



Illinois Aviation



2nd Quarter 2009

2009 ILLINOIS AVIATION CONFERENCE MAY 19-20, 2009

The 2009 Illinois Aviation Conference will be held this year in East Peoria, Illinois at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Riverfront Conference Center. The annual conference is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation – Division of Aeronautics, the Illinois Aviation Trades Association (IATA), and the Illinois Public Airports Association. This year's conference will feature guest speakers, roundtable discussions, programs and displays of interest to airport managers, airport boards, FBO staff and anyone interested in learning more about what is happening with aviation in Illinois today.

Tuesday, May 19th, the conference begins with the Shotgun Start Golf Outing at Coyote Creek Golf Club. An ice-breaker reception with the exhibitors follows from 4:30 - 6:30 PM. The day concludes with a Hangar Party at Byerly Aviation. Wednesday, May 20th, features a full day of presentations and roundtable discussions. Speakers include Craig Spence from AOPA, Susan R. Shea, Ph.D., Director, IDOT Division of Aeronautics, Dave Weiman, editor of the Midwest Flyer Magazine, Dennis Bollton of Wachovia, Jacque Rosser of NATA and Barry Cooper of the FAA.



The IDOT Division of Aeronautics Awards Luncheon will recognize excellence in aviation at noon on Wednesday. Awards will be presented to airports that are deemed "best in category" for the year. The conference concludes Wednesday evening with the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet. The Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame is inducting four new members this year. Their accomplishments are featured in this edition of Illinois Aviation. The Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame will also be presenting one "Spirit of Flight" award. Hall of Fame banquet tickets may be purchased either individually or as part of the Illinois Aviation Conference package.

Registration for the Illinois Aviation Conference includes receptions, meals on Wednesday, all sessions and the Hall of Fame banquet. Special conference room rates of \$139 are available at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 100 Conference Drive, East Peoria, Illinois; (309) 694-0200. Full details on the conference are available at the conference web site, www.illinoisaviation.org. Contact Mike Lane, Executive Director of the Illinois Aviation Trades Association at (217) 528-5230 for tickets to the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet and the Illinois Aviation Conference.





MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR SUSAN R. SHEA, PH.D.



The Illinois Aviation Conference will be held this year in East Peoria at the new Embassy Suites. We are excited to be a part of this annual gathering of aviation professionals in the home town of our new Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood. Yes, we have another Illinois connection in Washington with the appointment of Ray LaHood by President Obama. Time will tell how our airports will benefit from some of the economic stimulus coming out of Washington, but it sure does not hurt that Secretary LaHood knows many of our needs in Illinois first hand as a former member of Congress.

A big event as part of the Illinois Aviation Conference each year is the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame banquet. The Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame consists of members representing aviation organizations in Illinois. Numerous applications are received each year nominating many individuals and groups worthy of induction into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame selection committee is faced with a difficult task of selecting a few from the many worthy applicants presented for consideration. It is not an easy task to decide who or what organization will be inducted each year.

We truly are fortunate in Illinois to have so many individuals and organizations who have contributed to aviation in our State. This year four individuals and one organization will be inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame. I have had the pleasure of working with Allan Englehardt, Chairman of the Chicago Executive Airport Board and have enjoyed his enlightening presentations many times at our safety seminars. Gene Hammond has served as a delegate to the Hall of Fame since 1983, and has contributed immensely to the promotion and safety of glider flying in Illinois and throughout the United States. Howard Levinson is nothing short of amazing in obtaining an ATP rating at age 84, and his continuing volunteer work flying sick children and their families for medical care. Thomas Lowe has put Illinois on the map by founding and nurturing the Stearman Fly-in held each September in Galesburg, an event that stimulates the local economy and promotes aviation. Last, but certainly not least, the Stick and Rudder Flying Club at Waukegan will be honored as one of the oldest and largest flying clubs in the country.

Please plan to join us at the Illinois Aviation Conference, or just come out to the Hall of Fame banquet to honor this year's inductees.

Fly High.... Fly Safe..... Susan Shea

2009 IFR/VFR SAFETY SEMINAR

University of Illinois – Willard Airport (CMI) • Saturday, April 18, 2009

This seminar will be held in the University of Illinois Administration Building next to the control tower. Fly-ins are welcome. Registration opens at 9:00 AM, the seminars begin at 9:30 AM and will continue until 2:00 PM. This program will qualify for WINGS credit. Lunch will be provided by the University of Illinois chapter of Women in Aviation for a nominal fee. There is no charge for the seminars.

Seminar topics and more complete details on this program will be posted on www.faasafety.gov. For more information on this program, contact Sybil Phillips at the University of Illinois at (217) 244-8646, or David Block, Illinois Pilots Association at (217) 369-8492.



