

## **SAFECON Daily**

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# Frasca International: A History of Aviation Excellence

Frasca International was founded in 1958 by Rudy Frasca. Rudy began taking flying lessons at the age of 14 and soloed shortly thereafter. In 1949,

Rudy joined the Navy and was stationed at Glenview Naval Station, where he worked as a flight instructor teaching pilots on the early Link train-

ers. After the Korean war, Rudy left the Navy to attend the University of Illinois, where he did research in Aviation Psychology and honed his interest in the field of flight simulation. The more Rudy worked with that

early generation of pilot training devices, the more he realized that there had to be a better way. In 1958, putting together everything he had learned in the

Navy and the University, Rudy built his first flight simulator at home in his garage and Frasca Aviation was founded (the name later changed to Frasca

International to reflect the emerging character of the business).

With over 50 years of active flying, Rudy's love of aviation is obvious. However, aviation is not just a

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## **Daily Schedule**

0800-1700	Navigation Event- SAA Hangar 509, Room 110
0800-1700	Ground Trainer Event- Aviation Center Electronics Lab
0800-1700	IFR Simulated Flight Event- SAA Hangar 509, Trailer
0800-1700	CRM/LOFT Event- as assigned
0800-1700	CFI Event - Aviation Center Room 118
0800-1700	Safety Interviews – Aviation Center Room 139
0800-1700	Loening Trophy Interviews- Aviation Center Room 140
0800-1700	Women's Achievement Interviews- K-State at Salina West Hangar Rm. 102
0800-1700	Men's Achievement Interviews- K-State at Salina West Hangar RM. 102
0800-1700	Preflight Aircraft Event- SAA Hangar P5
1530-1700	Message Drop Event- Airport
1800-1930	Manual Flight Computer Event- K-State at Salina Recreation Center
1830-2000	Black Aviation Pioneers Panel (GlobalFlyer Viewing) - SAA Hangar 703

"Can the magic of flight ever be carried by words? I think not."

-Michael Parfit, 'Smithsonian' magazine, May 2000

#### **NOTAMS**

-Ballots are available for outstanding Team Member, Red Baron Award, and Coach of the Year at the Comm Desk. Ballots are due Friday.

-Preflight aircraft available for viewing on the ramp in front of hangar 509.

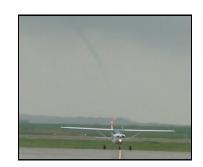




## SAFECON Participants Get a Taste of Kansas Weather

By: Cristina Thurlow and Brian Weber

There is an old Farmer's adage: If you don't like the weather in Kansas, just wait ten minutes and it will change. SAFECON contestants found this to be especially true over the last few days. After a blustery Friday, the weekend brought clear skies and moderate temperatures. This all changed by Monday morning. Low ceilings, periodic rain, and high winds made unfavorable conditions for flying event practices. According to Eric Barton,



Chief Judge, there was a line of weather from the North. The ceilings and visibility were below VFR minimums. This weather ultimately led to a suspension of flight operations for 30 minutes on Monday. Luckily, the only negative effect of the lapse was one canceled landing practice slot. Also, an unusual cloud formation caused concern for some. "We knew it was not a funnel cloud because a thunderstorm must be present, but it still had all the judges wondering." The weather outlook for this week is bleak, with showers forecasted for Thursday through Saturday.

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business for Rudy, it's also his avocation. Over the years, Rudy has flown hundreds of aircraft and collected several, including a number of "warbirds," all in flying condition: a P-40, a recently restored Spitfire Mk XVIII, a Wildcat, an SNJ, a T-34, a Fiat, and a Zero replica.

Rudy is active in many areas of aviation and has held every office in the Warbirds of America organization. He has been a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) since 1956 and has loaned several of his aircraft to the EAA museum so that the general public can enjoy them. He has received numerous awards both for his personal efforts and for Frasca Interna-

tional's success in the simulation industry.

Frasca International is located on Frasca Field, an FBO owned and operated by the Frasca family. The FBO also houses Frasca Air Museum which includes Rudy's collection of WWII aircraft.

The facility, built in 1990 is a 70,000 square foot building with offices and manufacturing areas. A high bay manufacturing area allows for production of multiple Full Flight Simulators. The factory includes a machine and wood shop, standard production area, custom production area, offices and shipping and receiving areas.

#### Aircraft Identification











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## GlobalFlyer Viewing

GlobalFlyer will be available for viewing for SAFECON participants from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday with the Black Aviation Pioneers Panel at SAA Hangar 703. Also, GlobalFlyer will be available for general public viewing in conjunction with the Dreamers and Achievers, a Panel of Black Aviation Pioneers event. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, and GlobalFlyer can be viewed from 11:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Cameras and other recording devices will be permitted.

#### **SAFECON Profile:**

### **Troy Brockway**



Troy Brockway is the head coach of the Kansas State University—Salina Flight Team. He was also honored as coach of the year at SAFECON 2003.

#### How many years have you been involved with SAFECON?

"I have been involved with SAFECON for six years."

#### How long have you been flying?

20 years

#### What was your first aviation experience?

"When I was three years old my dad took me for a flight out by Bennington, Kansas."

#### What are your favorite events?

Power on and power off landings

#### What is your favorite aircraft?

DeHaviland Beaver

#### Who is your aviation role model?

"Jimmy Doolittle: He was an early aviator and aeronautical engineer. He did a great deal for our country."

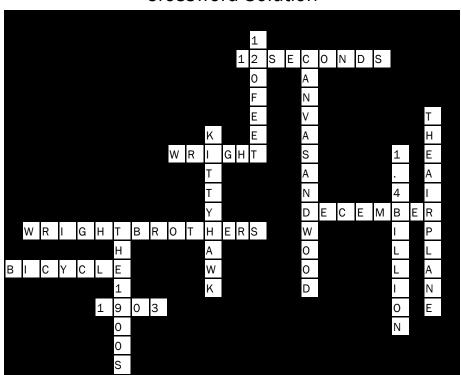
#### What advice do you have for SAFECON participants?

"Get out and meet lots of your competitors and the vendors."





#### **Crossword Solution**





## **Aviator's Dictionary**

Hydroplane: An airplane designed to land on a 20,000 foot long wet runway.

Parasitic Drag: A pilot who bums a ride and complains about the service.

Roger: Used when you're not sure what else to say.

Spoilers: The Federal Aviation Administration.

Answers from Aircraft Identification
Photos 1 and 2: Tacit Blue
Photo 3: Predator UAV

# Weather Outlook



Today Mostly Sunny High: 67 Low:47



Thursday Morning Showers High: 60 Low: 41



Friday Showers High: 54 Low 42



Saturday Showers High: 64 Low 35



Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 35