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ILLINOIS PILOTS ASSOCIATION STATE NEWSLETTER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings IPA Members,

As I hope you will enjoy reading the new newsletter, I know I've been looking forward to it. Many thanks to State Secretary Wayne Babiak for stepping forward to produce and edit it. I believe it will be a great improvement to the communications among our organization. We are hoping to receive regular input from the Chapters, so we can keep up with what each other is doing. I would encourage all the Chapters to keep us informed of their activities, and also please inform me of anything you hear of around the state in aviation. After beginning the year helping to support Paxton Airport (1C1) through a closure scare, I later learned too late that the airport in my own home town of Hillsboro (3K4) had quietly closed.

Many of you may have heard by now that IPA lost a Past President this spring. Dr. Al Griffiths of Urbana lost his battle with lung cancer on May 28th. Al served as IPA President from 1995-97 and from 2002-06, and was also active in the Illini Area Chapter. In fact it was Al who first started transporting me to the Board of Directors meetings in his Comanche 250 when I became President of I-A Chapter in 2001, and I have remained active since then. All who knew him will miss him.

At the July meeting, the Board of Directors moved to add an additional \$100 into the IPA Scholarship fund in Memory of Al. The Board also increased the amount of the members' dues going into the fund to \$4.00 per membership, from the previous \$2.00. Frasca Field in Urbana (C16) was tentatively chosen as the site for the next IPA Annual Meeting, in May 2011.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!!

For several years, the State IPA had used America's Flyways Magazine to convey information to our membership. This magazine is no longer published. When it was, IPA had only a small portion on one page. IPA paid a sizeable amount of money to have this space.

What IPA has been missing for many years is a State Newsletter that can be large enough to include information as to what each Chapter is doing, as well as a summary of activities at the IPA State Level. This allows this information to be shared on a state wide basis with all of our members. It is the intent to accomplish this goal with this quarterly publication. I welcome your input either directly, or thru your respective Chapter. Note that this State newsletter is *not intended* to replace (but to supplement) your individual Chapter newsletter.

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# A RECAP OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

On May 15, 2010, the IPA State Annual Meeting and Safety Seminar was held at the DeKalb Taylor Airport (KDKB). It was a day filled with many activities to include interesting seminar speakers, exhibitors, flying competitions...and a good reason to get together for fellowship with other pilots.

## GUEST SPEAKERS...A variety of timely aviation topics...



Carol Para gave an update on the WINGS program



Robert Schmelzer discussed "Dumb Things Pilots Do"... and also gave a VFR Review



Gary Stevens gave an interesting presentation on What is "Safe"

In addition to hearing the "wisdom" of the above speakers, the above sessions qualified for the FAA Wings Pilot Proficiency Program

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER...DR. SUSAN SHEA , DIRECTOR Illinois Division of Aeronautics



Dr. Susan Shea gave her annual update on Illinois airports to include funding and construction activities



Dr. Susan Shea with students from Kishwaukee Education Consortium Aviation Program



Attendees listen to presentations at the Seminar sessions

From the photos, one can see that the Annual Meeting was more than IPA Board business sessions. The speakers, luncheon, exhibitors, and flying events (spot landing, balloon burst and flour bombing) all made this a "great day" at the airport.

Plan on attending the next Annual Meeting and Seminar to be held on **May 21, 2011**. Tentative location, Frasca Field (C16)

Special thanks to the Illinois *FAA*Team, Tom Cleveland-DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport Manager and to DeKalb Aviation for helping make this event possible

Photos taken by John Salz of the Springfield Chapter (SPI) and Cynthia Madsen of the South Suburban Chapter (SS)

## THANKS TO OUR EXHIBITORS



G & N Aircraft, Griffith, Indiana (05C)



Poplar Grove Airmotive  
Poplar Grove Airport (C77)



Avionics Place  
Rockford Airport (KRFD)



Rochelle Avionics,  
Rochelle Airport (KRPJ)

# CHAPTER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## NORTH EAST CHAPTER -- NEPA

### *Washington Island Fish Boil, 2010*

Every year on the third Saturday of July, the Lions Club of Washington Island, Wisconsin, holds a Fish Boil at the local airport (2P2). The island can be reached by air or water. A car ferry offers frequent service from the Door Peninsula. Free camping at the airport is available for those arriving by air.

