

**FNL PILOT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

**February #1 2012**

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**Hello!** The February issue of the FNL Pilot Association Newsletter has many details to get us started into the year. Please look this over and **“save the dates”** marked in red to your calendar. Enjoy.

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**DETAILS:**

[FNL Pilot Association Pilot Refresher courses!](#) **Save the Dates...**

We look forward to seeing all of you soon at one – or all – of the **upcoming meetings** in the FNL Modular building, or on a Field Trip (Very popular Denver TRACON Tours **SET for 2/28 and 3/1**).

**Pam Busboom** (new Board Member as of 2012) is setting up the Pilot Refresher Meetings this year. She and husband Rich have lived in the area for 16 years and pilot a Piper Archer. Pam is working on the Pilot Refresher Courses for the year (details subject to change...watch for her e-mails).

- Feb 28 and Mar 1: **Denver Center ARTCC Tour** (Longmont facility)
  - o E-mails sent, responses tabulated, **these tours are FULL**. (More planned?).
- Mar 22 (Thursday 7 PM, FNL Modular building): Untitled as yet but may include local flying mix.
  - o Pam is working on this--may have some surprises in store. Stay tuned! Date may change.
- April, July, Aug, Sep, Oct—targeted months for **Pilot Refresher Meetings**. (Details pending).
  - o The following “possibilities” list was discussed at the annual meeting. Pam is actively working to set up several meetings for the year. This is a HARD task which she is approaching very energetically. Your feedback is always welcome!

Denver Center and/or Approach Control Tours (**Two set up already—FULL**)  
Airport procedures and aircraft mix (maybe in late March)  
jetCenter FBO new digs/services  
Maintaining one's own airplane (what's legal)  
Mountain flying  
Light-sport aircraft  
Electronic flight bags (e.g. ForeFlight/iPad)  
Glass cockpit updates/upgrades  
Regulatory changes (e.g., ELTs, ADS-B)  
WINGS/FAAST programs

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### Annual Meeting:

- The Schedule for 2012 is taking shape! Please **SAVE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.**
  - o May 19—FNL Pilot Association sponsored BBQ and Activities at FNL. (Target Date)
  - o June 16—FNL Pilot Association Semi-Annual All-member's meeting. (Target Date)
  - o July 14—Collings Foundation bomber weekend visit and activities. (Target Date)
- **Elected Officers and Board for 2012:** Call or write ANY TIME if you have a question or a comment: [officers@fnlpilots.org](mailto:officers@fnlpilots.org) or [Rancho210@comcast.net](mailto:Rancho210@comcast.net) 970-669-2354 (Forwarding #).

**President:** Rob Pehkonen  
**Vice Pres:** Bob Hoffman  
**Treasurer:** Howard Abraham  
**Secretary:** Steve Wolf

**Board:** Craig Fitzsimmons  
Steve O'Hare <= replacing Lisa McCabe. (Moved)  
Pam Busboom <= replacing Rich Flanagan. (Moved)

- Remodeling the Jet Center FBO continues! There will be a GRAND OPENING soon. Stay tuned.
- Notes from the Annual Meeting Minutes:
  - o Attend meetings on member's behalf (Association, City, County, Airport, and Neighborhood)
  - o Communication with members is critical. (Newsletter, [www.fnlpilots.org](http://www.fnlpilots.org) links and info, Mtgs)
  - o Pilot Refresher Courses planned throughout 2012. Compelling topics list. See you there...
  - o Support EAA and AOPA to address Congressional issues that affect us.
  - o Don't taxi directly in front of the FBO, taxi path clockwise around the hangar complex if able.
  - o Question: "Who has the right of way—a taxing aircraft or a hover-taxiing helicopter??"
  - o Be courteous and accurate. FAA says the airport name is "Fort Collins-Loveland Airport".
  - o New Association Flyer will help introduce us to Flight Schools and businesses at FNL.
  - o By-Law change e-mail vote scheduled for Feb 6->Mar 7 (response deadline).

- Airport Director Update (Jason Licon):
  - Jason's first year on the job—learning fast
  - New runway in 2011 (JIT was needed big time, to get this project done!)
    - Contract signed one week before work started. Took 16 days/nights to finish!
    - 275,000 cu yds dirt moved, rebuild blast pads at both ends
    - Rebuilt both high speed taxiways
    - Recycled 100% of the material from the old runway for airport access roads
    - 300,000 lbs of asphalt laid per DAY.
    - Continuous pour...NO seams in the runway.
    - \$7.6M project for which local share was \$224K. Much needed runway update.
  - 750 Security badges, and Part 139-required driver training course, done in 2011.
  - 42" snow removed (mostly in Nov!). Priority is Runway, Taxiways, Ramp, Hangars
  - Contact staff for important access need during snow event. They will work with you.
  - Allegiant airlines is a much valued user of the airport (along with Corporate and GA).
    - Economic Impact and Employment totals at FNL were presented. This information can be viewed at <http://www.fortloveair.com/general-information> .
  - 2012 planning is well underway (GA ramp, additional snow removal behemoth)
  - FNL has a wildlife plan. Wildlife doesn't read it. Beware of coyotes and birds.
  - AWOS signal is weak. FAA responsible for that system...will be contacted.

