



DES MOINES FSDO SAFETY TEAM

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### Des Moines FSDO Changes

The Des Moines FSDO saw two of its shining inspectors transfer to other FSDOs recently. Perry Ochsner, Avionics Inspector, has moved to the Fargo FSDO and Katie Sample, Operations Inspector, has moved to the Rapid City FSDO.

Though we will miss them both, we wish them well at their new locations. See page two to meet the new faces at the Des Moines FSDO.

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### FAASafety.Gov is Home of the FAASafetyTeam

Not only does [FAASafety.Gov](http://FAASafety.Gov) contain the Pilot Proficiency Program (WINGS) but also a plethora of aviation information. This includes online courses, flight lesson plans, email notification of aviation safety events and more. This also includes the Wright Brother Master Pilot and Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award application forms.

[FAASafety.Gov](http://FAASafety.Gov) is host to the Roll of Honor for Master Pilot and Master Mechanic Honorees. To be eligible for either award the applicant must be actively involved in their aviation specialty for 50 accumulative years. Please send your application package to the Des Moines FSDO in care of the FAASafetyTeam!

### Red Oak Pilot Named Iowa CFI of the Year

Norm Yeager, Red Oak, has been honored as the Flight Instructor of the Year in the Des Moines FSDO service area. Norm's application then went to a Central Region competition where he won the CFI of the Year Central Region! At this time, Norm is in competition for National honors, competing against the other seven FAA regional winners. The National winner will be honored at Oshkosh later this year. Norm, you are a most deserving instructor - Good Luck!

Norm Yeager has been named CFI of the Year for Iowa and the entire Central Region. Norm's application is now in the National competition.

### Other Central Region Award Recipients

- Flight Standards Recognition System Awards:**
- Aviation Safety Inspector of the Year/Operations - Terry Warren
  - Barrier Breaker - Harrison McNaughton
  - Excellence in Public Awareness - Chris Manthe
  - Safety Professional of the Year - Patty Eastin

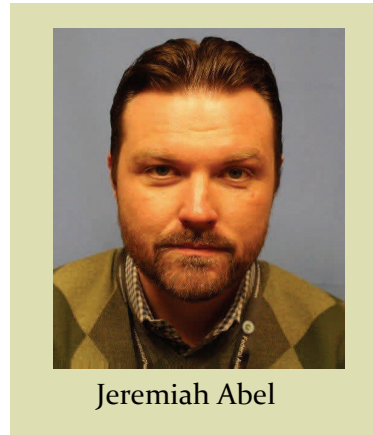
- Senior/Middle Manager of the Year - Kyle Thurston
- ONE DOT Awards:**
- Career Achievement - Marilyn Vandalsem
- Innovation - Patty Eastin

## A New Face at the FSDO: Jeremiah Abel

Jeremiah Abel was born at an early age. Adolescent years were spent on a farm in Missouri which eventually sparked an interest in veterinary medicine. Alas, attend class... Fortunately Uncle Sam offered to pick up the remaining tab in exchange for eight measly years in uniform. Somewhere between Texas and Europe, he changed majors and got married. Jeremiah subsequently dragged his sophisticatedly British wife (Kirsten), kicking and screaming, back to Texas to accept a position with Bell Helicopter. After logging a little “real world” time in post-production military systems (V-22, UH-1Y, AH-1Z) and a long (heated) discussion involving tumbleweeds, lease renewals, and a bottle of wine, Jeremiah was inspired to seek federal employ-

ment in a geographical region more conducive to a dual career household (aka marital bliss). Said opportunity was realized by rejoining the ranks of (civil) service and accepting a position with the Department of Defense in Austin, TX and ultimately Manhattan, KS. Jeremiah’s accolades include a two year old daughter (Lila), a twelve year marriage, and fifteen years combined federal service; in that order. In spite of pubescent exploits, Jeremiah’s hobbies include novice Scotch exploration, sweater vests, and occasional attempts to reinvent the wheel. Jeremiah’s long-term goals include a happy family, a pension, and a return to farming in a hobby capacity. Jeremiah is a Leo and his favorite color is cheese; we would’ve also accepted “liquid gold”. Jeremiah’s pet peeves include clothes that don’t

fit after the holidays and people who refer to themselves in the third person; particularly in contrived satirical bios.



