

FNL PILOT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER.

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1. **THIS WEEK: FNL Pilot Association Pilot Refresher Course**, Thursday, November 29nd, 6-9 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 some of them in action.
 - The plan is to present and demo some electronic gadget capabilities and their support programs. For example, **ForeFlight** on an 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). I can use some volunteers...bring your favorite mobile device and aviation APP.
2. **REPORT: FNL Pilot Association Pilot Refresher Course--ELTs and Locator Beacons**, held on Thursday, October 18th, was a success! Rob explained the pros and cons of 121.5 and 406 MHz ELTs, and PLB's (like Spot). Also...from a Search and Rescue (CAP) point of view...he urges us to always file a flight plan (VFR or IFR and use VFR Flight Following). Know how to contact ATC via enroute frequencies on your route.
3. **RUNWAY 15/33 CLOSED AT NIGHT: 12/4/12 -> 12/6/12** from 8 PM -> 6 PM for runway work!

From Larry Mack: "Inform everyone that we will need to close the RWY 15/33 nightly on 12/4/12, 12/5/12, and 12/6/12 from 8pm (0300 GMT) until 6am (1300 GMT). We need to install 5 pavement sensors and the contractor has notified us that they will need three nights to complete the work. A NOTAM will be issued. Thank you."

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4. **JET CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS and CHRISTMAS PARTY INFO!** (Everyone is invited!)
 - **Christmas Party:** Thursday Dec 6th, 5 pm to 9 pm, 4824 Earhart Road Loveland, Co 80538
 - Christmas hours: Christmas Eve, Dec 24th: Open 0600 - Closing at 1800 (6 PM)
Christmas Day, Dec 25th: **Closed.** (Call out available \$100/hour, min. 1 hour)
December 26th: Open 0700 – 2200 (10 PM)

New Year's Eve, Dec 31st: Open 0600 - Closing at 1900 (2 PM)
New Year's Day, Jan 1st: Open 0700 – 2200 (10 PM)

5. **EAA CHRISTMAS PARTY!** (Everyone is invited, but be sure to RSVP if you are going!)
- Rick Raesz House: Friday Dec 7th, 7 PM, 4067 Valley Oak Dr., Loveland, CO.
 - RSVP: kim@raesz.com (If you and family members are going!)
6. **JET CENTER 100LL DISCOUNTS:** NOTE: \$0.25 gallon discount for a MEMBER of FNL Pilot Association (But...you can only use one 100LL discount per transaction).
- FNL Pilot Association members are given \$0.25/gallon off with their verified Association membership (\$10/year dues). Ask when ordering fuel.
 - o (This discount can't be used with the purchased Silver or Bronze memberships below).
 - Bronze: \$ 35.00 per year, \$0.25 discount/gallon (for non-members of our Association)
 - Silver: \$125.00 per year \$0.50 discount/gallon (available--larger discount)
- Deb Montgomery manager@fnljetcenter.com (970) 667-2574

7. **FNL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT:** Was held Thursday, 11/15/12 in Loveland.

Very significant information for FNL pilots and business owners--presented and discussed.

- **Blended airspace** is very successful at mountain airports to monitor position and control IFR flights in approach phases of flight, while not in radar coverage (using transponder triggers and triangulated replies!)—Phase I.
- William Payne (Project Manager) explained how this concept is being successfully expanded by CDOT to several more mountain airports in an upcoming Phase II.
- His goal is to further expand such coverage to the ground at mountain airports and potentially, to any airport that desires ATC coverage electronically (using additional sensor and camera technologies)—Phase III.
- Blended Airspace Phase III is currently a developmental program (on the drawing board), and has great potential for satellite airports near larger existing ATC facilities with benefits for all. No specific airports have been selected to participate yet, but FNL may be somewhere on the list in the future. Stand by for more on this subject...
- **Replacement for Allegiant airlines at FNL:** Bruce Tarletsky (Consultant) reported on his company's progress and ability to find a replacement. Report was preliminary and showed "potential". Finding a replacement will not be easy. In the meantime, Allegiant's departure will result in lower revenue and grant monies for FNL beyond 2013. Major significance to city budgets and FNL goals 2013+.
- **Revised 2013 budget (lower!).** Jason Licon reported on budget changes being implemented this year and next. Full front-ramp reconstruction is still planned for 2013 with available FAA grant money. Projects beyond that will be of MUCH smaller scope (\$1M/year entitlement reduces to about \$60K per year without airline passenger traffic in the enplanings count.

8. **Enhancements to FAASafety.gov** Notice Number: NOTC4384

Several enhancements, upgrades, and fixes were made to www.FAASafety.gov on October 31st. Please refer to the document at this link for details: (Especially if you use this site regularly) <https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2012/Oct/2012-10-31.pdf>.

9. **Why the 5-Mile Call to the Tower is Important** Notice Number: NOTC4402

Denver Center: "Piper 711, you are cleared for the ILS to Runway 34. **Report a five mile final**, frequency change to Gillette Tower approved."

(This notice explains why that report on your part is necessary. Men & Equipment could be working nearby or on the runway, or crews could be clearing snow! Tower needs to move them for you).

These position reports can be even more important when the tower is closed **or at nontowered airports** (like FNL). The guys plowing the snow at midnight don't want to be surprised when you break out of the clouds at 300', as much as you don't want to see them on the runway then either.

From: Charlie Riordan, FAA Runway Safety Grp. Charles.ctr.Riordan@faa.gov (425) 917-6742

(Honestly...the things you learn from this Newsletter! He says...contact him if you have questions or comments).

10. **FNL Pilot Association ANNUAL (Election) MEETING:** January 19th, 10 AM, FNL Modular Building.

Please plan on coming...beside important Officer and Board ELECTIONS, we plan to interactively discuss of our future, FNL's future (Airport Manager report), and of course lunch will be provided.

Regards,

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