TD at the time.

The museum is free and open to public from 10-4, Wed. through Sat.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3: EAA Chapter 64 Meeting, Upstairs Hangar 1 at 7 pm (food at 6)

April 6: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Meeting, Upstairs Hgr 1, 7:30 pm

April 14: Last Fly-in Planning Meeting, 10am, Airport Office Conference Room

May 1: EAA Chapter 64 Meeting, Upstairs Hangar 1 at 7 pm (food at 6)

May 3: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Meeting, Upstairs Hgr 1, 7:30 pm

May 5-6: Midwest Regional Fly-in at CPS

Looking for an interesting place to fly? Check out our local EAA chapter's calendar of events showing many flying events within an hour or so from our airport. See it at eaa64.org and let the webmaster know of additional events to be added.

ST. LOUIS FSS CLOSES MAY 28th

The St. Louis Flight Service Station located at Spirit of St. Louis Airport and many other FSS's around the country will cease to operate May 28th as part of the transition to a consolidated FSS system operated by Lockheed Martin.

A new FSS web site, www.afss.com, is part of a new concept that introduces "Virtual Flight Service." Instead of 57 facilities with 57 individual computer systems and databases, the new system uses a totally integrated system with a single nationwide database.

Three hubs (Wash. DC, Ft. Worth, & Prescott) will operate 24-hours daily with 17 other sites operating only 16-hours daily. Any specialist in any facility will be able to provide the same services for any pilot anywhere in the country. Local NOTAMs will now be available anywhere in the country.

1-800-WX-BRIEF phone service remains the same and a new number has been added, **1-877-4TIBS-WX**, for standardized TIBS and HIWAS recordings.



SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Brian Kissinger is a member of our local EAA Chapter 64 and he's on a mission—a mission to raise at least \$100,000 for brain tumor and cancer research by restoring and then flying a 1942 Piper L4 "Grasshopper" aircraft around the nation. He's starting his flight from right here in St. Louis.

In July 2003, as an Air Force major at Scott Air Force Base, Brian collapsed during a game of tennis. He was soon diagnosed with a brain tumor the size of a baseball and was headed to surgery and nearly two years of chemotherapy.

While in the hospital, Brian says all he could think about was flying. Flying became his reason to recover.

He was lucky and although now medically retired from the military, he made a full recovery and is flying again. Flying has become his celebration of life.

He's nearing completion of the L-4's restoration and is planning to launch on his around-the-nation flight on April 9th. His itinerary takes him south to Sun-n-Fun and then on a transcontinental trek to California and around the nation to raise money and awareness for brain tumor research.

You can find Brian on weekends putting the finishing touches on his craft in the main hangar at the Sparta Airport or you can reach him by phone at 618-980-1130.

You can also follow his progress and learn more about his mission on the following web site:

www.brainsflight.com

or you can make a donation at:

www.firstgiving.com/brainsflight