



South Suburban Chapter Illinois Pilots Association

A Chapter of Pilots from Illinois and Northwest Indiana

Soar High Like An Eagle!
Come to our January 18th Meeting!!



Did you ever wonder what it is like to fly an aircraft without engine power? Imagine the feeling of gliding in the sky down to making a power-off landing. If all of this "peaks your interest", then this upcoming meeting is definitely one you will want to attend.

William (Bill) Strawbridge who is associated with the Park Forest South Aviation Group will be the guest speaker. He will give us firsthand insight of what it feels like to experience this type of flying. He will also review the training needed to earn a glider rating.

Bill Strawbridge is known to many of us. His aviation experiences include extensive involvement with the Civil Air Patrol. Bill has over his flying career, owned several aircraft.

He is a flight instructor with a wealth of knowledge which includes giving flight instruction in gliders. He has trained many pilots who have gone on to flying careers both in civilian and military environments.

Our Chapter is looking forward in welcoming Bill to this upcoming meeting. *Mark it on your calendars!!*

Park Forest South Aviation Group (PFSAG) is a not-for-profit soaring organization based at Lake Village Indiana Airport (C98), chartered for the purpose of supporting Civil Air Patrol and other aviation-related educational activities. PFSAG is a Chapter of the Soaring Society of America (SSA), a national organization dedicated to the promotion of the sport of soaring. PFSAG's website is: www.illianasoaring.org.



Above photos are from the Park Forest South Aviation Group's website

OUR MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

If you know other pilots, please encourage them to attend. They do not have to be IPA Chapter members to participate in our meetings. The meeting will be at **Popolano's Restaurant**, 17940 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, IL. Phone: 708.474.0425. Dinner orders taken starting at 6:30 PM. Program starts at 7:30 PM. Order from the menu at your expense from a sandwich to a full dinner. Please come hungry and order something. Popolano's extends us the use of their facilities for our group. Patronization of their establishment is appreciated.

The 2011 Christmas Party



The annual SSIPA Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 14th at Popolano's Restaurant in Lansing.

This annual holiday event, had a good turnout. The evening was filled with lively conversation. In addition to having dinner, some of our members in attendance brought contributions in the form of useful articles and monetary donations for the Restoration Ministries.

Here are some photos of the evening.



Upcoming Program Schedule

The following is a listing of SSIPA Chapter meeting dates thru May. We are off to a great start this year with the program line-up consisting of interesting topics and speakers.

January 18th: Sailplanes and Soaring.
Speaker: Bill Strawbridge. See page 1 of this newsletter.

February 15th: An update on the Griffith Airport Chinese student flight training program.
Speaker: Michael Padgett, Flight Instructor.
Mike will talk about the training program.

March 21st: Annual Safety Seminar. See Page 3 for further information and speakers.

April 18th: A History of O'Hare Airport.
Speaker: Michael Branigan, author of the book, "A History of Chicago's O'Hare Airport"

May 16th: A program about flying in the Northwestern U.S. John Markey of our Chapter is working on the program to include some possible video. Also...Chapter Board elections.

We *do not* have Chapter meetings in June or July.

August 15th: Annual Chapter Picnic.

March Safety Seminar

Planning is well underway for the SSIPA Safety Seminar. The date and location of the Seminar is:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: LANSING MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KIGQ)
GLENWOOD-LANSING RD. & BURNHAM AVE.
LANSING, IL

WILL BE HELD AT THE: **SUN AERO HELICOPTER HANGAR**

Once again as in previous years, this seminar which is an annual event, will consist of an evening of very timely and informative topics. **THIS SEMINAR QUALIFIES FOR THE FAA WINGS PILOT PROFICIENCY PROGRAM.** This seminar is co-sponsored by the South Suburban Chapter-Illinois Pilots Association and the Illinois *FAA*Team.

The following speakers are scheduled to give presentations:

Doug Cunzeman: "Post Crash Survival"

Ed Malinowski: "Crash Investigations"

More information to follow in upcoming Chapter newsletters.

Illinois Pilots Association

What's Happening at the State Level

The State IPA, of which all SSIPA Members belong to, will be holding the first State Directors Meeting of 2012 in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, January 21st at 1:00 P.M. It will be held at the Prairie Aviation Museum which is at the Bloomington Airport (KBMI). The meeting is open to all IPA Members. The Directors meet for lunch at CJ's Restaurant at 11:30 A.M. (old terminal bldg.) prior to the meeting.

Applications are being accepted up to March 1st for the 2012 IPA Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship is for \$1,000 to be awarded to an Illinois resident student in a college aviation program. More info: www.illinoispilots.com.

Planning is underway for the State IPA Annual Meeting and Safety Seminar to be held at Frasca Field sometime in May. Details to follow in upcoming newsletters.



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Safety Competition Reminder

SSIPA Members, please review your flying activities and turn in your qualifying activities at the next Chapter meeting. Need another form? Not a SSIPA Member? Contact Wayne Babiak at: web44aia@comcast.net

Aircraft For Sale

1979 AA5A Grumman Cheetah

Engine is a Lycoming O-320, M20 oil separator, Zeftronics voltage regulator.
Avionics: Apollo GX55 GPS, 2 King KX170B nav/com radios, 2 King VOR indicators (one with glideslope), Garmin GTX320A transponder, King KMA20 TSO Audio panel, PS Engineering PM1000II intercom with voice/radio recorder, Century I Auto Pilot, Monroy ATD 300 Traffic Watch. Plane always hangared. Maintained by Excel-Air Services, Rensselaer, IN.
\$36,000.00 or best offer
Contact SSIPA Member: Don Zikas at 219.513.1353
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JANUARY MEETING:

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
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6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Meeting
Further information in this newsletter

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