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### FIREWORKS ON FINAL

The Gateway Grizzlies minor league ball team will conduct a 7-minute long fireworks display immediately south of the GMC Stadium at the end of their games two more nights this season. Runway 12L/30R will be closed due to the fireworks on the following nights:

- Wednesday, July 4: 8:30 to 11:00 pm CDT
- Sunday, September 2: 8:30 to 11:00 pm

The fireworks display will be centered on the final approach to runway 30R with peak firework altitudes of 350-400 feet AGL.

In reference to the primary runway, runway 12R/30L, the fireworks will be approximately 1,250 feet north of the extended centerline of runway 30L and approximately 1,250 feet short of the threshold.

Use extreme caution during these times and report any problems caused by the display to the Airport Management in writing

### ST LOUIS FSS IS CLOSING

On July 16th, the St. Louis Automated Flight Service Station at Spirit of St. Louis Airport will close its doors and go away forever. All responsibilities will be transferred to the Lockheed Martin AFSS Hub at Fort Worth, Texas.

If you normally call STL FSS on a local telephone number, forget that number—it won't work after the transition. All pilot calls to the FSS for weather briefings, obtaining clearances, or closing flight plans should be made to 1-800-WXBRIEF.

"Kansas City Flight Watch" will remain in operation and that will remain a valid call sign, however, the KC Flight Watch operator will sit in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Lockheed Martin AFSS pilot portal is now available at [www.afss.com](http://www.afss.com).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1: Illinois Pilot's Association Poker Run (see [www.eaa64.com](http://www.eaa64.com) for details)

July 3-8: Air Force Week in St. Louis

July 7-8: Scott AFB Open House

July 5: Gateway Area Ultralight Assoc. Meeting, Upstairs Hgr 1, 7:30 pm

### MARSHA METTEER HONORED

Marsha Metteer, *the hangar lady*, was recognized for her extraordinary service to the St. Louis Downtown Airport community in a brief presentation here June 28<sup>th</sup>. The "Ruth Leslie Memorial Award for Extraordinary Service" was presented to Marsha in front of a crowd of her airport friends and family just prior to the start of aerial demonstrations by the Vanguard Squadron of ethanol-powered RV-3s.

The award is named after Ruth Leslie, the Airport's office manager for nearly a quarter century. Her devotion to the airport and her airport family went far beyond her hours on the job and continued until her passing in 2007.

The citation that accompanied the certificate reads, in part, as follows:

"Few people have ever matched Ruth's energetic support and genuine love for this airport and its people.

"One person stands out among our airport family who would have made Ruth very proud—that person is Marsha Metteer.

"Affectionately known as "the hangar lady," Marsha exhibits that same enthusiasm and care for the airport and its people and deserves to be recognized with the Ruth Leslie Memorial Award for Extraordinary Service. Marsha is employed by Sage Aviation and Summit Metal Systems, LLC, who manufactures and constructs cost-effective aircraft hangars here at the airport and at other locations around the nation. Marsha's job titles should include site manager,

construction supervisor, sales director, public relations director, cook, cheerleader, and a variety of other titles.

"Despite her busy work schedule, she's always there ready to lend a hand operating her forklift to help out her airport neighbors. She initiated the airport's 2005 fly-in, the first event of its kind in many years, and quickly became its driving force. Under her guidance, the event has grown to become a 2-day regional event.

"Whenever there's something that needs to be done, Marsha doesn't just sit around and wait for someone else to do it; she jumps in and gets things done, either by doing it herself or enlisting the support of others. She inspires others to get involved by the example she sets. No job is too dirty, no box is too heavy, and no task is too trivial for her to do it herself. She's a leader who takes charge and gets things done. People naturally want to get involved and lend their support to her efforts.

"When the contractor hired to reassemble the Howard Hughes' Jetstar failed to start the job in time to display the aircraft at the Midwest Regional Fly-in, she organized and motivated a team of volunteers and assembled the necessary equipment to get the job done. Together they all worked miracles. Despite long hours and missing parts, the Jetstar was ready for public display on time and will soon be the airport's centerpiece in front of the Greater St. Louis Air and Space Museum.

