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ILLINOIS PILOTS ASSOCIATION STATE NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I have been hearing a lot of stories lately about how the new enhanced security measures at airports will affect travel during the holiday season, and I truly hope these types of happenings don't ever trickle down to private aviation. In fact, I have read some reports of GA airport owners and operators banding together to guard against it. Just to let you know, I seem to be able to observe these proceedings from a distance, because as much as I love flying and as long as I've been interested in aviation, I've never been off the ground in one of those busses in the sky. (Unless you count EAA's Ford Tri-Motor and B-17.) But I realize it does affect many of our members, and I'm not liking what I'm seeing. Why do we have to cave in to political correctness to the point that we are not able to use procedures that would enhance safety more with less disruption?

Since the last newsletter, we have already had to cancel one board of Directors meeting and have decided not to attempt a December meeting due to the holidays and the likelihood of bad weather, and barely had a quorum for November. I really hope the flying activities of the IPA have not been slowed down as much as the business activities. Planning is under way for the 2011 annual meeting, scheduled for May 21 at Frasca Field in Urbana. We are looking for vendors to display their goods, and are planning some safety seminars and flying activities. I would like to encourage you to join us, and to bring any friends who may be interested whether or not they happen to be IPA members.

Among all the reports of airports closing and going away, there is occasionally a rare mention of growth. Members of the SPI Chapter have informed us of two rows of T-hangars under construction. And there are even rumors in the air that, depending on who the new mayor of Chicago (or is it the mayor of Illinois?) is, there may be some support for the resurrection of Meigs Field. I'm not holding my breath on this one, but hey, we can dream.

Until next time...

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The Fall State Newsletter includes the following:

- What's Happening at the State IPA Level
- A summary of the activities of the various Chapters
- Flying related information
- United States Pilots Association (USPA)
- Becoming a member of the Illinois Pilots Association

NEWS AT THE IPA STATE LEVEL

STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The most recent meeting of the State Board of Directors was held on Saturday, November 20th at 1:00 P.M. at the Decatur Airport (KDEC). at Gaitros Aviation. Just prior to the meeting, the Board gathered for lunch at the Main Hangar restaurant located on the field.

In attendance at that meeting: State President Dave Claxon, Vice-Presidents Brian Borecky and John Salz, Treasurer Bob Frantz, Directors Ruth Frantz and Bob Reynolds.

Minutes of the Directors Meetings are posted on the State IPA website. There will not be a Directors Meeting in December. The next meeting will be Saturday, January 15th, 2011 at Bloomington Airport (KBMI) at 1:00 P.M. As always, IPA members are invited to attend.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Posted on the State IPA website, is the scholarship application and pertinent information. An application for consideration should be submitted between **January 1 and March 1, 2011** for the 2011-2012 scholarship. The scholarship award will be \$1,000.00

IPA members have been aiding promising young students of aviation through the IPA Memorial Scholarship since 1983. Ruth Frantz has been the chairman of the IPA Memorial Scholarship Committee since 1995.

2011 ANNUAL MEETING & SEMINAR

The State Board is starting preliminary planning for the Saturday, May 21, 2011 Annual Meeting and Seminar to be held at **Frasca Field** (C16) in Urbana, Illinois. This is an all day event that will have interesting speaker presentations, aviation related displays, flying related competitions and State IPA business meetings. Specific information will appear in upcoming State newsletters.

Your State IPA Board wishes all of our members and families a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON !! May the New Year be a great one for you in your aviation and personal endeavors. FLY Safely!!!

NOTEWORTHY AVIATION ITEM

"Smile" *You May Be On Camera*

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced that it is proposing that all pilot certificates include photos of the certificate holder. This action follows a requirement that all pilot certificates be made of plastic and contain security features, such as a hologram and an ultraviolet-sensitive layer, to prevent tampering, altering and counterfeiting. Under the new FAA proposal, pilots would obtain new certificates on which their photograph would appear with a proposed expiration date of eight years. At the end of that time period, pilots would need to update their photo and obtain a new certificate. If the proposal is finalized as proposed, all new airman certificates would have to include a photograph. Existing pilots with a current commercial pilot certificate would have four years to comply, while a pilot with an airline transport pilot rating would have three years to obtain a new certificate with a photo. Existing private, recreational or sport pilot certificate holders would have five years to comply with the new requirement. Under the proposal, the cost of the new pilot certificate would be \$22. That amount is comparable to drivers' license fees in many states and would have to be renewed every eight years. The comment period for the proposed rule ends February 17, 2011. The rule is on display at the *Federal Register*: http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx#reg_F. It will be published in the *Register* at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>. Note: The above article excerpted from www.faa.gov.