**NEPA** has promoted participation in this event for at least the last 20 years. This year, as in many previous years, Piper Arrow N6398C made the flight. Departure was from the Landings Airport (82IS), Huntley, IL, at 06:20 am, on July 17. After departing VFR, the pilot activated an IFR flight plan (BAE GRB ESC). At 9000 feet, visibility was good, although hazy. IFR was canceled at Menominee (MNM). The flight continued VFR at 9500 feet with Flight Following, across Green Bay to the destination, arriving at 08:20 am.

Runway 2-20 (formerly 4-22) has been realigned and lengthened during the past year. It is now the same length as the other runway, 14-32. Runway 2-20 remained open during the Fish Boil, in contrast to previous years. Keith Chrastka was there, flying Piper 47T, with his friend Peggy. Doug Brezina was also there with his Piper and friend Margie. The Fish Boil was well attended, but not crowded. See the picture (upper right) of aircraft attending.

After eating and resting, swimming at Schoolhouse Beach is highly recommended. This year the water was cool but not cold, and the beach was popular. The Schoolhouse Beach is formed from rocks, not sand. Walking on the beach is much easier if sneakers are worn.

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Most of the aircraft depart Saturday afternoon, leaving the airport almost deserted for camping overnight. Dawn broke with some light rain, which ended early. The weather report showed weather between Green Bay and Milwaukee. N6398C departed VFR. The pilot activated an IFR flight plan with Minneapolis Center (GRB BAE DPA). As forecast, there was a good deal of IMC between Green Bay and Milwaukee at 8000 feet, with some significant turbulence. South of Milwaukee, conditions were visual. IFR flight was canceled close to the home base, and an uneventful landing concluded the trip.

Article by: John McConnochie, NEPA

## ILLINI AREA CHAPTER -- I-A

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The Illini Chapter's major activity in the past year was annual the IFR/VFR Seminar held every April in conjunction with the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation. This year's seminar was well attended and plans for the next Seminar are in the works.

At our regular monthly meetings, we have been discussing the following major topics: Future of the Institute of Aviation in lieu of the Universities financial condition; what is transpiring in the field dealing with aviation fuel; the status of Willard; the decline of general aviation; ADS-B, and possible relocation of the Champaign Tracon. These are discussed following our dinner so as not to "ruin our appetites".

At our August meeting we had the good fortune to host an award ceremony. Weldon Garrelts, one of our members, was presented the *Charles Taylor Master Mechanics Award* by FAA representative George Ballard. This award is presented to a rare few who have been involved in aviation for over 50 years, have held an A & P licenses for over 30 years, and have a stellar record as an aviation mechanic. Next month, we will meet at the Urbana Country club. Our speaker will be, Lloyd Longenbaugh, who flew P-38's in WWII and flew in Korea and Vietnam.

Article by: Ted Gonsiorowski

## NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION...

### **POSITION & HOLD GOES AWAY**

It is expected that after 9/30/10 the phrase "position and hold" will no longer be used by controllers, but will be replaced with "line up and wait." For more information, go to [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov).

### **NEW REGISTRATION RULES**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has published new regulations that dramatically alter the aircraft registration process and establish new requirements to ensure registration records are kept current. For full information, check out [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov).

## SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER -- SPI

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Springfield Chapter members look forward to resuming potluck dinner meetings September 1<sup>ST</sup> at Jim Thornton's hangar D-35 at Charlie Ramp after taking refuge from the extreme heat and stormy weather during most of the summer at a local restaurant. Officers for the year ahead are an encore assemblage of those who served last year. The roster and contact info is posted at the newly re-activated IPASPI web site -- [www.aeroknow.com/IPASPI.htm](http://www.aeroknow.com/IPASPI.htm) Highlights of the year include the successful raffle of a hand-crafted quilt by Margaret Oliver's mother, given away at our May 1 Charlie Wells Memorial Scholarship Breakfast. For the first time, it was a one-day event instead of two. Weather and attendance were excellent.

Starting June 21st, the Chapter hosted a visit by the Commemorative Air Force's B-17G "Sentimental Journey," which was displayed to the public through the 23rd. The Chapter obtained local sponsors for the big bird's flight and support crew, distributed IPA membership information during the three-day visit in sweltering summer heat and raised funds by selling drinks and snacks at the entry gate. We also hosted CAF crew at a potluck dinner held at Jim Thornton's hangar on Charlie Ramp.