"Marsha's always there when needed and is involved in almost every aspect of the airport community. She clearly deserves recognition for her extraordinary service to our airport family."

Tell Marsha "Congratulations" and thank her for her service the next time you see her.

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**Piper L-4 "Grasshopper" WWII Spotter Plane  
Over the Gateway Arch**

### **BARNSTORMING CHARITY FLIGHT COMPLETE**

Local pilot and brain tumor survivor, Brian "Brain" Kissinger, departed June 1st from the Greater St. Louis Air and Space Museum on a coast-to-coast flight to raise money for cancer research. Twenty days and approximately 70 flying hours later, he returned to the same spot where he was met by members of his family, EAA Chapter 64, the Museum, the Scott AFB community, and news reporters.

Brian's journey began in 2003 when he collapsed while playing tennis and was diagnosed with a baseball-sized brain tumor. The dream of being able to fly again was the driving force that motivated him through surgery and 20 months of chemotherapy. While still recovering, he began restoring an aircraft and planning his flight to criss-cross the nation raising funds for brain tumor research.

Although his transcontinental flight is complete, he will continue to fly around the country in his attempt to raise \$1 million for brain tumor and cancer research.

Brian wishes to thank our EAA Chapter 64 members who helped with the aircraft restoration, all those members of our airport community who made donations to his cause, and to Ideal Aviation for their donation of fuel for part of the trip.

You can read more about this remarkable pilot and his fund-raising effort on his web site, [www.brainsflight.com](http://www.brainsflight.com).



**Friends and Family Welcome Brian Kissinger Home**

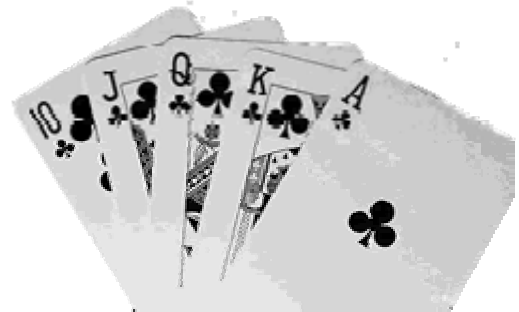
### **Turner Classic Movies to Air Aviation Films in July**

Turner Classic Movies will broadcast aviation-themed films for 24-hours each Tuesday throughout July.

To honor the Air Force's heritage, TCM has selected a variety of vintage Air Force related movies for broadcast, such as "Strategic Air Command" and "Winning Your Wings," both starring Jimmy Stewart. Other famous aviation films to be played will include Clark Gable's "Test Pilot," "God Is My Copilot," "Fighter Squadron" and "Air Force." Renowned film critic and TV host Robert Osborne is expected to discuss the Air Force' 60th anniversary during some segments of the special.

Films focusing on the military will be broadcast primarily on July 24, their "Military Aviation Day," as part of their overall aviation festival. Films will be broadcast from approximately 6 a.m. beginning July 3 until approximately 6 a.m. July 4th.

In addition to July 3, other broadcast dates are July 10, 17, 24 and 31. Other military service branch related films will be broadcast as well as will popular civilian aviation related films throughout the month.



### **JULY 1st "POKER RUN" FOR WINGS OF HOPE**

Looking for an excuse to fly and a chance to have some fun with fellow pilots? Takeoff this Sunday and fly in the "Poker Run." All proceeds will benefit the Wings of Hope.

Here are the rules:

- Fly to five of six airports in any order between 9 am and 12:30 pm, Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and pickup a sealed envelope with a card in it. Do not open the envelope. Get your cards at St. Louis Downtown—CPS (at Ideal Aviation), Columbia Sackmann—H49 (from IPA member or on the table), Perryville MO—K02 (at the FBO), Sparta—SAR (at the picnic area), Pinkneyville—PJY (at the FBO), and end up at the Flying Dutchman (2IL7) in Belleville for your last card.
- Entry fee of \$1 per card per person will be collected when you turn in your cards. (Each person in your plane can play.)
- \$20 prizes for each stop and best poker hand wins \$100.

See [www.eaa64.com](http://www.eaa64.com) for a link to additional information. If the weather is marginal, call 618-233-7554 after 6am for a cancellation announcement.