



Flying through the Decades!



DAILY

Sunday May 18, 2003 - Sponsored by SkyScheduler.com

SkyScheduler-Much More Than Online Aircraft Scheduling

SkyScheduler, a new service for aviation-related organizations, offers online aircraft scheduling, maintenance tracking, real-time dispatching, and membership accounting, all in a single user-friendly, web-based package. "Our goal with SkyScheduler," says Michael Carr, president of Carr Engineering, Inc., who developed the software, "was to interconnect various aspects of flight operations in such a way that the software basically allows the organization to run itself." For example, when a pilot wishes to dispatch an aircraft, the system first retrieves all of the flight's information from the scheduling module, performs a series of safety checks on the aircraft using data from the maintenance tracking module, and upon return notifies the accounting module of the exact Hobbs time and fuel used during the flight. "All of this occurs in real time via a self-service terminal at the flight line," says Carr. "By allowing pilots to interact with the system directly, there is no need for a staff member to come back later and spend hours on data entry." "I can't imagine life without it," claims David Shuster, Operations Manager for University of Michigan Flyers in Ann Arbor, MI, who has been overseeing implementation of SkyScheduler at his flying club. "Over the past seven years we've evaluated dozens of software packages for streamlining operations. SkyScheduler is the first and only solution that fulfills all our requirements and then some." Shuster relies heavily on the accounting and maintenance tracking capabilities of the system. "The moment a pilot reports a mainte-



Daily Schedule

Sunday, May 18

0700-0730	Navigation Weather Briefing Concessions Hangar
0800-1700	Navigation Event (by appointment) Airport
0800-1700	Ground Trainer, IFR Simulator, SCAN and CRM LOFT Events
0800-1700	Ryan Hall Preflight Event
0800-1700	Wash Bay Safety and Achievement Inter - views
0800-1700	2nd Floor CFI Event
0800-1700	2nd Floor Loening Trophy Interviews
0800-1700	Ryan Hall SCAN Event
1800-1930	



NOTAMS:

- !GFK 05/001 SAFECON T-shirts are on sale at the Communication Desk
- !GFK 05/002 Extra Banquet and Social Tickets on sale at registration TODAY!
- !GFK 05/003 Static Aircraft on display: Border Patrol AS 350, Merit Care Bell 222, Flight Safety Piper Seminole, Piper Arrow

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SAFECON Profile



The Fargo Air National Guard 'Happy Hooligans' were generous enough to share one of their F-16's with SAFECON attendees on Saturday. Lieutenant Colonel Brian Silvertan landed the aircraft around 9:20 this morning, drawing quite a crowd who came to admire the static display

and talk to the pilot and crew chiefs that came from Fargo to assist. Silvertan, a pilot with the Fargo Air National Guard since 1993, previously spent nine years in active duty with the U.S. Navy flying the S3 and F18. A Grand Forks native, Silvertan graduated from UND Aerospace and decided to begin a military career due to the bleak job prospects in the aviation industry at the time.



He now flies an A380 for United Airlines out of Chicago, as well as seven or eight flights a month with the "Hooligans".



Silvertan considers the Air Guard to be a great job, and has enjoyed the flying and many travel opportunities it has offered him.



Jasmine Zink, Aaron Lewis, Brian Silvertan, Al Palmer, and Rodger Harsha

nance discrepancy, SkyScheduler emails me. I can assign the issue a priority then follow the repair from beginning to end, right from the computer at my desk." Additionally, SkyScheduler allowed the Flyers to automatically enforce access limitations for members who habitually carried negative account balances. A few weeks after switching to the system, the organization's accounts receivable balance dropped from over \$20,000 to less than \$2,500. "Just replacing our traditional mailings with SkyScheduler's automatic email capability saved us thousands of dollars per year in postage and man-hours," Shuster says. And, because members update their own email addresses through the self-service terminal, SkyScheduler's email list is always kept up-to-date without requiring the constant attention of office staff. "I don't even have to hang NOTAMs all over the office any more. Instead, I just enter them into the system, and they're displayed when the pilot logs in." SkyScheduler also allowed Daniel Christman, owner of Aero Atlanta in Atlanta, GA, to triple operations from 10 aircraft to 30 with relatively little increase in staffing. "SkyScheduler represents some really great work," he says. With so many aircraft, Christman appreciates how SkyScheduler's real-time dispatching capability color-codes the schedule to indicate each reservation's status as preflight, post-flight, or currently airborne. At a glance he can see exactly which aircraft are currently generating revenue for the organization. Overall, SkyScheduler's unique approach to assisting in flight operations management promises significant improvement in the efficiency of aviation organizations around the country.