Kudos to IPASPI President John Salz who received special recognition for his outstanding craftsmanship evident in his Xenon gyroplane at EAA's AirVenture 2010. John also attended the Popular Rotorcraft Association Convention in Mantone, Indiana and was awarded "TWO-PLACE" Reserve Champion" for his Xenon.



Long-time members Bill Copp (left) and Bob Culbertson visited CAF's "Sentimental Journey" during its late-June visit to KSPI



Commemorative Air Force B-17 flight and support crews enjoyed a special potluck supper arranged by IPASPI, during their visit to Springfield



Springfield Chapter officers serving this year are (seated) Kathy Coleman, secretary; Darly Copp, vice president; (standing left to right) Brian Innis, treasurer; John Salz, president; Job Conger, *Capital Crosswinds* editor

Article by: Job Conger, Editor, *Capital Crosswinds*

## SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER -- SSIPA

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The South Suburban Chapter had some interesting guest speakers at our recent Spring meetings (see below).

Our August Chapter "event" was the Annual Picnic, which was held on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Village of Lansing Municipal Hangar at the Lansing Airport (KIGQ); see photos at right.



Tending the grill, Tom Johnson (center), John Markey (right)



Enjoying food and conversation



L-R, Lauren Brown, Tim Brown, Bill Berkley



David Bertellotti, DuPage Flight Standards Office, focused on ground operations, April 2010



"Old Bob" Siegfried shared flying stories with our group, May 2010

### UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING



Dr. John Magon (CFI/CFII) will present: "Using IFR Charts for VFR Flying"

## STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Illinois Pilots Association State Board of Directors is comprised of members from the various Chapters along with Members at Large who do not have a specific Chapter affiliation. A State Directors Meeting is held on the third Saturday of each month at various airports across the State. The purpose of these meetings is to conduct the business of the IPA State organization of which all IPA members belong to.

The July 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting was held at Frasca Field (C16) in Urbana. See photo below.



A good turnout of Officers and Directors at the July 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. L-R: Brian Borecky, Bob Reynolds, John Salz, Rufus Hunt, Rudy Frasca (Guest), Dave Claxon, Wayne Babiak, Bob Frantz, Ruth Frantz



Rudy Frasca (Guest) and Dave Claxon-IPA State President

**UPCOMING STATE IPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS:**  
Board gathers at the airport at 11:30 A.M. to decide where to go for lunch. Meeting back at airport for Board Meeting starting at 1:00 P.M.  
Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> Litchfield (3LF) This meeting was just held  
Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Clow (1C5) tentative location  
Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Monmouth (C66) tentative location

All IPA Members may attend to see the Board in "action" (and if you are looking for a place to fly to for the afternoon).

Some noteworthy items discussed at this meeting were:

**Scholarship:** A motion was made and passed to increase the IPA State Scholarship Fund award amount from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 for 2011. The scholarship award is one of the major endeavors of IPA. Part of our dues to the State IPA goes to funding the scholarship. Numerous applications are received each year. *Check out the IPA State website for further information and pass this on to college aviation related students you may know.*

**Wings Competition:** The State IPA is starting the Wings Competition once again. Bob Frantz initiated this movement at a previous meeting with a motion made and passed. For some of you who were members of IPA for a number of years, you may recall that a competition between Chapters was held to see which Chapter could have the most members attain various levels of Wings. Bob Frantz along with John McConnochie of the NEPA Chapter are in the process of reviewing the new Wings program and to determine how the competition will work with respect to this. *Specific information to follow soon.*

For complete minutes of the State Board of Director's Meeting, go to: [www.illinoispilots.com](http://www.illinoispilots.com)

## 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](http://www.uspilots.org).

USPA will host a Fall Fly-In September 16-19 at Lawton, OK, including a tour of Ft. Sill. The agenda also includes a safety seminar, dinner banquet, USPA Hospitality Suite, fun and pilot "fellowship".

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## STATE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**OFFICERS:** July 1, 2010 Thru June 30, 2011

President: David Claxon	I-A Chapter
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Brian Borecky	SPI Chapter
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: John Salz	SPI Chapter
Treasurer: Robert Frantz	NEPA Chapter
Secretary: Wayne Babiak	SSIPA Chapter

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS:</b>	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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