CHAPTER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ILLINI AREA CHAPTER -- I-A

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The **Illini Chapter** continues to meet the third Wednesday of the month. Recent meetings have had very interesting speakers. October's speaker was Professor Mike Nolan from Purdue University. Mike gave a brief history of the Purdue Flight Program and an interesting look into its future. They have purchased all new Cirrus aircraft with glass cockpits. This equipment captures a lot of aircraft operating parameters and will be used for future studies such as evaluating new aircraft fuels, flight performance via GPS tracking, engine operation. etc. There is so much information Mike is still investigating research possibilities. Mike's talk was very timely as we follow closely the status of the Institute of Aviation.

As you may recall from my last article, the Institute is being threatened once again with closure. The Institute's Administration in conjunction with individuals and the alumni board are trying to keep the program alive but the struggle is a difficult one. If you want to get in on saving the Institute please write your State representative and Senator. There is still hope, but the Institute needs all the support it can get.

At our November meeting, we are hoping to get a local lady who was a nurse at the Battle of the Bulge to share her stories. December will be our Holiday party. Until the next newsletter, enjoy flying while you can and be safe.

Contributed by: Ted Gonsiorowski

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER -- SPI

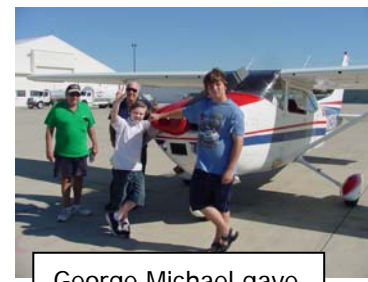
Chapter President: **John Salz**
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IPA Assists EAA #770

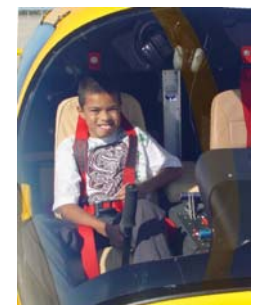
by Job Conger, Capital Crosswinds editor

On October 16, many IPA/SPI members who are also members of Springfield's EAA Chapter 770 and many who are not, helped with the EAA chapter's Young Eagles Flight Day and Chili-Hot Dog Lunch. Ed Boyd, George Michael, John Salz and others, flew young men and young ladies in their aircraft. We also welcomed a pilot from Standard Aero across the field who contributed his talent and Piper Arrow. The weather was windy, but severe blue all day. The wind allowed the sister of the Young Eagle pictured in John's gyroplane (at right) to hold the rotor as he prepared to start the engine and depart the tarmac. The event kept the hardy volunteer food servers busy and aircraft in motion from 11 am to 2 pm and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Rob Fisher and Landmark Aviation for hosting this most enjoyable gathering!

Also, the Springfield Flying 20 Club had two members fly club aircraft to take the Young Eagles up. In total, 29 Young Eagles took their first flight that day.



George Michael gave rides in his C182



A "future pilot" ready for flight



Pre-flighting the gyroplane



Preparing to taxi

All photos by Job Conger

SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER -- SSIPA

Chapter President: **Wayne Babiak**
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The South Suburban Chapter continues it's monthly dinner meeting schedule, meeting at Popolano's restaurant in Lansing, IL.

SSIPA is planning ahead for monthly programs in 2011, as well as the Annual Safety Seminar to be held in March at Lansing Airport (KIGQ).



At the October 20th dinner meeting, one of our Chapter members, Tom Johnson, gave an overview of his flying experiences while he and his wife Clair vacationed in Australia.



At the November 17th dinner meeting, a video on the flying adventures of Pancho Barnes was shown. Pancho Barnes (1901 - 1975) is considered by many to be one of the 20th century's greatest American characters.

She became the "fastest woman on Earth" on August 4, 1930, when she beat the world's speed record set by flying ace Amelia Earhart. She was also one of the original 99s who flew in the Powder Puff races early on.

The annual SSIPA Chapter Christmas Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15th.

