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## Weather Forecast:

Today  
Sunny!  
High: 71



Tonight  
Clear  
Low: 49



Tuesday  
Sunny!  
High/Low: 80/54



Wednesday  
Sunny!  
High/Low: 84/56



Thursday  
Partly Cloudy  
High/Low: 85/61



Friday  
Partly Cloudy  
High/Low: 83/60



Saturday  
Partly Cloudy  
High/Low: 80/62



## Welcome to SAFECON 2009!

It is our honor to welcome you to the 2009 NIFA SAFECON. We commend you on earning a chance to compete in this apex of collegiate aviation competitions. As representatives of Parks College, the oldest institution of aviation education in the country, we appreciate your participation to maintain our strong aviation heritage. This competition will allow you to sharpen your professional skills and expertise while proving your abilities as a pilot to family and peers.

We hope that your experiences as a guest and competitor this week at Parks College are beneficial to you for the rest of your life on a personal and professional level. It has become apparent over the past few months the increasing importance of competitions like NIFA SAFECON. This week will provide you with the chance to not

only compete against fellow aviators, but also provide you with the opportunity to strengthen the aviation community as a whole through safety and education. As a future member of the professional industry, competitions like SAFECON and educational institutions like the one you attend, provide the foundation to become a leading individual in the field. You are the bright future of aviation.

It is our privilege and pleasure to host this event at Parks College and we would like to thank all participants, judges, volunteers, and sponsors for attending. Thank you for being a part of our heritage of excellence and safety in aviation.



## Today's Schedule

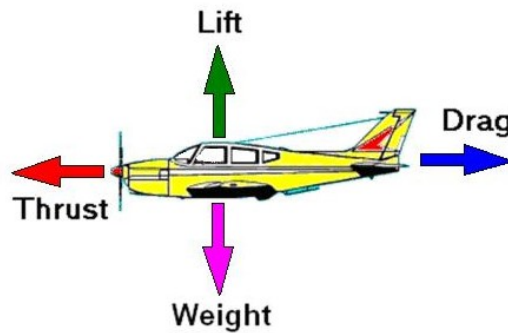
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| ⇒ 0830-1000: General Contestant Briefing | Millennium Hotel |
| ⇒ 1000-1130: Computer Accuracy           | Millennium Hotel |
| ⇒ 1130-1300: Judges School/Briefing      | Millennium Hotel |
| ⇒ 1330-1500: Aircraft Recognition        | Millennium Hotel |
| ⇒ 1600-1730: SCAN                        | Millennium Hotel |

## Study Finds No Logical Reason Why Planes Fly

PALO ALTO, CA—According to a recent study conducted by a team of physicists at Stanford University, there is no logical explanation why airplanes are able to fly through the air. "We understand the concepts of 'lift' and 'thrust,' but airplanes weigh like 800,000 pounds," head researcher Gabe Koplowitz said. "How does a huge metal tube just float up there in the sky without falling? And it's not even 'floating,' really, even though it looks like it is, because it's going 500 mph. Which means that when I'm sitting in an airplane, I'm actu-

ally going 500 mph, too. Me, Gabe Koplowitz. Jesus, how come we all don't vomit or have our hair blow back?"

The study posited a number of potential theories to explain the phenomenon, including wind propulsion, suspension of gravity, and the possibility that clouds "pull" the plane skyward. The Stanford team plans to devote the next two years to a new study on why telephones hear.



### Concessions!

#### Breakfast:

- Bagels
- Muffins
- Donuts
- Fruit
- Coffee
- Orange Juice

#### Lunch:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Brats
- Pork Steak Sandwiches
- Nachos
- Popcorn
- Ted Drewes Ice Cream



### Today in Aviation History: May 17th

- In 1907... Wilbur Wright sails for Europe to discuss the sale of his Flyer III in London, Paris, Moscow and Berlin.
- In 1910... International talks open in Paris to draw up a legal basis for flight between countries.
- In 1949... The city's first heliport, built on Pier 41 by the Hudson River, opens in New York City.
- In 1953... American Jacqueline Cochran

becomes the first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound while flying a Canadian-built North American F-86 Sabre. On the same day, she sets the world speed record for women at 652 mph (1,049 km/h).



• In 1966... The first round-the-world solo flight by a woman is made by British pilot Sheila Scott. She flies 29,000 miles (46,670 km) in stages in her Piper Comanche, "Myth Too."

• In 1983... American Airlines carries its 500 millionth passenger.

## Question of the Day...What is a Billiken?

- “Kind of like a leprechaun, but more mid-western” - Fritz Knoll, Volunteer
- “A Dr. Seuss character” - Rob, Mt. SAC
- “Cousin of the Michelin man” - David Kemme, Parks College
- “The Grinch” - Brian, Kent State
- “Medieval creature that eats donkeys” - Anon., Ohio University
- “A Buddah crossed with a Vulcan” - Keavy Nenninger, Parks College
- “Ryan Smith’s twin” - Melissa Goetz, SAFECON President
- “An F-18 and a Mig-23 mating” - Anon., Volunteer



## What’s a NIFA Student Representative?

It is a student that is elected by the member schools to be a voting member of the NIFA council and to bring concerns of students to the NIFA Council.

At this year’s annual business meeting we will be looking for nominations from the member schools for the next NIFA student Representative.

The eligibility of the student Representative is as follows:

1. Must be a member of a member institution’s team
2. Must be returning to school for at least one full school year after the election
3. Must have competed in at least one national SAFECON
4. May be re-elected for a second year if the above criteria are met.

While not stated by the NIFA By-

laws, tradition has been that the Student Representative attends the NIFA SAFECON Captains meeting and gets input from the students.

The Student Representative also attends the annual business meeting and this is a great time to present a report on any items necessary to the member schools.

The Student Representative is also expected to attend the fall and winter NIFA council business meeting. NIFA pays all expenses associated with the travel to the meeting; this includes airfare, hotel rooms, and meals.

The Student Representative is expected to liaison between the member schools and the NIFA Council. The Student Representative should bring concerns and opinions of the members to the NIFA Council. Past

Student Representatives have kept lines of communication open with NIFA members through out their term.

The Student Representative should also keep an open line of communication with the NIFA Executive Director. Many times concerns are repeated from year to year as new members compete for the first time at a SAFECON. The Student Representative should discuss these concerns with the Executive Director to see if they have already been addressed. He should then reply to the members with his findings.

So if you are interested, or know of somebody who is interested, make sure that person is nominated for the position of Student Representative so that the members may vote for the best candidate.

## Saint Louis Attractions



- Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum
- The Gateway Arch
- St. Louis Zoo
- Science Center
- City Museum
- Botanical Gardens
- Forest Park





### NOTAMS



- Please be aware of the bee nest near the west ramp
- Please park in the grass lot across from the Park's Hangar, or down the road in front of the two brick hangars
- Portable toilets are located north of the tent against the hangar and out on the west ramp
- Find all schedule updates on web-site.....