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#### **FNL Pilot Association By-Laws Change:** (E-mail vote—need YOUR VOTE by March 7, 2012)

**Steve Wolf** (our **Secretary**) sent you a By Laws change proposal. You can find the change here: <http://airwoof.org/ProposedChanges2012.pdf>. Your vote is needed via e-mail by 3/7/12. Every vote counts as 2/3 of the entire membership needs to approve a change to the By Laws.

If you haven't already, please e-mail your vote to Steve (yes or no in Subject Line) at [eightdeltamike@gmail.com](mailto:eightdeltamike@gmail.com) If you are a member and didn't hear from him, let us know. Thanks.

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#### **2012 Steering Committee Meeting Dates:**

- January 19, 2012 (Location was changed to the airport Modular Bldg for this meeting only.)
- March 15, 2012
- May 17, 2012
- July 19, 2012
- September 20, 2012
- November 15, 2012

The Airport Steering Committee Meetings are usually held every other month with occasional special request meetings throughout the year. The Airport Steering Committee consists of the Mayors and City Managers of both the City of Fort Collins and the City of Loveland.

Meetings are held from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center located at the Outlet Mall at Centerra, 5400 Stone Creek Circle in Loveland at the NW corner of I-25 & Hwy. 34. (Next door to the Lone Star Steakhouse). *Location subject to change.*

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### **FAA Safety Information:**

**USAF High Intensity Flight Training Along the Front Range From Castle Rock to Walsenburg during April 2012. There are several training areas near and east of COS and PUB shown in the link.**

The 306 Flying Training Group will be flying **here (see link below)** in April. Beware!

[https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2011/Mar/306\\_FTG\\_MACA\\_09-3\\_CDOT\\_Chart\\_27mar11.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2011/Mar/306_FTG_MACA_09-3_CDOT_Chart_27mar11.pdf)

Note: The Alert Areas A-639A and A-639B northeast and east of Colorado Springs were designed for USAF Academy Aerobatic Operations years ago and only partially define the boundaries vertically and geographically of the current 306 FTG training mission.

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**Version 4.4 is now Available to ForeFlight subscribers:** (From the iPad Apps store).

This is not an official endorsement, but simply some notes from personal experience with ForeFlight FYI. This iPad App may not be appropriate for everyone, but many pilots are going that route instead of carrying binders or books, either as a backup for a glass panel, or primary, with another backup of some sort on board (just in case).

**Background:** ForeFlight on an iPad provides current Sectionals, Low Altitude Enroute Charts, and Approach Plates in iPad memory for use in-flight and for easy flight planning. And while connected (usually on the ground), provides DUATS flight plan filing, weather of all sorts, PIREPS, airport information, and a host of other useful things.

**Version 4.4 adds DOCUMENTS** in iPad memory for use while flying. See a list at <http://blog.foreflight.com/>

**Documents button is added in place of previous version's Download button.** A red number will appear when the new 28 day chart cycle uploads are ready, but on the **More** button instead.

Note that if an approach plate is out of date, ForeFlight will NOT let you access it from memory! **Moral--Always Stay Up To Date.** Update cycles have been included free (so far) as part of the \$75/year subscription fee.

**Catalogue button:** There are four starter folders available (**Import, FAA, ForeFlight, and NAV CANADA**). **FAA** is open by default upon first use. **Import** is for personal pdf (and many other format) files—for example, your preflight checklist or POH. You can place those there directly from an iPad mail Attachment.

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**FAA or ForeFlight documents list, Download:** Select some items of interest and download them into ForeFlight after which they will be available in-flight. You can create folders for various categories...just like for Approach Plates. Document examples are "AIM", "Aviation Weather", "Aviation Instructor's Handbook". "US A/FD", and many others. VFR Sectional and IFR Enroute **Chart Legends** are now available in the new Documents section.

**ForeFlight** documents list has "**ForeFlight Version 4.4 User's Manual**", and a Legend for their **NexRad Weather images and PIREP symbols**.

**And Finally:** From the **Apps Store**, an AOPA member can download the "**AOPA Airport Directory**" into the iPad's main menu icons list. This will update every 56 days, and is available in-flight (ie: even when iPad is off-line).

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