

North East Pilots Association

July 2009 Newsletter

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General Membership meetings are held at the Schaumburg Airport (06C), in the lower-level conference room, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome!

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No NEPA General Membership Meeting in July 2009

There is no NEPA General Membership meeting in July. There will be an informal meeting on July 18th at the Washington Island Lions Club Fish Boil for any members who attend. The next NEPA General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6th, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the lower-level meeting/conference room at Schaumburg Airport (06C).

Best Wishes to Bob Frantz!

Bob Frantz had a fall which caused a serious injury. He will be recovering at the Rehabilitation Center until at least July 4.

The address is as follows:

Room 207-1
Sherman West Court
1950 Larkin Avenue
Elgin, IL 60123

To call Bob on the telephone, call 847-429-5327 and ask to speak to Bob Frantz.

The following Updates were provided by Bob Frantz:

USPA EMAIL NEWSLETTER NOT THERE YET

Last week's issue of AOPA's daily news blurb trumpets the fact that TSA has relaxed the requirements for transient pilots to be badged at commercially served airports (some 400) around the country. This is great. What a relief. I can finally get to MY airplane after hours without being arrested. What a great country we live in. TSA has given me back what I already have (had).

What they do not say is who is to pay for the cost of this "enhanced" security. This is pure and simply a tax passed on to the airport owner/operator and every business located on the airport, as well as the individuals who must be badged. Common sense tells you that if the cost of all of this is X dollars per year, the hangar rent, FBO charges, fuel prices, etc. will all be increased to pay for this. Here is another question. If you go through the onerous procedure of being badged at airport A, why cannot the badge be recognized at airport B or C? It has been done that way in Hawaii for twenty years.

The fact that the other alphabet organizations are still "negotiating" before Congress is ludicrous. This administration never met a tax they did not fall in love with. What is needed here is one or two airports to tell the government to take their contrived security program and fund it solely by the government. Otherwise the airports should refuse to go along with the program. If the government then tries to increase fees or taxes, let them justify why the program is needed at all. Tell us what the threat is. We are on the airports all day long.

There are forty-five congressional representatives already signed on as supporters of General

Aviation. Do you all really believe that negotiating with the alphabet groups is responsible for the elimination of the user fee proposals? We can win the Security battle as well, if we can find one or two courageous airport owners to fight back.

My gut tells me this is just another tool for the airlines to drive us out of joint use airports. What do you think?

Steve Uslan, President
United States Pilots Association

USPA EMAIL NEWSLETTER **NM SENATOR HEARS FROM USPA**

On May 26, Aspen Avionics in Albuquerque, NM, hosted a session on general aviation issues for Kevin Cummins, head staffer for aviation affairs for Senator Tom Udall of NM. Senator Udall is a member of the Commerce Committee and appears to want to strongly support the growing aerospace industry in NM.

Among the approximately 15 in attendance, including the Presidents of Sandia Aerospace and Aspen Avionics, was Ron Keller representing both the New Mexico Pilots Association and the United States Pilots Association. Ron expressed concerns over the new TSA security directives for badging, etc. at airports with commercial air service—including the half-baked security requirements imposed on general aviation, a segment of aviation not responsible for a large scale attack on this country. Mr. Cummins took many notes. Others promptly backed up Ron's statements. Ron also commented about the whole NexGen movement and the reauthorization, and the fact that GA pilots are expected to purchase new equipment for ADS-B, while still maintaining the RADAR transponders as a back-up system. Ron suggested that Congress approach the funding issue carefully, and ask why a back-up system is required if ADS-B is so good.

NMPA and USPA were the only pilots organizations represented at the meeting. Ron's presentations were both technical and comprehensive, and he was requested to provide further communications with the President of Sandia Aerospace who stated that Ron was right on the money.

Jan Hoynacki, Executive Director
USPA

Hi All,

Just thought I'd send this link on from Dan Scott, the pilot of the C47 that was in SPI for the Charlie Wells breakfast. It has some great photos from their trip to Columbia, MO a few weeks ago. I thought especially those that flew on it Sun would like these, but I think all of you airplane lovers will. I have not even had time to look at the photos I took while up in her, but I was very impressed with how smooth she flew and with Dan's flying skills. Never had been up in a DC3 before, but now that I have been, I'd love to have another chance to do so again!

http://albums.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?u=5140981&a_id=3973834

Also a quick update on Ron Gause, the B17 crewman from Atlanta, GA (with the big cowboy hat) who had to have emergency surgery Sun afternoon. I have stopped by every day to see him and Darley stopped in today and he is doing much MUCH better. I'm tellin' you, I was not sure he would make it when I saw him Sun afternoon, but I think with time he will be fine.

If anyone would like to stop by to visit him over the next few days, he is at Memorial Medical center. He is a wealth of information on the B17 and GA (guess that could be either General Aviation or Georgia)! Give me a call if you need more info.