Jeremiah Abel



## Another New Face at the FSDO: Christina Grabill

I have been married to my husband Charles for three years and have two beautiful daughters Maelynn (2) and Mira (7 months). My husband and I met up at school in North Dakota, at the school formerly known as the Fighting Sioux. We both graduated with degrees in Commercial Aviation and worked for the college for about four years. After that I worked for the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Ft. Rucker as an Advanced Division IP/Check Pilot. Alabama was a culture shock coming from North Dakota but I loved it. After going through a string of layoffs we decided to make the move to Texas where I was a contract IP for AFS60.

My husband stayed at home with our oldest daughter for her first year and went back to work in Texas at a couple flight schools after she turned one. We are currently back close to family and loving it! Iowa has been our main goal all along so I am excited to be at such a great office where we are closer to home! I grew up in South Dakota and have a younger sister and brother who are still in South Dakota. My parents live in Tyndall, SD and are still heavily involved with CCD, school boards, sports, and a bunch of other stuff I can’t believe they are still doing now that us kids are all out of the house.



Christina Grabill



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## THE 2016 MIDWEST REGIONAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SYMPOSIUM AND TRADE SHOW

**FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 2016**

The 2016 Symposium and Trade Show will be held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center near the Des Moines International Airport. Reservations can be made using the booking code of "iaa" via their telephone at 800-248-4013 or on their web site at [www.holidayinn.com/dsm-airport](http://www.holidayinn.com/dsm-airport).

The Iowa Aviation Association, in conjunction with the Iowa DOT Office of Aviation, is sponsoring the 25th Annual Symposium in cooperation with the FAA Des Moines FSDO.

Attendance at this year's training sessions will qualify for the first year of the two-year IA renewal period. For more information or to register, go to the Iowa Aviation Association web site at [www.iaaviation.com](http://www.iaaviation.com), contact Randy Simpson at [simpson8128@msn.com](mailto:simpson8128@msn.com), or call Phil Conn at 319-295-5221 (work) or 319-389-3943 (cell).

We look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

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For those that are interested — Last quarter's newsletter mystery aircraft is a Hawker Typhoon.

Do you know what this mystery aircraft is?



# GAJSC Topic of the Month

**Outreach Month: January 2016**

**Topic: Best Glide Speed and Distance (GAJSC SCF-SE-49)**

The FAA and industry will conduct a public education campaign on the benefits of knowledge and training in determining and applying best glide speed in forced landings.

**Background:**

The GAJSC has determined that a significant number of general aviation fatalities could be avoided if pilots were better informed and trained in determining and flying their aircraft at the best glide speed while maneuvering to complete a forced landing.

**Teaching Points:**

Discuss the scope and safety benefits of flying the airplane at best glide speed while maneuvering to a forced landing runway or off airport landing area.

Acquaint pilots with available resources.

Encourage pilots to maintain proficiency through frequent forced landing practice.

Encourage pilots to participate in the WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program.

**References:**

***General Aviation Power Point***

Available on request.

***A-H-8083-3A Airplane Flying Handbook***

**[http://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/handbooks\\_manuals/aircraft/airplane\\_handbook/](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aircraft/airplane_handbook/)**

***FAASafety Team WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program***

**<http://www.FAASafety.gov/WINGS>**

**Outreach Month: February 2016**

**Topic: Advanced Preflight after Maintenance (NTSB SA-040)**

The FAA and industry will conduct a public education campaign on the benefits of conducting enhanced preflight inspections of aircraft that are being returned to service after maintenance.

**Background:**

The GAJSC and NTSB have determined that a significant number of general aviation fatalities could be avoided if pilots were to conduct more thorough preflight inspections of aircraft that have just been returned to service.