NOTEWORTHY AVIATION ITEM

CFIs ARE “HABIT FORMING”

Over the years, CFIs and other professionals have taught me several good practices. I am convinced these have helped keep me alive. Instead of just preaching the basics, they have added to the value of the training with various tips and tricks. Some of flying's most important moments take place during the preflight checklist. Interrupting that flow can be critical. Say you're flying single pilot and ground control calls with new information while you are part of the way through the checklist. You stop, write down the info, and then return to the checklist. It's easy to miss something, and I've proved it.

When selling airplanes for a living, it was typical for me to hop from one airplane to another on a regular basis. In one job, I regularly flew a Luscombe, Piper Comanche, Beechcraft Bonanza, 150-horsepower Cessna Cardinal, and any of several different ag planes (crop dusters). In another job, I flew a totally different ag plane, various single- and multi-engine Pipers, and a Beechcraft Baron. As one fellow put it, “You got to be sure you have the right hat on before takeoff.”

One way to ensure you went through the critical items on the checklist was the well-known acronym CIGAR TIP. The last thing before takeoff, after all checklist items were completed, I'd run through CIGAR TIP: C for controls, free and moving properly; I for instruments (including checking the directional indicator against runway heading and magnetic compass); G was for gas, both quantity and set on correct tank, alternate fuel pump on or off as appropriate, and also for gear (more on this later); A for altimeter; R for runup—not necessarily to do it again, but to remember if you really did it during the checklist; T for trim set for takeoff; I was for interior, doors and windows locked; P for propeller set for takeoff.

On landing, everything stood for the same items, but “gear” was, of course, a more critical part of G.

CIGAR TIP is particularly important when your checklist has been interrupted for any reason, or when you do the checklist, then taxi for several minutes before takeoff. It gives you one more chance to check on yourself. On landing, you can do it quickly, even while watching for traffic.

CIGAR TIP is useful on a missed approach. Once (right after I got my instrument rating and before I realized how important CIGAR TIP could be on a missed approach), everything went wrong. The tower controller and the airline flight in front of me got into a tiff, the airliner had to fly a missed approach, then I flew a missed approach in an Aztec. I quickly cleaned up the Aztec for the climb. Only after a few minutes, when well established on the missed approach procedure, did CIGAR TIP come to mind. Good thing it did, because the G uncovered the fact that I had left the gear down! True, I was the only person onboard and the Aztec can climb with the gear down, so nothing went wrong. But what if six people had been onboard and one engine quit?

A flight instructor taught me CIGAR TIP, and through the years and hours it became more important to me instead of less so. It is useful for a Cub, and I know jet pilots who use it regularly. Can you remember an accident that could have been prevented by using CIGAR TIP? I surely can—including all of those accidents caused by leaving the gust lock in place before takeoff, and the airline flight that took off on the wrong runway.

Many old pilots swear by CIGAR TIP. Give it a try.

October 5, 2010 By Ralph Hood

This article was sent in by [Bob Frantz](#) of the NEPA Chapter

UNITED STATES PILOTS ASSOCIATION

The Illinois Pilots Association belongs to a multi-state pilots organization known as **USPA**. Note that individual IPA member are not members; *the State IPA is*. However, individual memberships directly with USPA are available, if so desired. The following are Liaisons to USPA representing the State IPA:

John McConnochie, Bob Frantz, Ruth Frantz, Ken Hermach and Rufus Hunt.

The **United States Pilots Association** (USPA) is a "grassroots" organization of general aviation pilots, dedicated to protecting General Aviation in the United States. For Further information about USPA, go to: www.uspilots.org.

LEGISLATION REPORT 11/10



Greetings! First, here is an update from Washington, D.C. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) adds three airport projects for \$2.5 million in funding from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars, which became available because of airport projects that came in under budget nationwide.

Secondly, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approves full-scale, nationwide deployment of the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast satellite-based surveillance system. The move follows the successful rollout of the system in Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico, Louisville, and Philadelphia, the agency says. FAA expects the system will be implemented nationwide by 2013, noting that more than 300 of the planned network of 800 ADS-B ground stations already have been installed. Aircraft must be equipped with ADS-B "In" avionics by 2020, enabling controllers to track the aircraft.

Thirdly, General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) President and CEO Pete Bunce made the following statement after President Obama signed the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010: "GAMA is pleased that President Obama has signed the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 into law. The bonus depreciation provision included in the bill, which can be applied to both general aviation aircraft purchases and components such as engines and avionics, will allow operators to take advantage of this critical incentive before the end of the year."

UNTIL NEXT TIME!
SAFE FLYING!

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FROM THE EDITOR...

