

WINTER 2011

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello Illinois Pilots,

For most of us it's been a long, cold winter, and good flying weather has been scarce...the same can be said about good driving weather as well. Now that the snow is beginning to go away, I've been spending some time contemplating what needs done next when it finally gets warm enough to go out to the hangar. I have been promising myself to work diligently towards returning my airplane, and myself, to the air this year. This time I'm going to try harder.

Planning is continuing for the IPA Annual Meeting, set for May 21st at Frasca Field in Urbana. As of the writing of this newsletter we don't have as many confirmations as we would normally have; it seems vendors are slow to commit when the economy is slow. But we will certainly have some safety seminars and some flying activities, so I would encourage all IPA members to attend. Past meetings have been both informative and fun.

As most of you know, the State of Illinois is having financial difficulties, and is behind on making their payments, including payments to the University of Illinois. This has the University looking at many cost-cutting measures, and one of the areas it is looking at cutting is the Institute of Aviation. I am in the process of writing a letter to the Educational Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate in support of the Institute, and I know the Springfield Chapter has also asked their President John Salz to write a similar letter. By the time you see this newsletter, the EPC will have met, and the matter will be before the Senate. The A&P Maintenance Training program (the program I graduated from in 1987) has already been closed several years ago, and the degree programs have been transferred to other divisions, leaving only the Professional Pilot program. There are many unanswered questions about how this loss of flying activity would affect the operations of Willard Airport, or even if the University would then no longer see a need to own an airport.

John McConnochie, with help from Bob Frantz, is working on a "Wings" competition between the chapters. It will be scored relative to the size of the chapters, so the biggest chapter doesn't automatically win. Some of the details are still being worked out, but there is more information elsewhere in the newsletter. We intend to launch it at the Annual Meeting.

I'm looking forward to a good flying season as I'm sure many of you are also. I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting. Dave

STATE ANNUAL MEETING and SEMINAR

As President Dave Claxon indicates above, the State IPA Board is continuing to plan for the Annual Meeting and Seminar at Frasca Field (C16) in Urbana, Illinois on Saturday, May 21, 2011. 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 regarding guest speakers and other activities will follow soon via a separate flyer that will be sent out via e-mail to our members as well as the information to be posted on the www.faasafety.gov website.

NEWS AT THE IPA STATE LEVEL

STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The most recent meetings of the State Board of Directors were held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 and again on Saturday February 19th at 1:00 P.M. at the Central Regional Airport (KBMI) at the Prairie Aviation Museum. Just prior to the meeting, the Board gathered for lunch at CJ's Restaurant located in the old terminal building.

Included on the agenda was an update on the annual scholarship program; information has been sent to colleges in Illinois offering an aviation curriculum. Planning has started for the Annual State IPA Meeting and Safety Seminar to be held on Saturday, May 21st at Frasca Field (C16) in Urbana, IL. Information to follow as plans further develop.

Minutes of the Directors Meetings are posted on the State IPA website: <http://www.illinoispilots.com>. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 19th at the Schaumburg Airport (06C) at 1:00 P.M. As always, IPA members are invited to attend.

Editor's Note: Thanks to the Prairie Aviation Museum for allowing the State Board to use their meeting area without charge. If you are looking for a place to fly to and see something, consider KBMI and visiting the [Prairie Aviation Museum](http://www.prairieaviationmuseum.org/) (on the field). Website: <http://www.prairieaviationmuseum.org/>. Donations to support the museum are always appreciated. Hungry?? C.J.'s Restaurant is on the field as well.



Some of the exhibits on the inside of the Museum



Note the Link Trainer in the background



Officers and Directors in attendance at the January 15th meeting: Clockwise from left: Ruth Frantz, Bob Frantz, Dave Claxon, Wayne Babiak, John Salz, John McConnochie, Brian Borecky, Bob Reynolds



At the February 19th Board Meeting, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Frank Thompson, Curator (L) of the Prairie Aviation Museum by IPA State President Dave Claxon for allowing IPA to use the museum's conference area for our meetings.



Officers and Directors in attendance at the February 19th meeting: Clockwise from left: Rufus Hunt, Bob Frantz, Ted Gonsiorowski, Dave Claxon, Wayne Babiak, John McConnochie. Standing: Brian Borecky, Bob Reynolds

CHAPTER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Chapter President: John Salz
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SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER -- SPI

The Capital Crosswinds editor wants to hear from other Chapter newsletter editors regarding how you *successfully* motivate readers to contribute photos of their airplanes, news of their flying and aviation-related activities. Our January 2011 issue featured a 1/2 page Member Survey that asked for information we can share. When the next survey form arrives in response, it will be the *first*. President [Salz](#) has done a terrific job of forwarding news from FAA and Illinois IPA news. We welcome information that informs our members and is also likely appreciated by non-members who pick up our newsletter at the local FBOs and the airport terminal.

