

Dear Members and Friends,

On Wednesday, November 12, our Chicago Executive Airport Annual Meeting will be held in the classroom at Harper College Learning and Career Center, 1375 S Wolf Road, Prospect Heights, IL



The results of our electronic vote for election of directors will be announced. An excellent Safety Program on winter flying will be presented by Lou Wipotnik, past CEPA President and member of the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. A “State of the Airport” report from Executive Director Jeff Miller will be given.



We hope to see you there for the last safety program of 2025. Its been a great year, full of informative presentations and we would like your input on subject matter requests for next year.

We also welcome volunteers to help out at social functions, and airport events. Please share some of your time with us for the good of aviation!

Wheels up,

Madeleine Monaco, President

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 17, 2025

THE 122ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS FIRST FLIGHT

Beer, wine, soft drinks Appetizers and snacks

Raffle prizes Games and good cheer.

All included in the cost—\$50 per person (to benefit the PAPA Scholarship Fund)

PRIESTER AVIATION

1061 S WOLF ROAD Hangar 9

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Reserve your spot on line at pwkpilots.org

Cocktail attire Membership not required—ALL welcome Reserve by Dec 13th

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2025 CALENDAR

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

11-3

12-1

Atlantic
Aviation
Conference
Room

SAFETY PROGRAMS

ANNUAL MEETING

11-12

Harper College
Prospect Hts

**DECEMBER**

17

6:30 pm

HOLIDAY**PARTY****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, October 29 at 7:00pm CFII Michael Baraz presented a program on MOSAIC to give our members and guests an update about these changes and how they affect you

Our next presentation will be on Winter Operations featuring Past President Lou Wipotnik.
Lou is a recently retired long time flight instructor, CAP officer, Safety Team member, and speaker.

Please mark your calendar for November 12, 7:00pm Harper College

This is our association's Annual Meeting and will feature a presentation by Chicago Executive Airport's Executive Director.
Jeff Miller, who will present a "State of the Airport" Report.

We also will report on the results of our election of Directors for 2026. Join us to meet your Board.

WINGS CREDITS AWARDED AT END OF PRESENTATION

REPORT FROM OUR KPWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JEFF MILLER

We're still waiting on the final walkthrough from the State for the new Northeast tiedown area. Once we know the date aircraft can move over, we'll notify the tenants.

The Airport is hoping the EMAS repair can take place in November, but that's still dependent on material availability.

We recently sent out a reminder that any outside entities working at PWK (not based here) must have an airport permit and insurance on file. The most common example in a T-hangar situation is maintenance work. This requirement doesn't apply to non-commercial activity, but if money is being exchanged for services, it's considered a commercial operation.

Lastly, with no end in sight for the government shutdown, some tenants and the Airport have sporadically bought breakfast, lunch, or dinner for our air traffic controllers. They've been very appreciative, so if any of your members are interested in doing something similar, it's always well received.

NEW MEMBERS IN OCTOBER

Welcome to the organization

VICTOR SHEEDY

Save the date

THE 99S ANNUAL IFR VFR SAFETY SEMINAR
JANUARY 31, 2026 FROM 8-4
THE HILTON CHICAGO NORTHBROOK,
2855 MILWAUKEE AVE, NORTHBROOK, IL
(just south of PWK on Milwaukee)

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
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ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME

As previous winners of the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame, Spirit of Flight Award, CEPA is always happy to witness Hall of Fame honorees from our home airport. We were proud to be present as Joe Long was inducted on Oct 16.

Joe served 26 years with the Chicago Police Department, served 32 years with the USAF, was on active duty with the Illinois Air National Guard at ORD, flew in Desert Storm, and retired as a Special Agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

A member of the Civil Air Patrol for 21 years, a CFI, CFII, and Commercial Multi engine pilot. He is also a CEPA member.

Congratulations, Joe, on this high honor.



Other inductees from our airport:

1983 - George Priester
1986—Harold J Holmes
1988—Raymond J. Johnson
Sally H. Stempel
1997—Esther E. Noffke
1998—Charles Priester
William Turgeon
2009—E. Allen Englehardt
Howard Levinson
2013—John “Jack” Sheridan
2015—Beverlee Greenhill
2016—Charles Boyle
Lou Wipotnik
2018—Al Palicki
2019—Doug Powers
2021—Rob Mark
2025—Joe Long

Spirit of Flight Honorees from PWK:

1998—Palwaukee Airport Pilots Assoc (now CEPA)
2020—Aviation Explorer Post #9

Chris Oakes, CEPA Representative
to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

Nominations are open for the 2026 honors:



Nomination of Candidates for induction into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame

Criteria for Induction:

- Individual must have been involved in some aspect of aviation, principally in Illinois, over an extended period of time, (15 or more years) rather than consideration for a single event
- Individual must have made a substantial contribution to the development of Illinois aviation with a high degree of excellence in activities
- The individual's aviation involvement should include activities beyond paid employment
- Individual should be beyond the “mid-career” point
- Individual must have unquestionable good character
- Complete nomination packages must be received by March 31, 2026

Nominations for the Spirit of Flight Award

- The organization should be Illinois based
- Service should be continuous over a long period of time
- The organization should have made a substantial contribution to aviation in Illinois
- Nomination packages must be received before March 31, 2026

Nomination Forms are available online at: www.ilavhalloffame.org
Or by contacting Charley Rodriguez

Send to
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C/O Charley Rodriguez
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(618) 534-1105

A MESSAGE FROM AIRPORT OPS

In an effort to encourage credentialed individuals to voluntarily update their vehicle and insurance information, we've created the attached QR code flier, which you may have already seen.

Although we've distributed this through several of our own channels, we would greatly appreciate your partnership in sharing it with your clients, affiliates, club members, and others.

Whether through a general update email, inclusion in a newsletter, posting it in your office or common areas, or simply mentioning it at meetings, any effort to help us spread the word would be greatly appreciated.

We are beginning this voluntary process due to the frequency with which individuals add, replace, or remove vehicles from their households.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

Best regards,

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NEW QR CODE



Chicago Executive Pilots Association

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov 12, 7:00 pm Annual Meeting Harper College
Winter Operations, Directors Introduced, State of the Airport Report



Wednesday, Dec 17, 6:30 pm Holiday Cocktail Party Priester Aviation Hangar 9 Party Room

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm 99s Aviation Expo & IFR VFR Safety Seminar
Hilton Chicago Northbrook Day long learning and exhibits for pilots and friends

