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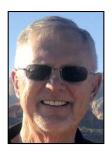




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Arthur C. "Butch" Giessman 1949 - 2020

It is with a heavy heart that we wish to inform you that A.C. "Butch" Giessman passed away March 29, 2020. The St. Louis Aviation community and industry as a whole, lost a true pioneer, visionary and friend.

A graduate of Parks College – St. Louis University, he held a degree in Aeronautical Maintenance Engineering and held several positions within his lengthy aviation career. Most notably as the founder of AVMATS, where he was currently the Chairman of the Board. He worked hard to develop the company as a world-wide resource, first for the Sabreliner aircraft and other airframes later. He was active in GSLBAA, having served on the Board as well as in other capacities. He was also an early member and past president of PAMA.

Most recently, Butch was a strong advocate and an active Board Member for Wings of Hope. His knowledge of aviation and his love of humanity made him a particularly good fit for this position. His personality was larger than life and always found a way to put others first.

He was a friend to all who knew him and will be sorely missed. – Blue skies and tailwinds, Butch.



Barry Steven Oxenhandler 1941 – 2019

On Friday, November 1, 2019, Barry Steven Oxenhandler, loving husband and father passed away at the age of 78. Barry was born on May 25, 1941 in Saint Louis, Missouri to William and Sarah (Steinbaum) Oxenhandler. He married Mary Patricia Oxenhandler on December 15, 1969. Together they raised their two children Kate and Jim.

Barry loved being a pilot, playing music, photography and most of all his family. He was sweet, funny, full of love, and will be remembered for his kind compassionate spirit.

He is survived by his wife Pat, his two children, Kate (Bob Karn) and Jim (Julia Arrotti), his grandchildren, Sarah and Claire, his sister Natalie (Neil Handelman), many nieces and nephews and a large very close extended family. His passing leaves a hole in the heart of everybody who knew him. He will be forever missed but he will never be forgotten.



Paul Haglin 1929 - 2019

Rev. Paul D. Haglin, 90, of Chesterfield, passed away on October 17, 2019 at Delmar Gardens-Chesterfield. He was born on March 23, 1929 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Preston and Mildred (Daunt) Haglin and brother of Preston Haglin II. After graduating from the University of Minnesota with an aeronautical engineering degree, Paul enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He served his country and was honorably discharged. Paul and Gretel (Staver) were united in marriage in 1953. They had four children together, Christopher, Alexis, Edward and Philip. Paul was an aerospace engineer for McDonnell-Douglas and an avid private pilot. After tiring of long wait times for private take-offs at Lambert Airport, he dreamed of opening up a general aviation airport. He used his inheritance to buy the land and develop the airport in the area of Chesterfield known as Gumbo. The Spirit of St. Louis Airport opened in 1964, and quickly became the largest privately owned airport in the country. Then St. Louis County purchased the airport in 1980. In honor of his achievements, St. Louis County declared May 4th as Paul Haglin day. There is a street named Paul Haglin Drive in Chesterfield Valley. In 2017, he received a lifetime achievement award from Progress 64 West. After founding the airport, Paul served as a Pastor for 44 years, authoring three Christian books. Paul had a radio show called "Letters of Faith" that ran for fifteen minutes everyday for fifteen years in the 70s-80s. He was an All American rifle shooter and an accomplished sailboat racer.

He is survived by his loving family: Alexis and husband Mark Richert of Chesterfield, Edward (Ted) Haglin of Colorado, Philip (Keeler) Haglin of St. Louis and three grandchildren; Tali and husband Jared Shaw of Trabuco Canyon, CA, Paul Haglin of Denver, Co and Paige Haglin of Florida.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his son Christopher, his wife and brother.

He will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

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To all of our sponsors, members and guests,

The years 2019-2020 will long be remembered as a historic time due to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic. The coronavirus has impacted every corner of the globe and has, as of today, August 14th, 2020 taken the lives of 760,000 people worldwide. At the local level, in communities all over the globe, COVID-19 has forced life altering changes. Words and phrases that were foreign to us less than a year ago are now in daily use. Zoom meetings, N95 masks, social distancing, virtual learning and hydroxychloroquine amongst others. The simple act of disinfecting has never had more meaning to so many people.

In the grand scheme of things, the cancellation of the Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association's 8th annual aviation trivia night can be best described as, well, trivial. However, in another sense, it is not. The tens of thousands of dollars lost this year due to the cancellation of this event has a real impact on our charities.

Wings of Hope uses those funds to support their Medical Relief Air Transport program which provides patients from all over the country with free transportation to medical facilities for needed treatment. The impact on individual lives cannot be overstated. The loss of any funding has a negative impact on this humanitarian mission.

The GSLBAA Educational Foundation provides scholarships to students engaged in aviation programs; from Airframe & Power plant mechanics to college students pursuing bachelor's degrees in various aviation disciplines. We are facing an upcoming shortage of pilots, mechanics and air traffic controllers. Having funds available for scholarships is as critical now as ever before. The work of the Educational Foundation depends on donor dollars.

With the loss of the fundraising trivia night, we on the GSLBAA Board of Directors would like to ask anyone reading this to consider donating to one or both of these charities. There are donation tabs on the GSLBAA website, www.gslbaa.org for both Wings of Hope and the GSLBAA Educational Foundation.

We look forward to seeing all of you next year at our 9th annual aviation trivia night.

Respectfully,
Timothy Long
President-Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association