THE SALUKI FLYER

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MARCH 2018
UPCOMING EVENTS

Wings of Hope 5K Charity Run - March 3, 2018

Have you ever wanted to run on the runways of KMDH? Now is your chance! AHP is running the Wings of Hope 5k Charity Run on Saturday, March 3rd at Southern Illinois Airport! Wings of Hope is an aviation nonprofit dedicated to delivering humanitarian programs around the globe to lift people in need toward health and self-sufficiency. It is $15 for students who preregister, $20 for community members who preregister, $20 for students who register the day of the race, and $25 for community members who register the day of the race. Check-in for the race is at 9:00 am. You can register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Murphysboro/WingsofHope5k.

TEC High School Open House - March 22, 2018

The Transportation Education Center is home to the nationally recognized Automotive and Aviation programs of SIUC. A fun-filled day is scheduled to engage the students in various aspects of both the automotive and aviation industries. This event is open to students in grades 9 through 12. We would like for all RSOs to set up a table in the Multi-purpose room to showcase their group. There will be a pizza lunch and presentation in there at noon. Please let Rhonda know if you will be setting up a table. Ambassadors will be needed for tours and other activities that will be scheduled. See your presidents to sign up for that day.

CASA Reunion - April 14, 2018

College of Applied Sciences and Arts will be holding a CASA Reunion on April 14, 2018 at Garden Grove Event Center in Carbondale. This event is for retired faculty and staff, alumni, students, friends and donors to the college. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a social hour. A program will follow at 6:00 p.m. Please let all alumni, faculty and friends of CASA know about the event. More information on reservations will be available later.

2018 Hope Flys Golf Scramble – April 20, 2018

The 2018 Hope Flys Golf Scramble will be at Keller’s Crossing in Makanda on April 20th. The Hope Flys scholarship was set up by Ryan McShane, a successful aviator fighting Stage 4 colon cancer, to recognize students with a strong involvement or commitment to overcoming adversity. You can support Mr. McShane by participating in the Golf Scramble to help benefit the scholarship. Information on Golf Scramble prices and times will be available soon, keep an eye out for more details!

AHP Spring Aviation Banquet - April 21, 2018 6:00PM – Keller’s Crossing

This year’s speaker is Allen Carter, aviation consultant and retired FedEx manager in charge of flight planning and emergency management. Scholarships for the 2018 - 2019 school year will be awarded at the banquet as well. Tickets are $20 for students and $30 for non-students, and are available for purchase either at the front desk in the TEC or through the new AHP PayPal through our Chapter Treasurer at hameistert@yahoo.com. This will include a social hour, dinner, and dessert. There will also be a cash bar. If you are attending both the Banquet and the Golf Scramble you will be refunded $5 after purchasing your tickets. Banquet tickets MUST be bought by April 5th and cannot be bought the day of.

AOPA Carbondale, IL (KMDH) Fly-In - October 5-6, 2018

Stay tuned for more details as they unfold throughout the year! AOPA is expecting 500-700 planes, 5,000 people, and 2,000 vehicles to descend upon our airport.

3rd Annual Plane Pull with the Special Olympics of Illinois - October 6, 2018

This event has been tentatively set to coincide with the AOPA Fly-In. Watch for more details to get involved. This is a very worthy cause to get involved in.
NOTAMs

Attention AvTech Students

NEED TO SCHEDULE A PRELIM?

IT'S EASY!

Just stop by TEC Room 124C and complete the form hanging outside the door. Detailed instructions are provided on the form. Testing times are available 8-4:30 most weekdays.

All questions should be directed to Patty Henry, AVT Chief Clerk, 618-453-9201.

Welcome Aboard!

Kim Baskin has joined the Maintenance Shop as Storekeeper. She replaces Steve Easton who recently retired. Be sure to make Kim feel welcome.

Jobs & Internships

Be sure to watch the website for any internship possibilities and for jobs upon your graduation. These are updated regularly, so keep an eye out.

Ryan Linton, an Aviation Management and Flight student, has landed an internship for Airport Operations out of Jackson Hole, Wyoming beginning in August 2018 and ending in February 2019.

He will be working closely with the firefighting crews at the airport along with assisting in any other airport needs that may arise, such as: Airport maintenance, paperwork, safety and commercial operations in and out of the airport.

University Aviation Association has three SIU Aviation faculty on the Board of Directors: Dr. Pavel was elected President-elect and will be the first person to serve a 2-year term as President beginning next year; Dr. Robertson is serving the second year of his 2-year term as Treasurer; Dr. Ruiz was elected Educator Trustee.

Be Heard!

Have an article or news you want to share in next month’s letter? Send them to the editor, Dristin Rose, at dristin.rose@siu.edu or the coordinator, Rhonda Ferguson, at rferguson@siu.edu.
This summer, Rachel Piacentini and Gabrielle Escudero (pictured above) will be participating in the 2018 Air Race Classic as The Saluki Aces! The Air Race Classic is an all-female air race that focuses on encouraging and educating current and future women pilots, increasing public awareness of general aviation, demonstrating women’s roles in aviation, and preserving and promoting the tradition of pioneering women in aviation. Making nine stops and flying over 2,600 miles all the way from Sweetwater, Texas to Fryeburg, Maine, The Saluki Aces will be competing against over 50 other teams from across the country. This will be Rachel’s second time participating in the Air Race Classic, after previously competing in the 2016 race with former SIU CFI Jess Reed, and Gabrielle’s first time competing in an air race.

