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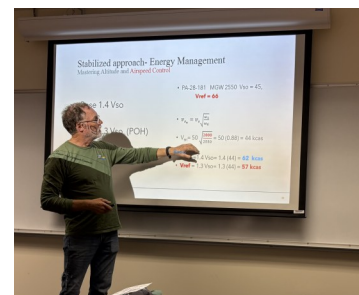
I wonder if anyone was flying during the lunar eclipse near the end of August. If you were—send some photos!

CEPA SAFETY MEETING REPORT

Our August 26th Safety Program featured DPE Fred Sweet

A large group of interested pilots, both CEPA members and guests, attended his presentation on stabilized approaches. He addressed issues that align with the FARs and for students and CFIs teaching and reviewing landings.

POST PROGRAM BRIEFING



PRE PROGRAM BRIEFING

Our September 23rd Safety Program will feature CFI, ATP, Flight School Safety Officer, Dave Klopffleisch speaking on checkride "Special Emphasis Areas". The FAA counsels their DPEs and distributes the areas of concern that arise over time and focuses on them. Dave prepares CFIs for employment, and students from Private on up for checkrides. He will address issues that are current.



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**Our October 28th meeting will feature a special film presentation
The Pulitzer Electric Air Race**

And a panel discussion of the future of electric aviation

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CALENDAR

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

Board Meetings

Sep 7	Atlantic Aviation Conference Room
Oct 5	
Nov 2	
Dec 7	

Safety Programs

Sep 23	Harper College
Oct 28	Prospect Hts
Nov 11	

December Holiday Party

December 16, Sunday

Chevy Chase Country Club

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 Airport—Executive Director Update

- The Airport is working to clear tree obstructions on private property near Waste Management that are blocking the tower's view of Taxilane Papa. Thank you to Jim Loerzel for bringing this to our attention.
- The Airport signed a lease with NetJets for the construction of a new terminal and ramp just south of Signature FBO, between Signature and the future Aviation Community Center.
- The Airport received a **\$5 million grant from the State of Illinois** for the new Aviation Community Center. Planning and design work is underway with our architects, Wight.
- The hot spot reconfiguration project may be pushed to **Spring 2027** due to contractor issues.
- The Airport selected **Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT)** and **Mead & Hunt** as our on-call engineering firms for the next five years.

At our last Board meeting, the Airport highlighted **Madeleine Monaco** for her induction into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. We look forward to continuing to highlight and celebrate this well-deserved accomplishment.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

First, thank you for a wonderful banquet and for including me. It was fun to meet everyone, and all the advice everyone offered was super helpful. I'm excited to share that I recently reached a major milestone in my flight training: on August 11, I completed my solo flight!

Since then, I've continued building flight hours and have started working toward my required nighttime and cross-country flight experience. I currently have 46 total flight hours, including 1.8 hours of nighttime flight and 3.6 hours of cross-country flight. I'm now focused on completing the remaining requirements and continuing to make steady progress toward my goal.

With the favorable late-summer weather in our area, I've been able to stay on track, although balancing flight training with the start of the school year can sometimes make scheduling challenging. Even so, I'm continuing to push forward and am very grateful for the opportunity your generosity and support have given me.

Thank you again for investing in my journey and helping make this opportunity possible. I truly appreciate your support.

Regards, Samuel Rivera

(Sam is a flight student at Chgo Exec Flight School and a New Trier HS Senior.)

A slate will be announced in our next newsletter and the ballots will go out via email to all paid members.



We will choose

President	2027-2028
Vice President	2027-2028
Secretary	2027-2028
Treasurer	2027-2028

And 3 to 5 Directors 2027

**We remain open to assistance from members in committee positions in different areas.
Join CEPA—be involved in support aviation at your home base!**

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING to any one listed on page 2