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# What's New, FSS?



Wiley Hardeman Post, the famed American aviator, grew up on a farm near Maysville, Oklahoma. He was the first pilot to fly solo around the world in the "Winnie Mae", a modified Lockheed 5C Vega, which is now on display at the National Air and Space Museum, in Washington, DC. Wiley Post, who didn't progress past the sixth grade, developed one of the first functioning aviation pressure suits, designed for high altitude flight. Post is also credited with discovering the jet stream, ushering in a new era for high altitude, high speed air travel. Post died alongside his friend, the popular American humorist Will Rogers in 1935, when Post's aircraft crashed on takeoff from Point Barrow, Alaska.

## 2018 Annual Conventions

As usual, FSS will be making the rounds at a number of State finance association annual meetings this summer and fall. Here is a list of the meetings we plan to attend. Be sure to stop by our vendor booth and say hello in person. We look forward to seeing you!

California (CFSP): May 6 – 8

Oklahoma (OCFA): May 31 – June 2

Georgia (GILA): June 14 – 17

Alabama (ACFA): July 8 – 11

Texas (TCFA): July 11 – 13

Mississippi (MCFA): July 23 – 25

Louisiana (LFA): July 25 – 28

Tennessee (TCFA) / Kentucky (KCFA): October 3 – 5



# Backup Services

You probably don't spend much time thinking about backups. But you do think about balancing the drawers and checkbook. Every day, as a matter of fact. Delinquency? You bet you're thinking about that. All the time. You probably spend a lot of time planning solicitations too. But backups? Meh.

Until you need one. Then nothing is more important. How much do you know about your backups? Do you get one every day? Where is it saved? How is it saved? If you don't know the answers to these questions, you need to call FSS. It is our standard practice to setup all systems with automated backups on the server. But these backups are made on the computer, and the computer doesn't leave the office. So what happens if flooding leaves that computer underwater? Or a tornado picks it up and drops it in the neighboring county? Fire? Theft? That's when you need an off-site backup.

You can safeguard your business with an offsite backup a number of ways. For instance, using removable media such as a thumb drive, and taking the backup offsite daily. However, there is an easier and more secure way, however. FSS offers a backup service using your internet connection to download your valuable data every night. The backups are saved on our servers, inside concrete walls, under a concrete ceiling, and behind a locked steel door that requires an authorized finger print to open. If you're interested in learning more, give us a call today. **Do. Not. Wait.**

# Severe Weather Hours

It's that time of year again. Mercifully, our hometown of Moore, OK has been spared any life-threatening weather events so far this year (knocking on wood). However, we want to take this opportunity to let everyone know that it is our normal operating procedure to remain open during threatening spring/summer weather. A direct hit by a tornado is another story, however. In that case, we will be hunkered down in the concrete room referenced in the above article!

While we cannot guarantee all services will be available immediately following a severe weather event, we are not without a plan B. For instance, we have gas powered generators on standby in the event of power loss, so we can keep the servers which hold your backups and virtual machines up and running. This also allows us to provide certain online support options, although they would be limited. Additionally, our phone system relies on mostly buried cable for operation, which makes it less susceptible to wind events.

Tornado Alley can be a tough place to run a business in the late spring and early summer, but we don't close down for threatening weather. If we are impacted by a severe weather event, we will be doing everything in our power to return to normal operations so that we can be here for you when you need us!



**“Tornado Alley” is a nickname given to an area in the southern plains of the central United States that consistently experiences a high frequency of tornadoes each year. Tornadoes in this region typically happen in late spring and occasionally the early fall. Although the boundaries of Tornado Alley are debatable (depending on which criteria you use—frequency, intensity, or events per unit area), the region from central Texas, northward to northern Iowa, and from central Kansas and Nebraska east to western Ohio is often collectively known as Tornado Alley.**

<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/climate-information/extreme-events/us-tornado-climatology/tornado-alley>