



Dear Members and Friends,

We see changes coming and have hope for aviation's future. Our FAA MOSAIC safety program presentation later this month should add clarity to the huge revisions that were just published. Some of our pilots are excited about the possibilities. The pilot hiring reports show great need still there for new jobs. The innovations in aircraft manufacturing and safe unleaded fuel are promising. The student starts remain strong. And we have newcomers to our KPWK family every month.



Please do your research in aviation (and in other parts of life) It is a world filled with AI and memes and sarcasm and rhetoric. A good pilot is always learning—so chose carefully when you make your flight plans; your career plans; your financial plans. You are part of an industry that can be as unforgiving as it is exciting. Always be your best, do your best and keep the blue side up!

Join us this coming November for our annual meeting. Add the Safety Programs to your calendar . Plan to meet your fellow CEPA aviators in December at our Holiday Party. And enjoy the world of aviation.

Wheels up,

*Madeleine Monaco*, President

### FAASTeam HONORS



Congratulations to our Program Manager, Treasurer and Past President, Michael Baraz, pictured here with D'Wayne Collins from the FSDO as he is being presented with an award for his efforts to improve aviation safety in the Chicago Area. Thank you, Michael, for helping us to stay safer and spreading your knowledge area-wide.

### ELECTION TIME FOR CEPA

Our CEPA Board of Directors includes 4 officers:

President, Madeleine Monaco  
Vice-President, Matt Souza  
Secretary, Kevin Frank  
and Treasurer, Michael Baraz

and 3 Directors, John Munger, Chris Oakes and Rusty Stevens.

The Officers, which you elected last year, serve a two year term and the directors serve for one year.

We are asking our members who are interested in serving as Directors for the 2026 year, to contact us at [papa@pwkpilots.org](mailto:papa@pwkpilots.org). Please put ELECTION in the subject line.

Our Nominating Committee will be evaluating and selecting the proposed slate and a ballot will be sent to all voting members.

Consider joining us in our work to provided a voice to the users of KPWK and education and scholarships to aviators. The Board meets once a month, on the first Monday of each month to conduct the business of the organization.

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**2025 CALENDAR**

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

10-6		Atlantic
11-3		Aviation
12-1		Conference Room

**SAFETY PROGRAMS**

10-29 Harper College

**ANNUAL MEETING**

11-12 Prospect Hts



**DECEMBER**

17

6:30 pm

**HOLIDAY**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**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

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 PILOTS ASSOCIATION

SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMMING CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER



[Learning and Career Center](#)

1375 South Wolf Road, Prospect Heights, 60070

Located on Wolf Road, one block south of Palatine Road



On Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00pm

CFII Michael Baraz presented a specially prepared program on VFR Collision Avoidance.

Our next presentation will review and discuss the new MOSAIC changes to the aviation world.

If you are one of the pilots who has been waiting to hear about these changes and how they affect you, please mark your calendar's for October 29, 7:00pm Harper College

Our Past President, Michael Baraz, Lead FSDO FAAS Team Rep, will be sharing the new rules and how they might affect you.

WINGS CREDITS AWARDED AT END OF PRESENTATION

## REPORT FROM OUR KPWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JEFF MILLER,

### ► Construction Projects

- Northeast Quadrant New Tie Down Area – moving tenants over by the end of the month of September/early October
- MWRD Sewer Lining Project: Substantial work completed and there should be no impacts to the airfield as they close out their work under runway 16/34
- Taxiway Echo/Hotspot mitigation: FAA has requested additional funds as the project bids came in 28% higher than expected.
- EMAS replacement work. We are working to get the repairs to the EMAS done by October 31<sup>st</sup> but this will depend on EMAS replacement block availability.
- Sky Harbour Project: Closing date set for September 30th for the Airport purchasing the former Ramada property.
- Runway 6/24 closure: Working through FAA requests on the environment assessment before the report is sent to FAA headquarters for review.
- Vacation of Plant Road. The Airport is bringing the Road under airport ownership, since we already maintain the road.
- ADS-B antenna removal starts the week of September 22nd, should have no impact to operators or ADSB broadcasting.

### NEW MEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

Welcome to the organization

MATTHEW WAGNER

To all of our CEPA Members: We operate not just by Board Member efforts, but also with the help of other members who have interests in specific areas. Please consider offering some of your skills, talents, and time, in the following Committees:

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP  
ADVERTISING SOCIAL MEDIA FUND RAISING**

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## Giant City Airstrip – near Makonda, IL. To be restored by the Recreational Aviation Foundation

Giant City State Park was formed in 1927. It now comprises 4,000 acres of primarily forest land and unique geologic features, a vestige of Illinois' unglaciated past. In 1946 30,000 light aircraft like Champs and Cubs, were built in the United States. In 1950 work started on a grass airstrip east of the lodge to meet the needs of this post war boom in aviation, and what was to become, General Aviation. This airstrip along with six others in Illinois State Parks served visiting pilots and passengers for three decades. The Giant City airstrip was then abandoned around 1984. All institutional memory of this airstrip was lost.

In 2019 the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) began discussions on the possibility of restoring this historic airstrip. The RAF proposes to restore, chart and maintain this airstrip at its own expense, for use by all aviators.

IDOT Div. of Aeronautics and IL DNR are aware of this volunteer RAF, project and see its potential to bring more visitors to Southern Illinois and create a piece of living history. All at no expense to the State of Illinois. We need the Governor's office to say yes. We are asking for your help with this effort. Please call your contacts in Springfield, IL. and voice your support for this unique project.



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After years of pursuing the Illinois State Parks management, and the Illinois DNR, our RAF Rep, Mike Purpura has received a positive reaction to his quest to reopen Giant City State Park's Airstrip. If you have access to any contact in the Governor's office, or to any member of the legislature who is a pilot or supportive of aviation in our state, please contact them and share this info and request. We will be presenting this proposal on RAF's behalf at the annual induction of new Hall of Famer's October 16. If you would like to join us at this event please see the invitation and registration info on the next page.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2025 7:00PM**

**HARPER COLLEGE, LEARNING AND CAREER CENTER**

**1375 S WOLF ROAD**

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## 2025 Banquet Registration Form

Thursday October 16, 2025 at 6PM Registration and Bar Open at 5PM

Hilton Garden Inn St. Charles, Illinois (Near DuPage Airport)

4070 East Main Street \* St. Charles, IL 60174 \* (630) 584-0700

Please fill out the information for your reservation This will be used to contact you if there are questions on the reservation, or in the event that there are changes in the hotel situation.

**All banquet tickets are \$70.00**

Dinner is Chicken Parmesan, served with salad dessert and drink.

A vegetarian/vegan/gluten free option of Ratatouille Lattice on gluten-free pasta is also available.

*Chris Oakes*, Chicago Executive Pilots Association, Hall of Fame Representative

Please list all members of your party on the lines below, along with their meal choice.

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Please mail or email this form with a check made out to Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame to:

Mr. Tom Cleveland, Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

1117 Foxpointe Drive

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**All reservations must be made by October 6, and payment must also be made by October 6, 2025**

**No payments will be accepted at the banquet**