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## Weather Forecast:

Today  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 85



Tonight  
Showers  
Low: 64



Saturday  
Scattered T-Storms  
High: 84  
Low: 64



Sunday  
Partly cloudy  
High: 81  
Low: 64



## Cessna supports NIFA with a contribution of \$15,000.

Michael Gomm, Cessna Fleet Sales Manager, presents a check for \$15,000 to Melissa Goetz, SAFECON President and Gary Hemphill, NIFA Executive Director. Cessna has supported NIFA for several years now and in addition to their sponsorship of the National Championship Trophy and an advertisement in the program, this year Cessna is taking everybody out to the Ball Park for a St. Louis Cardinals – Kansas City Royals game for the Friday Night Event.



## Who Likes Free Stuff?

*AOPA is offering a free membership to all the flight students of Member Universities. Find out how to become a Member University, by contacting Toni Mensching with AOPA at [toni.mensching@aopa.org](mailto:toni.mensching@aopa.org)*

## Just For Fun...

An American pilot flying a Gulfie 11 was approaching Dublin Airport, Ireland, obviously for the first time, and he contacted Dublin Centre to enquire about visibility at the airport. The controller confirmed that the visibility was fine.

Some five minutes later the Gulfie pilot called again and asked for confirmation that the visibility at Dublin was good and the controller reassured him that Dublin was clear, with no fog. A third request from the American seeking an update on the visibility at Dublin and the presence of any fog was met by an initial stony silence, followed by:

"November 123....Dublin Airport never gets foggy....UNLESS IT'S VERY BADLY PROVOKED!"

## GA Groups Ask TSA to Back Off

Obtained from AVweb.com

Five groups representing the general aviation community this week asked the Transportation Security Administration to withdraw the onerous security directive that requires GA pilots to apply for identification badges from any airport they use, which takes effect on June 1. "We would like to see TSA ... [instead] initiate the required rulemaking process to implement a change of this scope," reads the letter, which is addressed to Janet Napolitano, who heads the Department of Homeland Security. The TSA directive requires airport operators to ensure that anyone in the airport operating area is escorted or has an airport-issued identification card, and all applicants for those cards must undergo a Security Threat Assessment by the TSA. The impact on GA operators is substantial, since every airport requires its own ID, and escorts may not always be available.

So far, the TSA has responded to complaints by

saying each airport operator can develop an alternate means of compliance and submit it to TSA. "The resulting patchwork of 'alternate means' would likely create far more problems than it would solve," the letter says. The letter was signed by the leaders of AOPA, EAA, the National Business Aviation Association, the National Air Transportation Association and the National Association of State Aviation Officials. "We have turned to the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the TSA, because this security directive could have a far-reaching impact on pilots," said Andy Cebula, AOPA executive vice president of government affairs. "Because the TSA never consulted the people who know the most about general aviation, it developed a set of requirements that ignore the realities of general aviation flying and the need for access at airports."



## Babbitt Nomination Moves Forward

Obtained from AVweb.com

Randy Babbitt, President Barack Obama's nominee to head the FAA, has passed one hurdle -- on Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation



Committee unanimously voted to send him along to the full Senate for confirmation. Senate confirmation is the final step before he can move into the post. NBAA applauded the move. "As a pilot,

[Babbitt] has operational knowledge of our air transportation system," the organization said in a statement. "He also brings recognized expertise to our highly complex policy issues. As the nation's air transportation system faces many immediate challenges, all of us in the business aviation industry know that Randy will be able to hit the ground running at this critical point in the evolution of our system. We look forward to working with him to achieve our shared goal of leading the world in aviation." Babbitt, an ATP-rated pilot, has a background as a labor relations consultant, and was formerly president of the Air Line Pilots Association. Other GA groups have also responded positively to Babbitt's nomination. No date was announced for the next step of Senate confirmation.

## Today in Aviation History: May 22nd

- In 1906... The Wright brothers are granted US patent No. 821,393 for their airplane control system.
- In 1929... Pan American Airways inaugurates a new passenger service from Miami, Florida to Managua, Panama with stops at Belize. The journey by a F.VII/3ns takes 56 hours.
- In 1990... The German Luftwaffe flies the Lockheed F-104 Starfighter for the last time before it is withdrawn from service; the airplane was nicknamed "the widow-maker" because of its terrible safety record - in its five years of service, 110 Starfighter pilots were killed.



## Question of the Day: If you could be famous for anything in aviation, what would you want to be known for?

- “First person to fly to mars” - Kyle Leiter, Central Texas College
- “Setting a speed record” - Kyle Blakely, San Jose State University
- “Getting through a really bad situation safely” - Kyle Loenhorst, San Diego Christian College
- “First person to walk on Mars” - Drew Morris, Middle Tennessee State University
- “Be the youngest NIFA Chief Judge” - Matt Elia, Bridgewater State College
- “Inventing anti-precip goggles to let you see through the precipitation” - Brett Boothman, Bridgewater State College
- “Flying inverted for the longest time” - Tanner Farrar, Spartan College of Aeronautics
- “Be the first two-year school to beat Embry Riddle” - Judie Stillwagon, Mercer County Community College



### NOTAM's

- The comm. desk phone number is Elaine Morrow's cell phone: 952-913-2356
- The comm. desk has sunscreen, Band-Aids, and other various first aid items if you need them.
- Nominations are due today at noon for Outstanding Team Member, Red Baron Team Sportsmanship, and Coach of the Year
- Preflight will be night VFR, and is located down the taxiway past the Parks ramp, 2nd right, and middle hangar. You must report at least 5 minutes prior to your assigned time at the preflight waiting area. A map is available on the bulletin board.
- All achievement interviews and applications need to be turned in immediately to the comm. desk
- Parking and food are not included in the Friday Night Event (A St. Louis Cardinals game!)
- If you need extra tickets for the banquet, you can purchase them at the concessions.
- Judges, please complete your record form for the comm. desk
- If you have any problems with accommodations at the Millennium Hotel, let the comm. desk know so we can work to get them fixed.
- There will be a computer and screen for Loening Trophy presentations. You do not have to turn anything in in advance. Report to the comm. desk before your interview time.
- Directions to America's Center are available at the comm. Desk
- New photos are being posted daily on Nifa's facebook page and at [www.btechlighting.com](http://www.btechlighting.com)!

### Today's Schedule

	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> Message Drop	Airport
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> Ground Trainer Event	Hangar
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> IFR Simulated Flight Event	Hangar
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> CRM / LOFT	Hangar
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> CFI Event	Hangar
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> American Airlines Safety Interviews	Hangar
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> Loening Interviews	Hangar
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> Women's Achievement Interviews	Hangar
	⇒ <b>0800-1800:</b> Men's Achievement Interviews	Hangar
	⇒ <b>1800-1800:</b> Preflight Aircraft Event	Hangar
	⇒ <b>1900:</b> Friday Night Social	Busch Stadium



