



With the demise of America's Flyways, the IPA board needed a new way to communicate with the membership. This is the first attempt at a statewide newsletter, to be distributed primarily electronically. Please enjoy and send your feedback to editor@illinoispilots.com

From the President's Desk...

Having been elected by your Board of Directors to be your new President, I'd like to take this time to introduce myself to those of you I haven't met yet. My name is Dave Claxon, and I'm from Rantoul and a member of the Illini Area Chapter. I have been a pilot since 1986, but unfortunately I have not exercised the privilege since 1995. I don't currently own a flyable airplane, but I do have a homebuilt Sonerai project hidden away, which I occasionally make some progress on. Maybe this will give me some incentive to finally get back to work.

I'm new to this president thing, and really hope your board's faith in me is not misplaced. To that end, I'm going to ask for your help as I learn the job. Please let me know what you think I, along with your board and your Association should be trying to do for you. A link to my e-mail, along with the rest of the Board, can be found on the IPA website. If you don't have

internet access, check with your Chapter presidents, many of whom have attended the Board meetings, on how to contact us.

Along those lines, as I conducted my first Board meeting yesterday, some questions came up which the Board is seeking the membership's wishes on. I will be writing to the Chapter Presidents shortly to ask your opinions, and they should actually have the information by the time this is published. If you miss your Chapter meeting, please contact me for details on the questions regarding USPA, and America's Flyways.

The Board also decided to move the board meetings again, in an attempt to resolve conflicts and increase attendance, to the third Saturday of each month. This will begin with the August 15th meeting, as July 11 had already been scheduled. Remember, the Board of Directors meetings are open to all members, and we welcome your attendance, and your input on the matters we are deciding on your behalf. You are encouraged to join us at any Board meeting in your area. Or any you would like to travel to, if you need an excuse for a "\$100 hamburger" on the third Saturday.

Dave Claxon, President



IPA chapter newsletters online

South Suburban, Springfield, and NEPA newsletters are available. Illini area is represented by the EAA Chapter 29 Newsletter.

www.illinoispilots.com/chapter.shtml.