



### ***Aviation Outreach— Educate, Involve and Entertain the Aviation Community*** ***Your Chicago Executive Pilots Association is at work***

Last month we held our first Board Meeting of 2025. We started working on the budget, approving the re-investment of our scholarship funds, working out calendar conflicts and getting to know our new Board members.

We educated pilots at our monthly safety program at Harper College Prospect Heights on the 22nd

For the first time our organization had a display table at the Chicago 99s Aviation Expo on the 25th, with great results. 5 of our 7 Board members worked the event and countless numbers of CEPA members attended. Thanks to our Matt Souza and Rusty Stevens for manning the booth. And Michael Baraz for speaking to the IFR group, acting as lead FAA Safety Rep for Wings Program and handling AV for the whole event.

Our plans include a booth at Run the Runway, our Annual Scholarship Presentation in July, and lots more. Check out the calendar on page 2 to see what's next!

We welcome your participation and want to seek your help.

Join in,

*Madeleine Monaco,*

President, CFI and Co-Founder of CEPA in 1986

#### **JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 11th AT HARPER COLLEGE**

This event is jointly sponsored by Leading Edge Flying Club and CEPA.

**Tuesday February 11th at 7:00pm**

**Harper College Learning & Career Center**

**1375 S Wolf Road, Prospect Heights, IL**

*(just south of KPWK—east side of Wolf Rd—use south door to enter)*



***Celebrate Lou Wipotnik's  
career and life adventures  
and accomplishments  
in aviation!***

**Come and hear what a senior KPWK pilot  
has accomplished in a lifetime of flying.  
All are welcome.**

#### **AND JOIN US AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 26th AT HARPER COLLEGE**

**For our regular monthly Safety Presentation**

**Presenter Dan Wirt, WAir Aviation**

#### **SIMULATE BEFORE YOU AVIATE**

For those with the desire, the patience, and – dare I say – a “screw loose” to become a pilot, welcome to the <1% club! (T-shirts on back order). Training to become a pilot is something that few accomplish, and get good at and stay proficient. As a pilot you think differently, you break down tasks in a different way, you assess risks by habit, and you are a master multitasker.

Science and technology have provided us with many gifts that have graced our flight decks. More things to monitor, means more things to do at the same time. More things in the airplane means more that can fail or go wrong. Having to learn more means more cost to learn and stay proficient.

How do today's aspiring pilots stand a chance to learn the procedures and flows they will need, while taking some of burden off their wallet.

**ENTER: THE SIMULATOR!**

Join us as Dan presents the program which will make you believe how much you can and should learn in a simulator.

**WINGS CREDITS AWARDED AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION**

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**2025 CALENDAR**

**OUR BOARD MEETS MONTHLY 1st Monday 7pm  
Atlantic Aviation Conference Room 7:00pm**

2-3	8-6	
3-5	9-3	Atlantic
4-7	10-1	Aviation
5-5	11-5	Conference
6-2	12-3	Room
7-7		

**SAFETY PROGRAMS**

1-22	5-28	10-22
2-26	6-25	11-12
3-26	8-27	HarperCollege
4-23	9-24	Prospect Hts



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**SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDS EVENT**

**Membership** in Chicago Executive Pilots Association is open to any user of Chicago Executive Airport. Dues are \$40.00 annually and include a subscription to our monthly newsletter.

**Associate Members** (family members, businesses at KPWK, youth aviation organization members-like Aviation Explorers, Civil Air Patrol and others) are \$15.00 per year.

**Student Members** \$15.00 per year are expected to change to another category upon earning their first certificate.

CEPA has many ways you can maximize your membership  
 Safety programs    Social events    Newsletters  
 Discounts on Fuel at our FBOs and local restaurants  
 Outreach to our neighboring communities/residents

Chicago Executive Pilots' Association Newsletter is published monthly This organization was formed in 1986 as a forum for the users of Chicago Executive Airport (formerly Palwaukee) and as a conduit for information from the users to the governing body and from the governing body to the users. Our mission is to promote the safety of operations and continued development of Chicago Executive Airport in a fraternal environment with the pilots, users and community. Membership is open to users of Chicago Executive Airport who support the goals and objectives as stated in the bylaws. Dues are \$40.00 annually and include newsletter.

*Letters to the Editor, feedback, concerns or questions and any articles submitted must be received by the 20th of the month. Submissions will be printed on a space available basis and may be edited for style, length and appropriate content. Send text as a Microsoft Word file attached to an email to editor@pwkpilots.org. Please make prior arrangement with the editor for any files not electronically transmitted.*

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### Chicago Executive Airport 2024-25 Board of Directors Meeting Dates

*Meetings take place at the Administration Building, 1020 Plant Road, Wheeling, Illinois, at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call (847) 537-2580 during regular office hours or email [info@chiexec.com](mailto:info@chiexec.com) for meeting information.*

January 15, 2025  
April 17, 2025  
July 17, 2025  
October 16, 2025

February 21, 2025  
May 15, 2025  
August 21, 2025  
November 20, 2025

March 20, 2025  
June 19, 2025  
**September 18, 2025\***  
December 18, 2025