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*They're back...*

### IT'S USER FEES ALL OVER AGAIN

Last month, the White House sent Congress a federal budget proposal for the coming fiscal year with language nearly identical to last year's call for user fees as part of funding for the FAA.

General Aviation, as a whole, opposed the Administration's proposal, instead supporting funding through proposals that build on the current, proven fuel-tax system for FAA funding and aviation system modernization.

It's time once again to speak out loudly against aviation user fees. Continue the dialog with your legislators and voice your support for aviation system modernization through the existing fuel tax system that has worked successfully for many decades.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 4:** EAA Mtg, Hangar 2 rear, 7pm

**March 6:** Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. meeting in EAA room, Hangar 2 rear at 7:30 pm

**March 9:** Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 23:** Easter Sunday

**March 29:** Fly-in Planning Meeting, 10am, EAA Room, Hangar 2 rear

**April 1:** EAA Mtg, Hangar 2 rear, 7pm

### MIDWEST REGIONAL FLY-IN



Pancake Breakfast – Grilled Lunch  
Aircraft Static Displays – Vendor Exhibits  
RC Plane Aerobatic Demonstrations  
Free Young Eagle Flights (ages 8-18)  
Helicopter Rides – Ultralights – Auto Show  
Plane Wash – and much more!

Admission \$1 (age 8 and over)  
(Free Admission for Fly-ins & Statics)

Plan now to come out  
and have a great day of family fun!

Visit [midwestflyin.org](http://midwestflyin.org) for more details.

### ILS OUT FOR REPAIRS

The ILS (localizer and glideslope) will be shut down completely for repairs and new installation of an improved transmitter antenna system from March 24 through April 11<sup>th</sup>. When completed we will once again have approach capability down to 200 / 1/2.

### A Little Humor from an Anonymous Pilot

Saturday morning I got up early, put on my long-johns, dressed quietly, made my lunch, grabbed my headset, slipped quietly into the garage, and proceeded to back out into an overcast sky with light rain. Snow was mixed with the rain and the wind was blowing 25 mph.

I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back (now with a different anticipation) and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of many years replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out flying in that?"

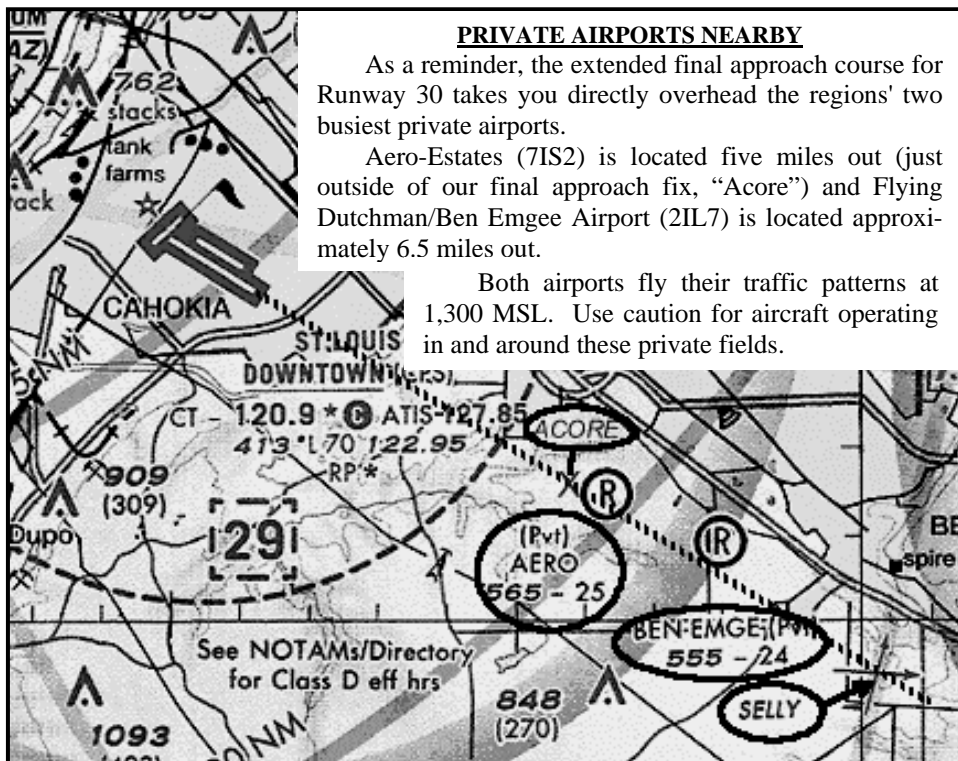
I still don't know if she was joking....

### PRIVATE AIRPORTS NEARBY

As a reminder, the extended final approach course for Runway 30 takes you directly overhead the regions' two busiest private airports.

Aero-Estates (7IS2) is located five miles out (just outside of our final approach fix, "Acore") and Flying Dutchman/Ben Emgee Airport (2IL7) is located approximately 6.5 miles out.

Both airports fly their traffic patterns at 1,300 MSL. Use caution for aircraft operating in and around these private fields.



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