

**FNL PILOT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER.**

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1. **THIS WEEK:** There will be **ANOTHER Presidential TFR tomorrow through Thursday** (Wednesday->Thursday, 10/3/12->19/4/12) from about noon to noon. (Presidential “debate” in **Denver**).
  - The TFR reaches north as far as Berthoud, which practically makes flying ANYWHERE south of FNL during that time illegal unless you are on a hard IFR flight plan, with an assigned squawk code, and a clearance from ATC. As usual, any such flying in the outer reaches (30 mile radius) must be limited to specific purpose trips (no flight training, loitering, even using our ILS may be problematic!) Denver is covered by several 10 mile radius CORE TFRs where no flying is allowed (except the usual F-16s from Buckley and gunship Helicopters—on patrol).
2. In case you plan to **drive** to south Denver instead of flying, **I-25 will be CLOSED (both ways) from 5 PM through 10 PM Wednesday.** The debate is being held at Denver University near I-25 and S. University Blvd (ever wonder how that street got its name??). Might affect Denver rush hour traffic.
  - I-25 traffic will be re-routed onto S. Santa Fe Drive and Hampden Ave then to I-25 again.
3. **THIS WEEKEND:** From FAAst: **What iPad and Aviation Apps can do!** (WINGS points).

**10:30 AM Friday: Fall Training Event: iPad Apps for General Aviation** – (Taylor Albrecht, Independence Aviation).

Topic: **iPad Applications, Friday, October 5, 2012 at 10:30 AM (Part of a busy day of courses!)**

7711 East Academy Boulevard (Wings over the Rockies, Air and Space Museum)

Denver, CO 80230 (Select #: NM0346524)

Please [click here](#) for registration information. Course outline here: [Download the program](#)

**1:15 PM Friday (same Symposium): Introduction to the CAP Mission.** Col. John Mitchell, CAP.

**8 AM Saturday: Young Eagles Event at FNL (sponsored by the EAA).**

- Contact EAA Chapter 515 Young Eagle Coordinator - [Lesley Thompson](#)

4. **TWO WEEKS: FNL Pilot Association Pilot Refresher Course,** Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM in the FNL Modular building.
  - **ELTs and SPOT (and other ways to find you!) EXPLAINED.** Rob Pehkonen (CAP and FNL Pilot Association President) will explain what you can expect from your **emergency aids** if you should have to land in the boondocks. Rob is an active CAP search and rescue participant and trainer and can tell you from CAP experience about 121.5 MHz /legacy ELTs, 406 MHz “new” ELTs, SPOT-type Personal Locator Beacons (cell phone and Internet system), and 406 MHZ ELTs WITH GPS capability (“enhanced”).

- If you think you are well covered by the above, you might want to just be sure your plane is in GREAT shape and has plenty of FUEL on board and don't do anything RASH as pilot-in-command! (There are also easy ATC options to help keep you safe as you travel—IFR rating NOT required).
5. **NEXT MONTH: FNL Pilot Association Pilot Refresher Course**, Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM, FNL Modular building. **PREFLIGHT and IN-COCKPIT electronic aids.** (just in time for Christmas ideas!!)
- If you wondered what all the talk concerning **Electronic Aviation Aids** (for PREFLIGHT and IN-FLIGHT, IN-COCKPIT is about, **come and find out!** Even if you have a portable gadget (or a glass panel costing thousands), you might want to hear about the possibilities, and see them in action.
  - The plan is to present and demo basic electronic gadget capabilities and their support programs. For example, **ForeFlight** on a used iPad (with Stratus ADS-B weather?), **Garmin portable GPS** (with XM weather), **Wing-X**, **Smart Phone Apps** (many aviation Apps work on iPhones or Droids).
6. The Pilot Refresher Course held on September 20<sup>th</sup> was a great success! 30 people attended, and many were members (about 25). The **Wright Master Pilot Award** was presented to **Gene Boortz** (a local FNL pilot) by Alan Davis, FaaST (FAA Safety Team) representative from the Denver area.

Gene was honored for his over 50 years of continuous, skillful, safe, flying experience. Family members were in attendance from South Dakota (14 hr drive!) and locally.

The program **Weather Briefing Sources** was fun, interactive, and useful. Many members simply obtain weather info from a FSS phone call, so these sources were eye openers to many. The six page handout provided a guide to repeating the briefings at home!

7. **Allegiant Update:** Maurice Gallagher, Allegiant CEO is quoted as telling a Las Vegas reporter at an aviation industry conference in Dallas, that “safety was a growing concern” at FNL due to lack of a Control Tower. Local airport and city officials were upset at the way this information became available since Allegiant would not reveal to them their reasoning beyond “internal business decision”. Read more here: [http://www.reporterherald.com/news/loveland-local-news/ci\\_21675552/safety-was-reason-exit-from-loveland-says-allegiant](http://www.reporterherald.com/news/loveland-local-news/ci_21675552/safety-was-reason-exit-from-loveland-says-allegiant)
- There has been discussion of the possibility of a Control Tower at FNL in the past, and will continue into the future. The **Steering Committee heard a “Traffic Count” report** at their recent meeting (9/20/12, 3:30 PM) from Jason Licon (Airport Manager). To proceed considering a Tower, many issues need to be resolved beyond traffic count (which the FAA will need to repeat by the way!), including cost to build, upkeep, changes it will bring to FNL, to name a few.

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