The Saluki Aces have been working hard to fundraise for the air race to cover expenses such as fuel, hotels, and transportation to and from airports. A fundraiser that involves selling shirts will be held at the end of March. If you would like to donate, contact either Rachel Piacentini at rpiacentini@siu.edu or Gabrielle Escudero at gabrielle.escudero@siu.edu. Check out The Saluki Aces on Facebook to keep up with their progress! https://www.facebook.com/The-Saluki-Aces-864997680197307/

**Jess Reed & Rachel Piacentini at the 2016 competition.**
Alpha Eta Rho (AHP) hit the ground running in January to make this semester a good one! Members have been hard at work planning several exciting events for this semester and are looking forward to representing AHP and SIU well! Throughout February, AHP Sigma Chapter has continued to volunteer with Gum Drops packaging meals for local, at-risk children, and recently began volunteering to help take care of rescue animals who need homes.

**Spring Break 2018**

Sigma Chapter is excited for Spring Break! Over break, members will be stopping in Nashville, Tennessee to look at the corporate and executive sides of aviation with Dialysis Clinic, Inc. and TBAA. These companies have offered to give AHP a tour of their dispatch center, management department, flight operations center, maintenance facilities, and personal hangars to view their jets and to get an inside look at the role of corporate aviation in the industry. After that, Sigma Chapter will be heading to Gatlinburg to spend Spring Break in the beautiful Smoky Mountains.

**Study Nights**

Due to lower attendance at Aviation Study Nights, study nights will be scheduled on an as needed basis. If any student in the aviation technologies, management, or flight programs would like to schedule a study night with a more experienced student in the program or if you have any questions regarding Aviation Study Nights, please contact Miles Greif at miles.greif@siu.edu. Don’t forget about Taco Tuesday every Tuesday from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the TEC!
**Detail Dawgs**

**Detail Dawgs** is starting up for the semester but there is still ample time to jump on board!

**About Us**

Detail Dawgs is an RSO designed to provide a group for those that enjoy the hands-on, maintenance side of aviation, and getting in some extra practice on procedures, techniques, and timeliness thereof. Any year student is welcome, we’ll bring you up to speed and hopefully put you ahead on some of your A&P coursework in the meantime.

**A Few Facts**

- We’re open to not only Av Tech students but anyone that has an A&P as well.
- Competitions, and practices for them, are our focus, but we’re revamping to also include a more organizational feel, later putting on events and getting involved in our area.
- Our first competition is April 9th-12th in Orlando Florida, and therefore practices are starting immediately.

**Meeting Times**

Wednesdays 5PM – 7PM and Saturdays 12PM – 3PM. Meetings will also serve as practices.
The National Gay Pilots Association started the semester off in sunny Palm Springs, CA. Members connected with hundreds of other pilots, air traffic controllers, managers, and more during the four-day conference. Students that attended received a discounted rate which in turn involved more volunteering at the event – which wasn’t all bad. Those that volunteered were taken to the former Chief Pilot of Alaska Airlines’ home for lunch. They also worked with two airline pilots during the silent auction that raised nearly $60,000. These funds assist with expenses at this entirely volunteer ran, non-profit organization. The SIU Chapter of the NGPA plans to attend the 2019 NGPA Winter Warm Up presented by United Airlines. A special thanks to SIU Alum and NBAA Vice-President, Doug Carr, for not only inviting the chapter but assisting with sponsorship as well.

Meeting Dates

Every other Thursday in the Dispatch Conference Room at 5PM.

2018 Cape Cod Classic


Set against the classic New England backdrop of Cape Cod, our flagship East Coast event is always a member favorite and is held in Provincetown, which provides a unique and fun environment for our members to gather while still being highly accessible due to its proximity to Boston.

For more information regarding the NGPA-SIU, email the chapter President, Dristin Rose, at Dristin.Rose@siu.edu.
Every summer, the Department of Aviation Management and Flight offers Summer Wings, a week-long aviation camp designed to introduce interested high school students to collegiate aviation flight training. Summer Wings offers students the chance to explore a career as a pilot by providing ground and flight training similar to the training that SIUC flight students undergo. Participants attend ground school classes, fly university flight training devices and aircraft (weather permitting), and enjoy evening activities on campus. They spend the week learning about the basics of flight, including topics like aerodynamics, aircraft performance, weight and balance, aviation weather reports, preflight aircraft inspection, and radio procedures. The highlight of the week is the flight to Sikeston, MO, for dinner at Lambert’s Café.

This year’s camp will be offered June 24-29. Information on the camp can be found at http://conferenceservices.siu.edu/camps-youth-programs/summer-wings-aviation.php . We anticipate hiring two advanced flight students to serve as camp counselors for both this camp and our NASA Wings camp. The counselors stay in the dorm with the campers and assist with camp activities throughout the week. Be watching for notices later in March.

Contact Lorelei Ruiz or Steve Goetz if you would like more information about the camp.

Campers at a previous Summer Wings Camp