**Teaching Points:**

Discuss the consequences of inadequate preflight inspections of aircraft that are being returned to service after maintenance.

Discuss common problems that have led to accidents.

Encourage pilots to coordinate with mechanics before flying aircraft that have recently been maintained.

Encourage pilots pay particular attention to aircraft components that may have been affected by recent maintenance.

**References:**

***Advanced Preflight After Maintenance – Power Point & Presenter Notes***

Available on request.

***NTSB Safety Alert – Advanced Preflight After Maintenance***

**[http://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-alerts/Documents/SA\\_041.pdf](http://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-alerts/Documents/SA_041.pdf)**

# GAJSC Topic of the Month (continued)

**Outreach Month: March 2016**

**Topic: Personal Minimums - Wind (GAJSC LOC-SE-34)**

The FAA and industry will conduct a public education campaign on the benefits of knowledge and training in determining personal minimums for flying in windy conditions.

**Background:**

The GAJSC has determined that a significant number of general aviation accidents could be avoided if pilots were to establish personal minimums for flight in windy conditions.

**Teaching Points:**

Discuss the safety benefits of establishing personal wind limitations with the assistance of a flight instructor.

Acquaint pilots with available resources.

Encourage pilots to maintain proficiency through frequent practice in windy conditions.

Encourage pilots to participate in the WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program.

**References:**

***General Aviation Power Point***

Available on Request.

***A-H-8083-3A Airplane Flying Handbook Chapter 8***

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The General Aviation Joint Steering Committee (GAJSC), including its Safety Assessment Team (SAT), is a joint government and aviation industry group, established with the goal of improving GA safety. The GAJSC/SAT accomplishes this by providing a mechanism for government/industry cooperation, communication, and coordination concerning GA safety issues. In April 2011, the GAJSC chartered the SAT to conduct a review of fatal GA airplane accidents from 2001 through 2010. The SAT reviewed 2,472 fatal GA accidents and identified inflight LOC accidents as the most prevalent cause, with 1,259 fatalities attributed. Currently, GA accidents continue to be responsible for more than 440 fatalities each year in the United States. LOC, mainly stalls, accounted for approximately 40 percent of fatal GA accidents.



Recent Wright Brother Master Pilot Honorees:

**Terry Edmonds**  
**Richard Loven**

Recent Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Honorees:  
No applications

CFI of the Year for Iowa and CFI of the Year for  
Central Region

**Norm Yeager**

## Upcoming Events

- January 21 - Safety Meeting—Marion
- February 5-6 - IA Seminar - Des Moines
- February 6 - Safety Meeting/Edmonds Wright Brother Presentation - Amana
- March 22 - Safety Meeting - Carroll Airport
- April 4 - Open CAP Meeting - Cedar Rapids
- TBD - Safety Meeting - Red Oak
- TBD - DSM ATCT Safety Meetings
- TBD - NWS Safety Meeting and Facility Tour
- TBD - Safety Meeting - Decorah

For meeting details see **FAASafety.Gov**. Meetings are being created all the time; sometimes on short notice.

To be informed of Safety Meetings of interest to you, be sure to create an account on FAASafety.Gov. All you need is an email address and you will be electronically notified of meetings in your area of interest.

Contact FAASTeam Program Managers Chris Manthe or Joe Quiring, if you have questions or need guidance in setting up your account.

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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

*Visitors are requested to make appointments.*

**The DSM FSDO will be closed**

**in observance of national holidays:**

January 18, 2016 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

February 15, 2016 George Washington's Birthday

And remember:

March 13, 2016 Daylight Savings Time Begins

To receive this newsletter via email, please contact :

Barb Fransen at [Barbara.Fransen@faa.gov](mailto:Barbara.Fransen@faa.gov) or 515-289-4818 with your information.

**Until next time! Have a safe flight!**

**Larry L. Arenholz**  
**Des Moines FSDO Manager**