

Post #731 DeBriefings

Illinois Ultralight Seminar:

On February 26, 2005, members of Post #731 worked the Illinois Ultralight Seminar at the Illinois Building on the Illinois State Fair Grounds. The Post grossed over \$400 in concessions and \$200 for cleaning up. Due to a “glitch” in the meal service, it is uncertain at this time whether or not the Post will receive additional funds for serving the noon meal. Many thanks to those who helped make the fundraiser a success. As soon as all receipts are received, allocations will be made to each of the participants.

Air National Guard Tour:

On February 16, 2005, members of Post #731 spent the evening with the C/F/R crews at the Illinois Air National Guard facilities on Capital Airport. Post members were briefed extensively on the various types of equipment and training received by the guard members and were able to personally enter inside and on top of the various pieces of equipment.

March 16, 2005 – Regular Meeting:

Annual Post planning meeting will be held to determine what type of activities that post members want to participate in during the next year. Plan on attending and bring your ideas.

March 25, 2005 – Climbing Night:

On Friday evening, members of the post will be meeting at the Silo in Rochester for an evening of learning and climbing. The fee for the evening will be \$10 and will include all climbing gear and lessons. There are several climbing skill courses available ranging from the beginner to the advanced climber. The highest climb is over 100’.

April 6, 2005 – Officer’s Meeting:

April 15, 2005 – Pizza and Movie Night:

A pizza supper and movie night is scheduled to run from 7:00 PM until 11:30 PM. The Post officer’s are in charge of choosing the movies.

April 23-24, 2005 – Charlie Wells Memorial Scholarship Breakfast:

At this time it is unknown whether or not the post will be working the breakfast as a community service event. As soon as the officers know, they will contact you to assist. If not, attending and enjoying the breakfast is not only good, but it helps raise money for scholarships to students enrolled in college level aviation courses.

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April 30-May 1, 2005 – Air Rendezvous:

Post #731 will be working Air Rendezvous this year. Most likely we will be working in the Kids Village as before; however, we are still waiting on confirmation. As before, participants will receive a free T-shirt, entry to the show and tickets for lunch. The Navy's Blue Angels will be the featured act, so you don't want to miss this show. Most likely, it will be at least 2 years before a military jet team will again visit Springfield.

May 4, 2005 – Officer's Meeting:

May 21, 2005 – Camp-Out:

Tentative plans are being made for a post camp-out near the Bildilli ranch. Waterproof your gear, get the moths out of your sleeping bag and brush up on your campfire cooking skills. Master camper Alexander Priest is promising to help hone your culinary skills...and if you are intent on getting too close to the fire; he'll even show you how to treat burns!

June 1, 2005 – Officers Meeting:

June 4, 2005 – Firefighter's Challenge:

The post will be participating in the Firefighter's Challenge sponsored by the Sherman Fire Department Exploring Post. If you like water, good food and having fun, plan on attending. This is a good time to practice your skills for the Fire Fighter's Rodeo in September.

July 23-August 1, 2005 – E.E.A. Air Venture Oshkosh:

Don't miss this one. It only comes once a year and you'll be sad if you do. This is the "Mother of all Air Shows and Aviation Events." If it's in aviation, you'll see it there. This year, SpaceShip One and its crew will be on the field. Sometime in late March or April, the Post should be receiving the pre-registration packets for the Explorer Base Camp. Plan on saving \$125 to cover the entire week-long event.

Flight Safety International – Postponed until the Fall of 2005:

Due to the loss of government contracts, the MD-83 simulator will be departing STL. Mal Yarke, who has led several explorers through their flights over the years, is now attending training classes for a new generation aircraft. The new sim will not be installed until next fall. Rumor has it that it will be a C-17 cargo aircraft simulator.