This is the second issue of the State IPA multipage newsletter. Your State Board hopes that this "medium of communication" is keeping you as a member informed about IPA and the local Chapters. It is not the intent to just circulate this newsletter only to our members. We encourage and hope that when you receive it, that you forward it on to other non IPA pilots you may know. We also encourage the printing out of the newsletter and posting it at your "favorite" airport. Spread the word about IPA!!

Included in this issue (as it will be in future issues), is a membership application. Hopefully, non-members reading the newsletter will consider becoming a part of our organization.

Finally, I encourage IPA members to send me information for the newsletter. Some examples are places you may have flown to, a report on a good restaurant you may have visited on your flight to name a few. JPEG photos are always welcome..they make the story more interesting. e-mail me your information to: wbabiak@illinoispilots.com.

Wayne Babiak, State Secretary and Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILLINOIS PILOTS ASSOCIATION

If you are an IPA member receiving this newsletter, you are a member in good standing... thanks for your support. **Please forward a copy of this newsletter onto other pilots you know who are not members.** Encourage them to become members. Below is abbreviated information regarding IPA, dues information, and a membership application. To view the full membership application, go to the State IPA website: www.illinoispilots.com.

The Illinois Pilots Association (IPA) has been in existence since 1977. On a State level, we work in conjunction with the IPA Chapters in the State of Illinois to promote general aviation. The State IPA also sponsors an aviation scholarship to assist Illinois students who are pursuing college studies towards a career in aviation.

State IPA Dues are \$24.00 per full year which include all family members residing at the same address. Note that dues for the first year of membership are pro-rated depending when you become a member in the year. Membership year runs from July thru June.

July thru September \$24.00. October thru December \$18.00.

January thru March \$12.00. April thru June \$6.00.

Note that there is a \$2.00 reduction in the yearly State IPA dues from \$24.00 to \$22.00 to receive the State IPA newsletter electronically instead of by U.S. mail (hardcopy).

There are currently five area Chapters that are part of the Illinois Pilots Association. These are: Illini Area (Champaign-Urbana); Northeast (Chicago & Western Suburbs); South Suburban (South Suburbs of Chicago); Springfield (Springfield area); Gateway (Belleville area). Some of the Chapters have small yearly dues over and above the State IPA dues. Members who join IPA choose which Chapter to affiliate with; otherwise they are Members at Large.

Please complete this application

NAME: _____

List other members of your family to be included: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____

INDICATE DESIRED CHAPTER AFFILIATION _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ e-mail address needed for receipt of the quarterly State IPA newsletter and other communications.

The above information will be added to the State IPA membership list. Your information is not given out beyond this for use.

PILOT CERTIFICATE AND RATINGS HELD: _____

**PLEASE INCLUDE A CHECK FOR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT INDICATED ABOVE (DEPENDING UPON WHEN YOU JOIN). INCLUDE THIS APPLICATION AND MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
ILLINOIS PILOTS ASSOCIATION**

Mail to: 40W297 APACHE LANE HUNTLEY, IL 60142

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STATE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS: July 1, 2010 Thru June 30, 2011

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1 st Vice-President: Brian Borecky	SPI Chapter
2 nd Vice-President: John Salz	SPI Chapter
Treasurer: Robert Frantz	NEPA Chapter
Secretary: Wayne Babiak	SSIPA Chapter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	Term Thru
Thurman Carver, GWY Chapter	June 2011
Ken Hermach, NEPA chapter	June 2011
Rufus Hunt, Member at Large	June 2011
John McConnochie, NEPA Chapter	June 2012
Paul Zerkel, SPI Chapter	June 2012
Ruth Frantz, NEPA Chapter	June 2013
Robert Reynolds, SPI Chapter	June 2013
Robert McKenzie, Member at Large	June 2013
Elaine McKenzie, Member at Large	June 2013

Note that the following Chapter Presidents are also part of the Board of Directors for their term in office.

Ted Gonsiorowski	I-A Chapter
John Salz	SPI Chapter
Jim Wertz	NEPA Chapter
Wayne Babiak	SSIPA Chapter

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

Past State Presidents maintaining current membership in IPA, continue to be a part of the State Board of Directors as voting members.

Brian Borecky, Immediate Past Pres.	SPI Chapter
David Block	I-A Chapter
Robert Frantz	NEPA Chapter
Dr. John J. Magon	SSIPA Chapter
Marilyn "Lynne" Trupin	I-A Chapter

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