Happy Flying!

JS

NEPA Meeting Minutes June 4, 2009 (Thursday) Schaumburg Airport (06C)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by President Jim Wertz

Attendance: Bob & Ruth Frantz, Ken Hermach, Steve Hill, Ken Keifer, John McConnochie, Erik Roffelsen, and Jim Wertz

Minutes of the Last Meeting, May 7: The minutes were prepared by the secretary and published in the NEPA Newsletter for June, 2009. Hill made a motion (2nd Keifer) to accept. The motion passed.

Newsletter: Bob Frantz contributed all the articles except the minutes.

Treasurer's Report, Ruth Frantz: The treasurer's report covered the months of April and May. A motion by Keifer (2nd Hermach) was made and passed.

Programs

- June 4: On Top IFR Simulator, demonstration by McConnochie
- July 18: Washington Island, WI (2P2)
- Aug. 6: Bob Frantz will present "Space Power", number 3 in a video series on air power

Outings

- June 7: DeKalb, IL (DKB), pancake breakfast
- June 6 - 7: Charlie Wells, SPI
- July 18: Washington Island, WI (2P2)
- July 27 to August 2, Air Venture at Oshkosh (OSH)
- August, near the end of the month: At Du Page Airport (DPA), the following aircraft will fly in and be on display: B17, B24, B25

IPA Meeting, DeKalb, IL (DKB), May 16, 2009

- 41 people attended.
- Speakers included
 - Dr. Susan Shea, Illinois Director of Aeronautics
 - Bob Schmelzer, United Airlines Captain, Boeing 777, 18 hour flight non-stop Chicago to Beijing
- Tom Cleveland, manager DKB, enthusiastically supported the meeting.
- Flying Contests: Balloon burst, flour bombing, spot landing
- The Annual Membership Meeting was held at 04:00 pm.
- The Annual Board Meeting was held at 4:30 pm.
- The Annual Scholarship was awarded to a recipient from Carpentersville, IL, who received the award in person.
- Cirrus Aircraft displayed its glass panel.

USPA with Missouri Pilots Association (MPA), Branson, MO. The following were the notable events:

- Exceptional air show
- Wall of Fire
- Patty Wagstaff, aerobatics
- Contentious membership meeting. A proposal to reduce face-to-face meetings with teleconferencing was passed.

Hill noted that the bylaws do not specify a quorum.

Hermach reported:

- Cirrus has a prototype jet plane with a single engine between a V-tail.
- M. I. T. engineers have developed a roadable aircraft named the Terrafuego Transition. This is a light sport aircraft which can be driven on roads in bad weather and flown in good weather.

Roffelsen reports that the Wankel engine is in the process of certification for aircraft.

Official NEPA outing for June: A motion by Bob Frantz (2nd Hermach) was approved to that the official NEPA outing on June 7 is the DeKalb (DKB) fly-in/drive-in breakfast.

Adjournment: Ruth Frantz moved (2nd Hermach) to adjourn at 09:26 pm.

Next NEPA General Meetings:


July 18, 2009 (Saturday) at Washington Island, WI (2P2)

August 6, 2009 (Thursday) at Schaumburg Airport (06C)

Minutes submitted by Secretary McConnochie

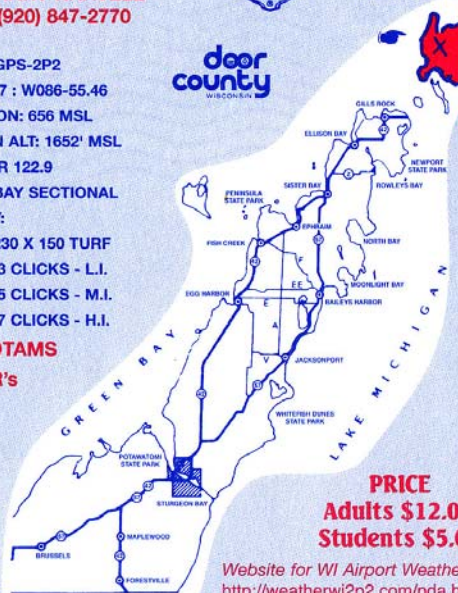
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<http://weatherwi2p2.com/pda.html>

The 56th Annual Washington Island Lions Club
FLY-IN WHITEFISH BOIL

Boiled Potatoes and Onions,
Cole Slaw, Coffee
and Dessert

Rain Date, July 19th - 11:00 a.m. til 1 p.m.

Saturday
July 18th

Everyone
Welcome!



No Tie-Down Fee!
Camp Under
Your Plane

Drive-In, Boat-In, Walk-In
(Not responsible for accidents.)

NEPA, IPA and USPA annual membership/renewal. Please check one:

[] \$10.00 for **NEPA**

[] \$24.00 for **IPA/USPA**

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