



Dear Members and Friends,

Whatever you celebrate, wherever you go, we hope that you enjoy the holiday season with friends and/or family and stay safe and warm! Please join us to celebrate December 17th.



Happy Holidays

Madeleine Monaco, President

CHICAGO EXECUTIVE PILOTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

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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CALENDAR

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

Board Meetings

Jan 5	Jul 6	
Feb 2	Aug 3	
Mar 2	Sep 7	
Apr 6	Oct 5	
May 4	Nov 2	Atlantic
June 1	Dec 7	Aviation
		Conference
		Room

Safety Programs

Jan 28	Jun 24	
Feb 25	Aug 26	
Mar 25	Sep 23	Harper College
Apr 22	Oct 28	Prospect Hts
May 27	Nov 11	

Social Events

July Member Appreciation Hangar
 Party and Scholarship Awards

December Holiday Party

Dates and places tbd

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.

CHICAGO EXECUTIVE PILOTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 1005 S WOLF ROAD STE 106 WHEELING, IL 60090-6408

CHICAGO EXECUTIVE PILOTS

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Members can place aviation related ads here free of charge
Contact "newsletter@pwkpilots.org" by 20th of the month.

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, November 12, 7:00pm Harper College we held our association's Annual Meeting.

We announced election results and introduced our Board Members present, including new Director Kevin Livesay.

We enjoyed a presentation by Chicago Executive Airport's Executive Director, Jeff Miller,
who gave a "State of the Airport" Report.

Our Past President and Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee, Lou Wipotnik
made an educational presentation on winter flying and the dangers of ice.

Our 2026 Safety Programs will be announced in the near future!

A good pilot is always learning.

CHICAGO 99s 2026 AVIATION EXPO

IFR/VFR Safety Seminar & Flying Companion
Aviation Vendors

Saturday, January 31, 2026 8 to 4

Hilton Chicago Northbrook
2855 Milwaukee Ave,
Northbrook, IL 60062



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Reeves Spatial Disorientation Story

Gary "GPS"
ATC for IFR

VFR CLASSROOM

Winter Survival Course
Pilot Mental Health

Runway Safety School
Mosaic Changes

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Knowledge to Improve Your Comfort
as a Passenger in the Cockpit

Program presented by Chicago Area Chapter 99s
What Makes it Fly?? Communication Basics
Navigation Process Stay Calm and Carry On!

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HISTORY LESSON—PAPA, CEPA, YESTERDAY & TODAY

OUR MISSION SINCE 1986 * Promoting and preserving safe and efficient operation of the general aviation airport system to the benefit of the community and to advance public understanding and interest in the beneficial use and utilization of aviation through educational and charitable means. * Unifying the interests of all supporters and users of the Chicago Executive Airport and through unity, creating a voice more readily heard in all forums. * Organizing the activities of the members as a group in establishing and maintaining good relationships with the community, the Airport Authorities representing the Village of Wheeling and City of Prospect Heights, as well as favorable and accurate aviation reports and reviews by the press, radio and television. * Furthering the cause of aviation safety, utility and enjoyment through a corporate participation in the opportunities to comment on issues, on proposed regulations, and on pending legislation. * Providing, through mutual action, functions and activities which present the Airport and aviation as a valuable resource to the local municipalities and to the county and state. OUR PAST AND FUTURE WORK * Grew from the grass roots reactions to the purchase of our airport by Prospect Heights/Wheeling in 1985. Initial meeting netted approximately 80 members and grew to over 300 members in a few short years. * Attended almost every meeting of the controlling government body for more than 30 years. Had pilots/ members sitting on that body for many years. * Provided monthly newsletters to KPWK users keeping them informed consistently for more than 30 years. * Worked with city/village governments including presenting requests and information at city/village council meetings. Had members serving in municipal government. * Won the praise of the AOPA for organizing efforts. * Won an award presented by the FAA for Outstanding Airport Action Group. * Won the Spirit of Flight Award given by the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. * Interceded with Com Ed to mark and then bury the wires at the south east corner approach to RWY 6. * Succeeded in keeping the owning municipalities from closing one of our runways. * Convinced the FAA to support keeping TWY Lima open full length of 16/34. * Presented more than 170 FAA approved educational safety seminars open to ALL for free * Lobbied successfully for a 2nd FBO on the field and kept communications open with all FBOs since. * Lobbied successfully for affordable T Hangars and lobbied for marketing the empty tiedowns unsuccessfully. * Still lobbying for affordable, municipal, non-FBO based fuel supply provided by our landlord. * Provided programs of benefit to the neighboring communities: children's aviation education, any age first flights, outreach to local schools, participation in career fairs, Master Plan meetings, airport tours, charity events and countless other "good citizen" activities. * Provided a highly successful and enduring college aviation scholarship program. Many thousands of dollars given in more than 35 scholarships to Illinois students in Illinois institutions of higher learning, all the while growing a 501 fund that will eventually be self sustaining. Our members should be very proud.

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**

EMAIL: papa@pwkpilots.org put VOLUNTEER on subject line

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,

Andrew J. Wolanik, C.M., ACE
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NEW QR CODE



DO NOT FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 17 6:30PM

PRIESTER AVIATION HANGAR 9

