



# SAFECON Daily

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## The New Piper Aircraft Contributes \$7500 to NIFA/SAFECON 2005



Piper, for the fifth year in a row, is a major sponsor and supporter of NIFA/SAFECON. In addition to their continued sponsorship of the Judges Trophy and an advertisement, Piper is once again sponsoring the Industry Reception. Gary Hemphill, Executive Director of NIFA, and Heath Larson, NIFA President, accepted a check from Matt Rule, sales coordinator of New Piper Aircraft.

## Salina Airport Authority: A History

The development of the Salina Municipal Airport began in 1942. The construction of airfields during World War II resulted in the construction of the Smoky Hill Army Airfield on 2,600 acres, southwest of the Salina urbanized area. Construction began in May of 1942 with the aid of nearly 7,000 construc-



tion workers. The first B-17's arrived in September of that same year.

The B-17's were eventually replaced with B-29's and the base was used as a processing and staging area for heavy bombardment units going overseas. Upon completion of WWII, the base

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## Daily Schedule

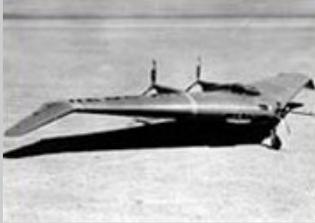
0700-0800	Power Off Landing Event Briefing SAA Hangar 509, Main Floor
0800-1400	Power Off Landing Event Airport
0800-1700	Ground Trainer Event Aviation Center Avionics Lab
0800-1700	IFR Simulated Flight Event SAA Hangar 509, Trailer
0800-1700	CRM/LOFT Event- as assigned
0800-1700	CFI Event- Aviation 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 Room 100
0800-1700	Men's Achievement Interviews- K-State at Salina West Hangar Room 102
0800-1700	Preflight Aircraft Event- Aviation Center Maintenance Hangar
1500-1630	Message Drop Event- Airport
1700-1800	SCAN Event- K-State at Salina Recreation Center
1900-2100	Industry Reception- Rolling Hills Zoo

*"The airplane is just a bunch of sticks and wires and cloth, a tool for learning about the sky and about what kind of person I am, when I fly. An airplane stands for freedom, for joy, for the power to understand, and to demonstrate that understanding. Those things aren't destructible.*

— Richard Bach, *'Nothing by Chance,' 1963.*



## Aircraft Identification



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SAA, from page 1 was home to 45 B-29's and 20 tanker planes of the 301st Bombardment Wing. The name of the base was changed to Smoky Hill Air Force Base in January of 1948.

The Defense Department deactivated the base in August of 1949 with the 301st being relocated to another Air Force Base. However, in 1951 the Department of Defense reopened the base as a prestigious Strategic Air Command Base that would be home to new B-47 jet bombers and Atlas F Missiles. In 1955 the base was named a "Golden Anniversary of Flight Base" primarily as a result of good base-community relations.

In 1957 the base was renamed again, this time to Schilling Air Force Base, in honor of Col. David C. Schilling, the famed WWII fighter pilot and native Kansan. In 1959, the Department of Defense began a major renovation of the base and also began



construction of the 12 silo intercontinental ballistic missile complex. During the next year, millions of dollars were spent preparing the runways and taxiways for the next generation of bombers and tankers, namely the B-52 and KC-135. Overall spending at the base during this era amounted to \$250 million.

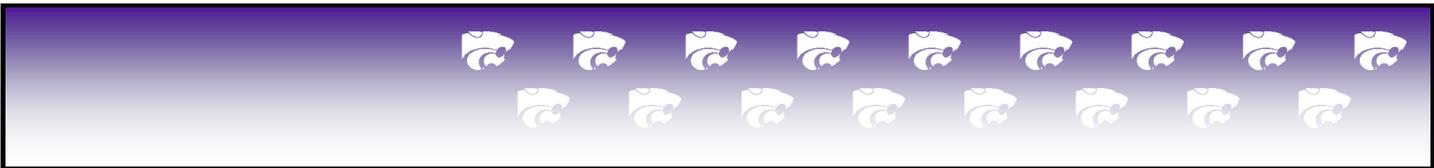
On November 19, 1964, the Department of Defense announced that Schilling along with 574 other bases around the world would be closed. At

this time the base was home to approximately 5,090 men. Within the next six months, all planes and men were relocated, including the Atlas F ICBM Squadron, and the base was closed on June 30, 1965.

Also within that six months, the City of Salina worked hard at formulating a plan that would lessen the economic blow to the community of the closed base. The newly created Schilling Development Council announced plans for an airport-education-industry complex to replace the military operations. Special enabling legislation allowed the City to acquire, own, maintain, operate, improve and dispense with portions of the base.

By May of 1965 the Salina Airport Authority had been created and the conversion of Schilling Air Force Base to the Salina Municipal Airport and Salina Airport Industrial Center began.

<[www.salair.org](http://www.salair.org)>



## SAFECON Profile: Brian Jackson



Brian Jackson is the Associate Chief Judge of SAFECON 2005. He will be the Chief Judge for SAFECON 2006 next year at The Ohio University.

**How many years have you been involved with SAFECON?**  
 “Nine: My first SAFECON was in 1996 at Daytona Beach.”

**How long have you been flying?**  
 “Ten years: I received my Private Pilot’s License in 1995.”

**What was your first aviation experience?**  
 “My first experience was an air show when I was eight or nine. My first flight was when I was 13.”

**What is your favorite event?**  
 “Preflight: I love the adrenaline rush of the 15 minute time frame. Also, I have always been more technically minded.”

**What is your favorite aircraft?**  
 “The Grumman F-4U Corsair. I love the shape of the wings.”

**Who is your Aviation Role Model?**  
 “All pioneers of the industry. It is awesome that they would go out to try something new and only half of them would come back.”

**What is your advice for SAFECON participants?**  
 “Take advantage of the opportunities around you. Talk to those around you. The aviation industry is an incredibly small world.”

## NOTAMS

Ballots are available for outstanding Team Member, Red Baron Award, and Coach of the Year at the Comm Desk. Ballots are due Friday. Please check the lost and found at the Comm. desk. The Industry Reception is at 7:00 p.m. tonight at the Rolling Hills Zoo. All faculty advisors, coaches, judges, and sponsors are welcome to attend. See the comm desk for directions to the event.

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## Aviator's Dictionary

**WALKAROUND:** What you do when waiting for weather to clear.

**ALTERNATE AIRPORT:** The area directly beyond the active runway when the engine quits on take off.

**CRITICAL ENGINE:** That part of your airplane which used to be under the cowl, but is now in intensive care at the maintenance shop.

Answers from Aircraft Identification  
Northrop N-1M  
Northrop XB-35

# Weather Outlook



Today  
Morning Rain, Wind  
High: 54 Low: 42



Friday  
Showers  
High: 53 Low: 36



Saturday  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 62 Low: 44



Sunday  
Few Showers  
High: 68 Low: 45



Monday  
Showers  
High: 57 Low: 37

Warning: Kansas weather is subject to change without notice.