The 2011 Charlie Wells Memorial Scholarship Breakfast is slated for April 30 at Landmark Aviation's Hangar 1 at Springfield Airport (KSPI). [Clyde Zellers](#) MAY be on hand with his beautifully restored North American SNJ *Texan* and selling rides. A new general aviation display is slated to be installed at the airport by late spring. It will have information about all airport resources and organizations, including IPA/SPI. Kudos to the Springfield Airport Authority for their initiative. Members of our Chapter will be assisting Springfield's EAA Chapter 770 during the scheduled appearance of the B-17G "Aluminum Overcast," slated to be flying rides from the Landmark tarmac June 30 to July 4.

Article by Job Conger e-mail: writer@eosinc.com

ILLINI AREA CHAPTER -- I-A

Chapter President: Ted Gonsiorowski
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Our February meeting was the first of the new year and everyone was reeling from the recent Blizzard. Our speaker for the evening was [Nancy Kobel](#), President of the Chanute Air Museum Board of Trustees. Nancy brought us up to date with museum status and activities. The new board took over in November and has had its hands full paying down debt and trying to find a new location for the museum. Last year they hosted a number of events, a car show, dual museum visits with the Frasca Museum and the annual summer camp for kids to name a few. These events halved the debt and as a result numerous plans are being made for more events for this year. The most pressing issue is finding a home for the museum. The current building is old, the roof leaks badly, and the maintenance costs are very high. It is hoped that a fund raising program will help raise the funds required to obtain a new location. The museum needs volunteers and financial support, so if you are interested in maintaining the heritage of Chanute Field, now is the time to get involved.

The business meeting was centered around the status of the Institute of Aviation which is threatened to be closed down after 60 plus years of operation. The Institute fate will be determined by the faculty Senate in March. Everyone and their friends sympathetic to the Institute were encouraged to attend the Public Meeting on March 8th at the Noys lab to show their support of the Institute. If you can't attend please send/e-mail your comments to Educational Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate.

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Letters to state and federal congressmen and senators are also needed. Your support is needed NOW! More information on what has been transpiring can be found at <http://oc.illinois.edu/budget/projectteams.html>

Article by: Ted Gonsiorowski

UPCOMING FLYING EVENTS

BIG MUDDY AIR RACE

JUNE 4, 2011 CARBONDALE, IL
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AIRPORT (MDH)

Will be open to both experimental and production aircraft. Here is the tentative race course. This course highlights beautiful southern Illinois and runs you along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and over a lot of the Shawnee National Forest. As it stands, the run is about 162 nm and you'll fly over three states.

FOR ALL RACE DETAILS:

<http://bigmuddyairrace.blogspot.com/>

Sport Air Racing League

Contact Information: Sam Hoskins 618-967-0016



PROFICIENCY AIR DERBY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 (RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 18TH)
DEKALB, ILLINOIS - DEKALB TAYLOR AIRPORT (DKB)

Sponsored by Chicago Area 99s -- open to ALL pilots!! \$250.00 first prize. Cash and trophies for first 3 places plus spot landing. For entry forms and info: rvadams@aol.com

CHAPTER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

SOUTH SUBURBAN CHAPTER -- SSIPA

Chapter President: Wayne Babiak
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At the January 19th dinner meeting, flight instructor Ted Sanders presented a very timely and informative program on flying during the cold and dark Winter months. Some items Ted pointed out included:

- Check airport conditions to include ramp conditions, taxiway closures due to ice and snow.
- Check runway surface conditions and the effect of ice. This affects the breaking component.
- Be extra vigilant at night taxiing. Plan your taxi, know airport signs and markings. Study airport layout, copy taxi instructions...ask if you don't understand!
- In sparsely populated areas, identifying your location can also be difficult. Use the "Rule of Three". Identify at least three visual checkpoints such as a tower, highway, railroad.
- Carry extra flashlights with you.

UPCOMING MARCH SAFETY SEMINAR

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at
Lansing, IL Municipal Airport (KIGQ)
Registration: 6:30 P.M.
Program starts at 7:00 P.M.

Speakers and Topics will be:

ICE PROTECTION

Mr. Kevin Hawley, from Salina, KS. Kevin is President of CAV Aerospace Inc. CAV delivers TKS™ ice protection systems to aircraft manufacturers and retrofits after-market aircraft.

PROPELLER OPERATIONS

Mr. Sean O'Keefe, GA Sales Manager from Wheeling, IL who will present a program regarding "Propeller Operation and Pilot Propeller Care".

This annual seminar which our Chapter organizes in conjunction with the with the Illinois *FAAS*Team and FAA, FSDO DuPage, is a FAA Approved Safety Seminar. More information is available at: www.faasafety.gov

UPCOMING APRIL 20TH MEETING

Speaker will be Mike Miley of mytransponder.com. Mike will discuss the use of the iPad in aviation.



Ted Sanders addresses our group



Attendance at the January meeting

MORE IPA STATE NEWS...

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Posted on the State IPA website, is information regarding the IPA Scholarship program. Applications for consideration were due by March 1, 2011. The scholarship award is \$1,000.00. The Board will soon be reviewing the applications received so a determination of an award can be made. 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.

