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AIR RACE PIT STOP HERE

St. Louis Downtown Airport will be a pit stop for 25 aircraft racing from Dallas to Chicago on Saturday, September 29th, to raise awareness for victims of domestic violence.

The race part of their journey ends when each aircraft enters the airport's class D airspace and begins again when they depart the airspace on the next leg of their journey. Normal air traffic and ground procedures will apply during their stop here. All participating aircraft should flow through the airport between 10 am and 2 pm using both FBOs.

The *BOLD Air Race* is sponsored by the Breaking Out Foundation, an organization dedicated to innovatively changing American attitudes about victims of domestic violence. *BOLD* is a freedom campaign designed to give victims the strength to be free of domestic violence. The Foundation offers legal resources, a place to live, food for their children, counseling, protection, and a formal exit strategy to create a new life for victims and their children.

More information about the air race and the Foundation is available on the web at www.breakingoutfoundation.org.

LOCAL EAA CHAPTER MOVES

EAA Chapter 64 recently moved their member clubhouse from upstairs of hangar one into the rear (west side) of hangar two.

The new location is on the ground floor with its own private entrance and easy access off the parking lot. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 with food beginning at 6 pm.

Visit eaa64.org for more information on chapter activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 31 – Sept. 3: Spirit of St. Louis Fair & Air Show at SUS

Sept. 2: 12L/30R Closed 8:30–11:00 pm due to Grizzlies' ballpark fireworks

Sept. 3: Labor Day—Airport Office Closed

Sept. 4: EAA Meeting, Hgr 2 Rear, 7pm

Sept. 4: Airport Construction—See other side for construction information

Sept. 6: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Meeting, Hgr 2 Rear, 7:30 pm

Sept. 29: Parks College Fly-in Alumni Reunion Pancake Breakfast, 8-10 am, \$7 per person at Parks Hangar

Sept. 29: Air Race Pit Stop here (see story in left column)

Sept 29: Diane Earhart's Party at the Museum (see story, bottom right)

Sept. 29: St. Louis Regional Airport (ALN) Fly-in & Car Show, 9am to 4pm

TAKE ACTION BEFORE SEPT. 7th TO FIGHT USER FEES

The final user fee countdown is underway. The U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate will begin final debate on the FAA Reauthorization Act when they return from summer vacation on Sept. 7th. House bill 2881 does not contain general aviation user fees while the Senate version, bill 1300, does.

Which bill will win? That is up to you, your family, friends, and neighbors. NOW is the time to write to your Congressional representatives and personally let them know how you feel about user fees and the impact they will have on your flying, your community, and your airport.

Don't sit on your hands and do nothing. We've made it easy for you. Visit our airport website for sample letters you can personalize and a link to find the appropriate congressional addresses.

DIANE EARHART CELEBRATES

25 YEARS IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Diane is inviting everyone to come out to the Greater St. Louis Air and Space Museum in historic Hangar Two from noon to 4 pm, Saturday, Sept. 29th to join her in celebrating three significant events in her life. She is marking her first half-century of life, a quarter century of air traffic control here in our tower, and her recent marriage to Steven King.

The celebration will be "open house" style so come and go as you like. Toasts and tributes will be conducted at 1 pm. Our EAA chapter will be selling food from the grill and a celebratory cake will be provided for all.

Bring your many Diane memories, photos, and stories to share.



PARKS CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

Oliver "Lafe" Parks began flying lessons at Lambert Field in the fall of 1925. After earning his pilot's license in 1926, he encountered several incidents that convinced him his flight training had been inadequate and he was determined to prevent that from happening to others.

On August 1, 1927, he opened the nation's first federally certified flight school, Parks Air College, in a rented hangar at Lambert Field. In the spring of 1928, he moved his college to Cahokia, Illinois where the college's flight training has continued to this day.

For a complete listing of Parks 80th Anniversary Homecoming events, visit <http://parks.slu.edu/Parks80/>.

Airport Administration Office Hours: 8-4:30, Mon.–Fri. (Closed most holidays)

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NEW AIRPORT SECURITY SYSTEM COMING



St. Louis Downtown Airport led the way in general aviation (GA) airport security long before the 2001 terrorist attacks. We have made several security improvements since 2001 to comply with Transportation Security Administration's GA airport security guidelines. We employed new positive identification procedures, issued new vehicle access decals, updated our security procedures plan, and improved our fences and gates.



As we continue to enhance our security, we will soon be implementing a new airport-wide video surveillance system. This new state-of-the-art system will include new perimeter gate access controllers that will maintain a record of who enters our gates and when. A side benefit of the new system is the ability to monitor the operations area from remote locations. Our fire departments and police stations will be able to monitor emergency situations as they are occurring.

Unfortunately, the new automated access system will require us to issue new gate access cards. These new cards will conform to a new industry standard that will allow aviation professionals and transportation workers who have undergone a background check to use the same card for access at other participating airports.

Although GA aircraft pose very little terrorist threat, our airport's characteristics (located next to a high-density population center and a national monument, our long runway, and the size and type of aircraft that frequently use the airport) place it in TSA's highest protective category for GA airports. We appreciate your patience as we transition to a new system and a new standard of airport security. We will notify you when the new access cards are available for issue.

TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION SET TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

Expect a 6-week Closure of Runway 12L/30R