Daily Quiz

1. Established in 1929, what is the oldest operating airline in the US?
2. When was the first flight completely around the world made?
3. How long did Charles Lindberg's 1927 nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic last?
4. When was the first in-flight movie?
5. What were the Ninety-Nines?
6. When was the first airplane hijacked?
7. How many planes have been hijacked?
8. What airline was the first to offer regular trans-Atlantic flights in 1939?

Sarah's SAFECON Scoops

Hello, again. How's everybody been doing? Are you tired yet? Good, because we still have 4 days to go. Well, I hope you've enjoyed the first issue and I hope you are enjoying your stay at Grand Forks. This issue's question is: **What do you like most about SAFECON?** And once again, the movie question seemed to stump everyone!

Name: Diana Beauford
School: US Naval Academy
Hometown: Taylorsville, Georgia
Favorite Movie: Top Gun (We all strive to make our lives like Mavericks)



Answer: The best part is traveling somewhere that I've never been before. That's always fun.

Name: Iman Nekouie
School: Denver Metro State
Hometown: Denver, Colorado
Favorite Movie: The Godfather Series



Answer: I think it's a good experience for me and hopefully it will make me a better pilot.

Name: Chris Porta
School: Embry Riddle-Daytona
Hometown: West Patterson, New Jersey
Favorite Movie: Rudy



Answer: I just like being with the team. I graduated last year so it's nice being with them again.

Name: John Nehrass
School: Embry Riddle Prescott
Hometown: Mukwonago, Wisconsin
Favorite Movie: Pulp Fiction
Answer: I like just getting together with the other schools and putting what we've done all year to use.



Name: Marrill Suton

School: Jacksonville University

Hometown: Burlington, North Carolina

Favorite Movie: Forest Gump

Answer: I guess just the flight time and the competition itself.

It's a lot of fun. I live for the competition!



Buttons . . . check. Dials . . . check. Switches . . . check. Little colored lights . . . check.

— The Bill Watterson comic character Calvin, of 'Calvin and Hobbes.'

Death is just nature's way of telling you to watch your air-speed.

— Anon.

When asked by someone how much money flying takes: Why, all of it!

— Gordon Baxter

Aircraft Recognition

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PIREPS

What is your favorite thing about Grand Forks?



GFK UA/OV GFK/TP Andrew Drake
West Michigan senior/RM It's not too large, just a decent size



GFK UA/OV GFK/TP Jerry McDowell
Caldwell senior/RM Not used to how flat and wide open, you don't have to worry about emergencies because you can put down anywhere



GFK UA/OV GFK/TP Jason Fisher
Ohio State senior/RM There's a lot of nice people and "the accent"



GFK UA/OV GFK/TP Nathan Bandy
Embry-Riddle Daytona senior/RM The weather and its not too large



Quiz Answers

1. Delta Airlines
2. April 6 through September 28, 1924
3. 33.5 hours
4. April 6, 1925. It was a single reel short silent film, ideal on the noisy Deutsche Lufthansa airliner.
5. The first all female pilots association started by 99 licensed female pilots in 1929. Amelia Earhart was the first president.
6. February 21, 1931 in Peru. The hijacking ended on March 2 after the pilots refused to fly the rebels over Lima to drop propaganda leaflets.
7. 1,000
8. Pan American Airlines with a Boeing 314. Service was offered between Port Washington, N.Y and Marseilles, France for \$375 one-way (\$4,939.75 in today's dollars).

Aircraft Recognition Answers

Pitts 2B
SuperGuppy

SAFECON Statistics

Number of competition planes at GFK: 106



Safety Judge Wally Funk with student aviators



Sunday

May 18

Scattered T-Storms

High 68

Low 44

Monday

May 19

Morning Showers

High 65

Low 39

Tuesday

May 20

Partly Cloudy

High 69

Low 38

Wednesday

May 21

Partly Cloudy

High 67

Low 42

Thursday

May 22

Cloudy

High 66

Low 44