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Contributed by George Tuominen, Lockheed Martin - Kankakee Automated Flight Service Station

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During the transition of Flight Services to Lockheed Martin, we consolidated our network of 61 facilities nationwide down to 18, including three hub facilities in Ashburn, VA, Fort Worth, TX, and Prescott, AZ. The remaining 15 facilities are known as "continuing sites", and these include nearby stations at Columbia, MO and Kankakee, IL. Our radio calls (such as "St. Louis Radio" or "Kansas City Flight Watch") remain the same as before, with the same areas.

Here are a few hints that may help you utilize our services more efficiently.

We have a new web based Pilot Portal at www.afss.com. Through this website, you can access the latest news about Flight Service, and print out "cheat sheets" on how to best access our services, such as dial codes for getting an Illinois briefer (451 for Northern Illinois, 452 for Southern Illinois), dial codes for TIBS, or the format for filing a flight plan. Beta testing is now in progress on interactive briefing tools and charts.

To save time on future calls, you can ask your briefer to enter your own pilot profile into our system. This will pre-store your basic pilot and aircraft information so that when you call, the briefer will already have this information filled in when you file a flight plan. The information that can be pre-stored includes the aircraft call sign, type, airspeed

and color, as well as the pilots name, home base, and contact phone numbers. We can even pre-store multiple aircraft or favorite routes. Just ask your briefer for details.

If your pilot association or flight school would like an on-site presentation about the services we offer, contact Dennis Harlow, Operations Manager, Lockheed Martin Flight Service, Kankakee Station at 815 929 8200. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

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16TH ANNUAL CHARLIE WELLS Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport (SPI)

June 6-7, 2009 7:00am – Noon

A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served both days at Landmark Aviation. This annual tradition is dedicated to the memory of IDOT Division of Aeronautics employee and aerobatic pilot, Charlie Wells. The Charlie Wells Memorial scholarship has helped launch the aviation careers of many deserving young people. Come out to support this worthy cause and enjoy a great breakfast with other pilots and aviation enthusiasts. Take in the display of classic cars and aircraft static displays. For more information contact Jerry Coleman at (217) 483-3201.





ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME 2009 INDUCTEES

THOMAS E. LOWE

Thomas Lowe retired from United Airlines as a Boeing 747 captain in 2001 capping off a 33 year career as an airline pilot. If you were to ask him about his favorite airplane the Stearman would rise to the top of the list.



Thomas Lowe and his friend Jim Leahy of Galesburg co-founded the Stearman Fly-in which began in 1972

in Galesburg, Illinois. The first Stearman Fly-in attracted 19 aircraft. The national Stearman Fly-in has grown over the years and now attracts between 120 and 150 Stearmans from throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. The first 10 years of the Fly-in were organized, advertised, financed and conducted by Lowe and Leahy along with a small group of enthusiasts in Galesburg. Lowe and Leahy personally covered the financial shortfalls in the early years of the event. After 10 years the Stearman Fly-in became a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors. Lowe declined serving as President, believing the organization President should be a Galesburg resident. Thomas Lowe serves as Director of Flight Operations during the Fly-in. He also serves on the Board of Directors of AAA and the National Stearman Foundation, the parent organization of the Fly-in.

Thomas Lowe served his country as a captain in the Air Force and flew combat missions in Vietnam. He is a Flight Instructor who specializes in tail wheel aircraft and is one of the most experienced Stearman instructors in the country, having flown 88 different Stearmans. Lowe owns 2 Stearmans which he and his wife have restored, and he has authored numerous technical and historical articles.

E. ALLAN ENGLEHARDT

Allan Englehardt has preached aviation safety to thousands of pilots and believes in safety. "Praise the Administrator" has been heard throughout the country in the many safety seminars Allan has lent his tremendous talent and experience in presenting.



Allan Englehardt retired from United Airlines as a 777 Captain. He is an accom-

plished pilot, Gold Seal Flight Instructor and an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner. Allan is best known for his weekend ground schools. In the 1970s and 1980s, nearly 10,000 pilots attended his courses in preparation for their written tests. Allan was recognized as a FAA National Flight Instructor of the Year in 1976 and is the recipient of numerous awards within the Great Lakes Region and DuPage FSDO. More recently, Allan created a flight instructor refresher clinic curriculum designed to teach instructors to effectively prepare their students for check rides. In 1996, Allan established an annual Flight Instructor Standardization Conference, to provide a forum for communicating with flight instructors. This program is co-sponsored by the University of Illinois, IDOT - Division of Aeronautics and Springfield FSDO, and is now in its 14th year.