IPA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL COMPETITION BETWEEN CHAPTERS TO PROMOTE AVIATION SAFETY

Several years ago, the Illinois Pilots Association sponsored a Wings Proficiency competition. This competition was held between the IPA Chapters to see which Chapter had the most participants in the Wings Program. Of course, the Wings Program has changed as to how it is administered by the FAA with respect to the years in the past.

Inasmuch the quest for safety in aviation remains an important issue, the IPA State Board is reinstating the competition. State IPA Board Members John McConnochie and Bob Frantz have developed the ground (and air) rules for the competition.

The competition will be held between the current IPA Chapters; Gateway, Illini Area, NEPA, South Suburban, Springfield and also Members-At Large.

First and foremost, it is not going to be limited to just attending FAA sanctioned seminars and programs that qualify for the Wings Pilot Proficiency Program; these events are important and will count! However to further encourage staying proficient, other flying activities will also count towards the program. Points will be awarded as follows for the following activities:

- 1 point- Attendance at an FAA recognized safety meeting, or one session of ground instruction
- 2 points- Ground simulator practice, each hour
- 2 points- Student pilot certificate
- 3 points- Each hour of: Flight instruction, actual flight in instrument conditions, simulated instrument flight
- 4 points- Any certificate or rating earned during the year (such as Private, Commercial, ATP, Instrument). The completion of a BFR is also included in this category.

In addition to encouraging IPA members to continue their pursuit of aviation safety, the program will hopefully encourage friendly competition between the Chapters. Each Chapter would have a member to act as the Chapter Safety Coordinator. Members would report their accomplishments to their respective Chapter Safety Coordinator, who will in turn communicate the information to the State IPA Safety Committee.

The first year of the program will start with the Annual Meeting on May 21st, 2011 and end on the day before the Annual Meeting in 2012. Activities within that period would qualify. The winning pilot will be the one who accumulates the most points. The winning Chapter will be determined by adding the points earned by its members and dividing by the number of members in the Chapter. The winning pilot and Chapter will be recognized at the IPA Annual Meeting. Thanks to John McConnochie and Bob Frantz for developing this program. It will be educational and fun!! IPA contact for this competition is John McConnochie. Cell: 630.618.0055 e-mail: john@seagull.biz



2011 Illinois Aviation Conference May 24 - 25, 2011

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL

The Illinois Aviation Conference is sponsored by the Illinois Aviation Trades Association, Illinois Public Airports Association and the Illinois Department of Transportation Div/Aeronautics. This conference is unparalleled in Illinois for the composite networking of all segments of general aviation. For further information contact: **Illinois Aviation Trades Association**

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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.



The following is some information received from USPA

ARNOLD (ZIM) ZIMMERMAN PASSED AWAY

USPA Executive Director Emeritus Arnold (Zim) Zimmerman. "Zim" left this earthly plane to fly up and touch the face of God on Thursday, February 24. As Executive Director Emeritus, "Zim" was currently serving USPA as ByLaws & Finance Committee Chairman. He had been instrumental in the formation of both the Missouri Pilots Association and USPA. With 60 years of flying, "Zim's" greatest passion was aviation.

SENATE PASSES BILL

The Senate has passed the \$35 billion Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill by a vote of 87-8 after weeks of debate. The FAA bill would help streamline the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System – known as NextGen – a nationwide project designed to change the country's system from a ground-based one to a satellite-based one using GPS technology. The program, the 2004 brainchild of former Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, would improve aviation safety and capacity, save airlines money and cut down on delays and pollution, according to proponents. The bill - a two-year extension - now heads to the House.

BATON ROUGE FLY-IN REMINDER

SPRING 2011 USPA FLY-IN to Baton Rouge DATES: March 24-27, 2011. Includes FAA Safety Seminar program and social events. This is a fly-in "for fun" so one does not have to be a USPA member to attend. For detailed information go to www.uspilots.org.

AMERICA'S SALUTE TO AVIATION'S PIONEER COLORFUL WOMEN

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Ceremony to be held on Saturday April 30, 2011 at Lincoln Cemetery, 123rd Street and S. Kedzie Avenue in Chicago. Time: Ground ceremony starts at 1:00 P.M.

This event commemorates pilots

Bessie Coleman, Willa Beatrice Brown and Janet Harmon

In preparation for a "Fly-Over" at the cemetery, an Air Crew Briefing will be held at 1:00 P.M. at Lansing Municipal Airport (KIGQ). The cemetery "Fly-Over" will occur at 2:20 P.M.

For further information, contact Rufus A. Hunt Jr. Ph:773.785.9015 Rufus has been coordinating and directing this event for the past 32 years. He is an IPA Member at Large.

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

QUESTIONS ABOUT IPA MEMBERSHIP? CONTACT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN JOHN SALZ AT: jsalz@illinoispilots.com

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STATE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2 nd Vice-President: John Salz	SPI Chapter
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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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