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## Weather Forecast:

Today  
Scattered T-Storms  
High: 81



Tonight  
T-Storms  
Low: 63



Sunday  
Scattered T-Storms  
High: 78  
Low: 64



### We did it!!

We finished the entire week without needing to reschedule or postpone flight events due to the "NIFA front!!"

## NetJets, Inc. contributes \$40,000 to NIFA and SAFECON

Kristy King, Executive Assistant with NetJets presents their check to Melissa Goetz, SAFECON President, and Gary Hemphill, NIFA Executive Director. This is NetJets 8<sup>th</sup> year as a sponsor of NIFA's SAFECON. In addition to their sponsorship of the Collegiate Aviation Progress



Award and their ad in the program, NetJets is sponsoring the Awards Banquet again. NetJets also supports NIFA by hosting the annual NIFA Golf Fund-raiser each fall. If you're interested in participating the in golf event this year, please contact Gary Hemphill at [nifahq@hotmail.com](mailto:nifahq@hotmail.com).



## Friday Night Event a Home Run

Our friends at Cessna are apparently avid baseball fans, so for this year's Friday Night Social, they wanted to take advantage of being in a city large enough to have a MLB team, and treated everyone to a St. Louis Cardinals Game. Cessna purchased tickets to the game for all competitors, coaches, advisors, judges, and volunteers... and that's a lot of tickets! After a busy week of competition, it was a great opportunity to sit back, relax, talk to other competitors, and watch the St. Louis Cardinals go up against the Kansas City Royals while enjoying a bag of cotton candy and a soda with friends. The

Cardinals started the game off with an early 2-0 lead in the first inning. Cardinals pitchers continued their streak for this game too, doing an excellent job of holding the Royals off. Then in the seventh inning, the Cardinals expanded their lead when Tyler Greene, a newcomer to the majors, knocked it right over the right center-field wall for a home run, bringing the score to 3-0. By the time the game was wrapped up, the final score was 5-0... our sympathies to any Kansas City Royals fans at NIFA. All in all, it was a great evening, and a great way to wrap up a week of competition and hard work. Thanks Cessna!

### Photos Available

It was my pleasure to be the photographer for NIFA SAFECON 2009. You've probably seen me around all week taking photos. I will be taking studio-style portraits before and after the awards banquet. Family members, other students, and friends are all welcome to pose with competitors so the memory of NIFA SAFECON



2009 can be captured forever. B Tech Lighting will be offering special pricing on photos taken at the banquet. Order information and pricing can be found online at

[www.btechlighting.com](http://www.btechlighting.com). I wish all the students the best of luck with your future endeavors and encourage each of you to let your dreams soar.

– Robert Bowden, Owner/Photographer, B Tech Lighting

### The Ninety-Nines Wants You!

The Ninety-Nines is an international organization of women pilots... so if you're a woman, and you fly airplanes, they want you! You may not realize it, but



the Ninety-Nines have a strong presence at every national competition. Practically all the women judges and volunteers you saw around this week are members of the Ninety-Nines!

The Ninety-Nines was started in 1929, with

Amelia Earhart as the first president. Today, they have over 5,000 members in 35 countries, and have a lot to offer. You can get connected with other women pilots, either locally or in their online chapter. They also provide networking and mentoring opportunities, give you connections to job information, and give away several scholarships every year! Their annual conference is another great opportunity to make connections and friendships that can last a lifetime.

They offer special membership rates to students, only \$20 per year. That's about the same as one tank of gas for your car... but the Ninety-Nines can get you so much further than your car will! Even if you're just getting started and are a student pilot, you can join. Visit the site today, at [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org).

### Question of the Day: What's the strangest misconception about aviation you've ever heard?

- “When people ask me what I go to school for, and I say aviation, they ask, “What’s that?”  
- Kaitlin Klingler, Western Michigan University
- “People ask if I wear a parachute.”  
- Ryan Kealler, Central Texas College
- “That we’re just a bunch of button pushers, and that no matter what happens, airlines will always be on time.”  
- Kyle Schurb and Andy Paluch, University of North Dakota



- “That NIFA girls actually like Air Force Pilots.”  
- Tyler Clark, United States Air Force Academy
- “People ask me if I’ve gotten to go for an airplane ride yet and say that if it’s not a jet, it’s dangerous, that all pilots are really overpaid, that we can’t fly at night, that we ‘drive’ airplanes, and that when the engines quit, the airplane just falls out of the sky.”  
- Andrew Paulus and Zachary Baum, University of Central Missouri
- “Lots of people think contrails are because we’re dumping something out the back of the plane.”  
- Trina Jorgensen, judge



- “When I was working on my CFI, my mom wanted me to tell the FAA that they had to give me my CFI ticket without doing any spin training, because she knew better than the FAA and my instructor about how dangerous they really were.”

- Karrie Shank, volunteer

## Today in Aviation History: May 23rd

In 1848... Otto Lilienthal, key figure in the history of flying, is born in Anklam, Germany. He became the first man to fly (glide) with both regularity and control. The Wright brothers regarded his 1899 book as their bible.



In 1908... The first airplane flight in Italy is made by Léon Delagrange in Rome.

In 1924... The first scheduled air service in Canada begins. Laurentide Air Service Ltd. offers flights between Angliers, Lake Fortune and Rouyn, Quebec.

In 1955... The first short-haul jet airliner to go into widespread service, the Sud-Aviation SE 210 Caravelle, makes its first flight at Toulouse, France.



## NOTAM's

- You've worked hard all week, so relax and enjoy the banquet.
- Don't forget to swap emails with your new friends before you leave.
- NIFA SAFECON has it's own facebook profile. Request to be friends so you can see photos from the week, tag your friends' photos, and connect with other flight team competitors.
- If you would like any issues of The Daily in .pdf format, email the editor at p51mustang\_pilot@hotmail.com with your request.
- If this is your last year as a competitor, returning as a judge or volunteer is a great way to stay involved. See the NIFA website for more information.
- Have a safe trip home, we hope to see you back next year!!

## A Note From the Editor

After receiving several requests that I do so, I thought I'd take a little space to introduce myself. My name is Karrie Shank, and this is my third year as the Editor for the SAFECON Daily. You've probably seen me around, taking photos, or asking strange questions like "If you could invent the NIFA mascot, what would it be?" It's a very busy week, and I love every minute of it!

I became involved with NIFA when I competed with the Ohio University flight team, but I've since moved on, and just finished up a master's degree in Aviation Safety at the University of Central Missouri. Now comes the tough part of school... finding a job once you've graduated! I'm also a flight instructor (CFII, MEI) of five years, and

have also had the opportunity to teach on campus as well, which has been both intimidating and fun, all at the same time.



Since I was no longer competing, but I wanted to stay involved in the organization that I had benefited from so much, I started returning to volunteer in 2007. The first year I asked to help out, they were trying to find someone to make The Daily, and it's been a perfect fit for me, especially considering that I've spent 2 years publishing the UCM Department of Aviation newsletter and worked on the OU aviation newsletter before that. Returning as a volunteer has been a great experience, and if this is your last year to compete, I strongly recommend it!

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