Allan was responsible for creating the SIU Aerobic Team. He has been a fixture at WINGS Weekend, the Springfield Super Safety Seminar, Chicago Aviation Expo and many other seminars. He has been one of the most popular speakers at EAA in Oshkosh. Allan has also written many aviation articles for publication. When asked about his most satisfying accomplishments he takes great pride in teaching his 3 children and son-in-law how to fly and seeing a successful applicant for a flight test walk away with a new pilot certificate.



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HOWARD LEVINSON

Howard Levinson has been flying for over 64 years. He has been an active pilot and aircraft owner continuously since his experience in World War II as a B-24 pilot at age 21. Howard holds the unique distinction of recently receiving his Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) rating at the youthful age of 84.



Howard Levinson's love of aviation has touched the lives of many through his generous donation of his time and airplanes over the years. As a Medinah Shriner Aviator, Howard has volunteered many hours to fly young burn victims and their parents to medical facilities at no charge. The Shriners Aviators fly single and multi-engine airplanes to transport not only children who are burn victims, but children who suffer from orthopedic spine problems and a multitude of other injuries and diseases, and all at no charge.

Howard Levinson is also involved as an active member of PAPA at Chicago Executive Airport and has served as a Safety Counselor for the FAA. He is a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Air Force Association, and the Chicago Flight Instructors Association. Levinson has supported the A.G. Bell Montessori School for the Hearing Impaired and the EAA Young Eagles program by providing many flights to young people throughout the Chicagoland area. Over the years, he has received many awards and testimonials for his generous support of many aviation and humanitarian efforts.

GENE ELDON HAMMOND

Gene Hammond has spent most of his life around aviation. Until the "miracle on the Hudson" ditching of an airliner, there was never much talk about the correlation of an airliner and a glider. Just like Captain Sullenberger, Gene Hammond has the unique perspective of an airline captain and an accomplished glider pilot.



Hammond retired from United Airlines as a Captain with 31 years of service. He began flying in 1960 and earned the right to instruct in airplanes, gliders and seaplanes. Gene has flown over 62 different airplanes and 35 different gliders to date. He is an active member of the Chicago Glider Club as a flight instructor in powered aircraft and gliders.

Gene Hammond is a life member and officer in the Soaring Society of America. He was the co-founder of the Soaring Safety Foundation and has authored several articles on soaring and glider safety. Gene has also been active in establishing glider competitions, and developing a "Charity Ride" program to provide community awareness of gliding and provide flight training funds for deserving students. He has served in many positions with the Soaring Society of America in Illinois and served as the organization's national President for 3 years. As the Government Liaison Officer for the SSA, Gene rewrote Part 61 for glider pilot certification and worked on the protection of airspace for glider pilots. In addition to his SSA activities Gene is active in several other aviation and civic organizations as a volunteer.



SPIRIT OF FLIGHT AWARD STICK AND RUDDER FLYING CLUB

The Stick and Rudder Flying Club was founded in 1948 at the Waukegan Airport. Stick and Rudder is one of the oldest flying clubs in Illinois and is one of the largest flying clubs in the United States. At one time in the 1980s the club boasted a membership of nearly 500 active members. Since its inception, the club has produced hundreds of pilots, many who have gone on to become airline, corporate or military pilots. The club has enjoyed an exemplary safety record for over 60 years.

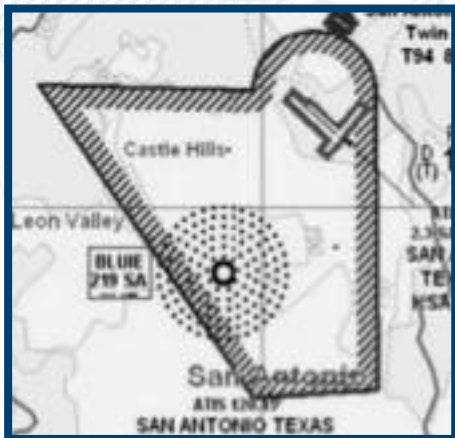
The Stick and Rudder Flying Club maintains a fleet of Cessna airplanes and employs 11 full and part time flight instructors. The club holds monthly

meetings that provide educational topics for members and guests on a wide range of aviation topics. Stick and Rudder has been deeply involved in the EAA Young Eagles program, Angel Flight and many other volunteer efforts. Stick and Rudder makes its facility available to the Ninety-Nines, the Civil Air Patrol, EAA chapter 414 and Young Eagles rallies. They also participate in the annual Waukegan airport Open House. The Stick and Rudder Flying Club has provided a vibrant social environment to foster an atmosphere conducive to flight training and enjoyment for its many members for many years, and plans to continue well into the future.



