

# SAFECONdaily

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## Weather Forecast

### Today

T-showers  
High: 73 F  
Precip: 60%



### Tonight

Scattered t-storms  
Low: 58 F  
Precip: 60%



### Saturday

Mostly Sunny  
High: 82 F  
Low: 62 F  
Precip: 20%



### Sunday

Mostly sunny  
High: 88  
Low: 66 F  
Precip: 10%



## Frasca International Contributes \$8,000 to NIFA in Support of SAFECON

Nic Hansen, Sales Representative with Frasca International, presents Corey Hill, SAFECON President, and Gary Hemphill, NIFA Executive Director, a check for \$8,000. As they've done for a number of years now, Frasca is the sponsor of the Ground Trainer Event and the IFR Event. Frasca also purchased an advertisement in the program and is once again the sponsor of this year's SAFECON Daily.



It's important to recognize that in addition to their monetary support, Frasca, year after year, has provided the simulators used for their events and the Judging staff throughout the week.

## Cessna Supports NIFA with a Contribution of \$7,000

Michael Gomm, Cessna Fleet Sales Manager, presents a check for \$7,000 to Corey Hill, SAFECON President and Gary Hemphill, NIFA Executive Director. Cessna has been a long time supporter of NIFA. In addition to their sponsorship of the National Championship Trophy and an advertisement in the program, this year Cessna is treating everybody to a spaghetti feed tonight.



## NIFA Remembers James “Jim” Gehring

NIFA lost a great friend and dedicated volunteer with the unexpected passing of Jim Gehring, the Region 6 Representative, on February 17 at his home in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Jim was loved and respected by all. His bright smile and positive attitude were hallmarks of his commitment to the students. Famous for dancing his Irish jig to the music of the Oklahoma State University bagpiper, Jim would always be available to help any student, school, or cause.

A 1972 Graduate of Parks college, Jim made a career in airport management, starting at St. Louis Lambert Field. He spent several years as the manager of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Airport Development Director, building five international airports in Saudi Arabia.



Jim loved aviation and was an avid pilot throughout his life. Flying his Cessna 182 and running his company, Beechwood Investments, Jim most enjoyed

his time working with the students of NIFA. Jim had served 7 months of his 3 year term as Region 6 Representative, and had also previously volunteered as a judge. Jim’s involvement with NIFA spanned approximately 10 years.

He was one of those people who you could hand a project to, and he would take it and run with it. There wasn’t a problem he couldn’t solve, even going so far as to coordinate with the Secret Service to make sure the navigation event could go on despite a presidential TFR.

Jim certainly left a strong impression on everyone around him, and he will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Carol and 3 children

### NOTAM’s

- Nominations for Outstanding Team Member and the Red Baron Team Sportsmanship awards are due by noon today. We need one nomination from each team!
- The projectors are now located in the American Airlines Safety Award and Loening Trophy interview rooms. If you need one for something else, please notify the Comm. Desk.
- Preflight has been moved to inside the Quonset hut
- Check your school mailbox at least 3 times a day
- Concessions are in the NE corner of the hangar
- The CFI event lesson plan will be chandelles
- Lost something? The lost and found is at the Comm. Desk.
- Every airplane must have a penalties document in it. Copies are available at the Comm. Desk.
- Meal vouchers for Louise’s Café are \$6 at the Comm. Desk. They do not have to be used the day you buy them.
- There will be no logbooks in the preflight aircraft.
- American Airlines Safety Award information is available on the NIFA website.
- The smoking area is located on the east side of the SAFECON hangar. Smoking is not permitted on the ramp!

### Today’s Schedule

•	0800—1800	Navigation (just kidding... message drop!)	Hulman Field
•		Ground Trainer Event	Hulman Field
•		IFR Simulated Flight Event	Hulman Field
•		CRM/LOFT Event	Hulman Field
•		CFI Event	TBA
•		Safety Interviews	Hulman Field
•		Women’s Achievement Interviews	Hulman Field
•		Men’s Achievement Interviews	Hulman Field
•		Preflight Aircraft Event	Hulman Field
•	1900—2200	Friday Night Social	Hulman Field

## About the Editor

As another NIFA SAFECON draws to a close, I've been asked to take a little space to introduce myself. My name is Karrie Shank, and this is my fourth year as the SAFECON Daily editor.

I became involved with NIFA as a competitor for Ohio University. My favorite event was pre-flight... and who doesn't love message drop? I had the opportunity to be the team's safety officer, and coached for a few years too. Once I was no longer competing, I started coming back as a volunteer, making the Daily. It seemed like a natural fit, since I helped make the Ohio U. department newsletter too. Producing the Daily is always a lot of fun, since it gives me a great excuse to talk to lots of people.

The rest of the year, you'll find me in Phoenix, where I'm a professor at Arizona State University's aviation department. They don't have a flight team... yet. I'm working on them though!

I've always loved NIFA, and my goals right now are to never miss a nationals, and to help start a team at ASU. Best wishes to all of you, and hopefully we'll see you back next year, competing or volunteering!



## Today in Aviation: May 21

- In 1878... Glenn Hammond Curtiss, pioneer of the first years of powered flight and rival of the Wright brothers, is born in Hammondsport, New York.
- In 1946... Royal Dutch Airlines, KLM, inaugurates a scheduled service to New York. It is the first European airline to open post-war flights to New York.
- In 1977... The Concorde makes a special trip from New York to Paris to mark the 50th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's historic flight on the same route in the Spirit of St. Louis; the airliner takes just 3 hours, 44 minutes, compared with Lindbergh's time of 33 hours, 29 minutes.



## Question of the Day: if you could time travel to do anything aviation related, what would you do?



"If I were to go into the past, I'd go on one of the first space missions... be the first man in space."

- Ryan Terebesi,  
The Ohio State  
University

"Fly the Concorde!"

- Paul Valenstein, University of North Dakota

"Go back, find out what really happened to Amelia Earhart, and tell the world."

- Lauren Peterson, University of North Dakota

"Go hang out with the Montgolfier brothers."

- Scott Vlasek, University of Nebraska—Omaha

"I'd go back to WWII and fly the Corsair."

- Sam Myers—LeTourneau

"I'd be a WWII pilot... or a XB-70 Valkyrie test pilot."

- Isaac Adler, Western Michigan University

"I'd go back and invest in Microsoft and Intel... and then I'd buy an airplane."

- John Haacke, NIFA Director of Corporate Relations

"Go back in time and fly a pterodactyl."

- Chris Ackley,  
Spartan College of Aeronautics