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- Name of Event
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- Additional Event Information



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2009

Saturday, April 18, 2009

IFR/VFR Safety Seminar - Fly-In/Drive-In

University of Illinois Administration Building
Willard Airport (CMI), Champaign, IL
Contact Sybil Phillips, U of Illinois (217) 244-8646 or
David Block, Illinois Pilots Assn (217) 369-8492

Sunday, April 26, 2009, 7:30am-noon

University of Illinois Precision Flying Team Pancake Breakfast

Rantoul National Aviation Center (TIP)
Contact: Jeffrey Beck (217) 972-2569

MAY 2009

Sunday May 3, 2009, 7:00am-noon

EAA Chapter 22 Fly-In/ Drive-In Breakfast

Courtesy Aircraft Sales Hangar
Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD)
(815) 229-5112 www.courtesyaircraft.com

Saturday May 16, 2009, 8:00am-5:00pm

Illinois Pilots Association EXPO, Annual Meeting, Fly-In/Drive-In Event

DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport (DKB)
www.illinoispilots.com

Sunday May 17, 2009, 7:00am-Noon

EAA Chapter 682 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Ogle County Airport (C55), Mt. Morris, IL
Glen Orr (815) 732-7268

Sunday May 17, 2009, 7:00am-11:00am

EAA Chapter 1315 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Taylorville Municipal Airport (TAZ)
(217) 824-9313

May 17-23, 2009

National Intercollegiate Flying Assn (NIFA)

National SAFECON
Hosted by Parks College of St. Louis University
St. Louis Downtown Airport, Cahokia, IL (CPS)
Nifasafecon2009.googlepages.com

May 19-20, 2009

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Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet
Embassy Suites Hotel, East Peoria, IL
Contact Mike Lane (217) 528-5230 www.illinoisaviation.org

Saturday May 23, 2009, 8:00am-2:00pm

EAA Chapter 274 Fly-In/Drive-In

Decatur FBO/Decatur Airport (DEC)
Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Flights 8am – 11am
Tower Tours & Exhibits
Contact Peggy Haycraft (217) 423-9903

JUNE 2009

June 6-7, 2009, 7:00am-noon

16th Annual Charlie Wells Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Springfield Capital Airport (SPI), Landmark Aviation
(217) 483-3201 www.WellsScholarship.com

June 6-7, 2009

Army Wings & Wheels 2009

Pancake breakfast, L-bird Fly-In

Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum/EAA Chapter 1414
Poplar Grove Airport (C77)
Hours: Sat 6:30-dusk, Sun 6:30-3:00
www.armywingsandwheels.com (815) 547-3115

Sunday June 21, 2009, 7:00am-11:00am

EAA Chapter 1315 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Taylorville Municipal Airport (TAZ)
(217) 824-9313

Saturday June 27, 2009 6:30am-11:30am

Havana's 4th Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

EAA Chapter 1420
Havana Regional Airport (910)
Harvey Tapscott (217) 971-3554 rtapscott@springnet1.com

JULY 2009

Saturday July 4, 2009, 7:00am-11:00am

EAA Chapter 682 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Ogle County Airport (C55), Mt. Morris, IL
Glen Orr (815) 732-7268

July 10-11, 2009

Wings Weekend

Coles County Airport (MTO), Mattoon, IL
Dale Rust (217) 524-5269 Dale.Rust@illinois.gov

July 10-12, 2009

4th Annual Fly-In & Pig Roast

Greater Kankakee Airport (IKK)
Jim Leon (815) 529-3000
www.theultraflightplace.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS (CONT)

July 10-12, 2009

Prairie Air Show

Greater Peoria Regional Airport (PIA)
www.prairieair.org

Sunday July 19, 2009, 7:00 am-11:00 am

EAA Chapter 1315 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

Taylorville Municipal Airport (TAZ)
(217) 824-9313

July 27-August 2, 2009

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009

Wittman Regional Airport (OSH), Oshkosh, WI
www.airventure.org www.eaa.org

AUGUST 2009

Sunday, August 23, 2009, 7:00 am-Noon

Poplar Grove Airport (C77) Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast

(815) 544-3471

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Airshow 09

Coles County Memorial Airport (MTO)
Andrew Fearn, (217) 234-7120 www.colescountyairport.com

SEPTEMBER 2009

September 7-13, 2009

38th National Stearman Fly-in

Galesburg Municipal Airport (GBG)
(309) 343-6409 www.stearmanflyin.com

OCTOBER 2009

October 1-3, 2009

First Annual Midwest LSA EXPO

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport (MVN)
www.midwestlsashow.com www.mtvernonairport.com

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