

Illinois Aviation Conference held April 15-16



General Aviation Airport Security is once again a key ingredient of this year's Illinois Aviation Conference. World, national and state events are constantly changing our nation's security measures and levels of preparedness. These changes are especially relevant to the management of our state's airports and their tenants.

This year's conference will be held at the **Gateway Center in Collinsville, Ill.**, on April 15th - 16th, 2003. The conference hotel will be the Holiday Inn-Collinsville.

The 2003 Illinois Aviation Conference will be highlighting a number of individuals that can help bring these issues and concerns into focus and help craft state general aviation security and preparedness guidelines that work for all of us.

Invited guests from the **Transportation Security Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, National Aviation Trades Association, The Illinois Emergency Management Agency** and others should provide valuable insight to security issues. An afternoon forum discussion on Illinois general aviation security should provide an opportunity for airport management and airport businesses to provide contributions to the effort.

The conference will be highlighted by an evening dinner cruise on the Mississippi River on April 15th provided by this year's hosts the St. Louis Downtown Airport and Midcoast Aviation, both

in Cahokia, Ill. Seating for the cruise is limited so make your reservations early.

The **Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet** will be held at the Holiday Inn-Collinsville on April 16th, 2003. Registration (check-in) for this event begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a reception, evening induction ceremonies and banquet.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Holiday Inn-Collinsville **as soon as possible**. Please mention the Illinois Aviation Conference to receive the discounted group rate and free continental breakfast.

Tickets and registration for both the Illinois Aviation Conference and the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet must be purchased prior to the event. For registration information, deadlines and updated conference information please call 217/785-8380 or visit our web site: (<http://www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html>)

The Illinois Aviation Conference is sponsored by The Illinois Public Airport Association, the Illinois Aviation Trades Association and the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

We hope to see you there!





ote from the Director

by Hugh Van Voorst



I would like to welcome our new Secretary of Transportation, Timothy Martin, who was recently appointed by Governor Rod Blagojevich. He is very personable. The Division of Aeronautics will adapt quite easily to his management style. We will readily work with him to face the challenges of his term.

The Illinois Aviation Conference will be held on April 15-16, in Collinsville, Ill. The theme of this year's conference is airport security. It will prove to be an extremely valuable conference as we have been fortunate to attract some top industry leaders and key governmental officials. The information contained in the conference is not only timely, but necessary in today's environment. Please plan on attending.

Our winter safety seminar schedule was full and was extremely successful. We and the other sponsors of these seminars want to encourage pilots to keep up their skills and proficiency. Thank you to all who attended.

Spring will soon be here and it is a wonderful time to take to the sky and fly. Please take note of all of the aviation events that will be going on in the State of Illinois. These activities are for you and your family's entertainment.

I would also like to encourage that you ask someone who has never flown before to take a ride in your airplane. Take them to one of our fly-in events or one of our great Illinois airport restaurants while you're out.

Happy flying!

FAA Recognizes Palwaukee Airport Manager



An FAA representative, presents Dennis Rouleau (right) Palwaukee Airport manager with an individual Great Lakes Region Partnership in Runway Safety Award for proactive airport management and innovative education programs.

Winter Safety Seminars Big Success



Shown above are some of the highlights from the Super Safety Seminar and the IFR/VFR Seminar. The Super Safety Seminar held in Springfield had more than 250 in attendance and the IFR/VFR Seminar held at Lewis University had more than 300 in attendance.

Salem Township Hospital Named 2002 Heliport of the Year

by Jon Flickinger



The Division of Aeronautics congratulates Salem Township Hospital on being named the 2002 Heliport of the Year. This award is granted to a heliport which exemplifies an outstanding maintenance record, promotes aviation's involvement with the community and shows a timely compliance with the division's rules and regulations.

The heliport at Salem Township Hospital is just over a year old and has already proven its usefulness to the community. The heliport is served by two air ambulance services, Air Evac and Arch Helicopters and has transported more than 50 emergency room patients since its opening. Prior to the construction of the heliport, air ambulance flights had to use the public airport in Salem, which meant considerable time in transportation to and from the hospital. Now the helicopters can land just a few hundred feet from the ER doors.

Luanne Knight, director of ambulatory services, says the heliport has been a great asset to the hospital, especially in time savings in transporting patients. The division would like to congratulate Salem Township Hospital for their hard work in earning 2002 Heliport of the Year.



Governor Blagojevich Appoints New Transportation Secretary

Governor Rod Blagojevich appointed Timothy W. Martin as Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Martin was the chief operating officer of the Chicago Public Schools from 1997-2003. As chief operating officer of the Chicago Public Schools he was responsible for implementing the \$3.2 billion capital program, as well as the day to day operations of over 600 schools. The Chicago Public Schools served over 500,000 meals per day and transported approximately 48,000 students.

From 1992-1997 he was chief highway engineer at the Chicago Department of Transportation. While with CDOT he directed the relocation of Lake Shore Drive and the start of the Museum Campus on the city's lake front, as well as Department of Public Works, The Department of Planning and Development, and Midwest Consulting Engineers.

Martin holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and an MBA from the University of Illinois.

IFR/VFR Pilot & Flying Companion Safety Seminar

An IFR/VFR Pilot and Flying Companion Safety Seminar will be held on Saturday, April 12. The seminar will be held at the University of Illinois Williard Airport, Champaign, Ill., in the remodeled terminal building next to the control tower. Registration will be at 9 a.m., and the program will start at 10 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

SAFETY SEMINAR PROGRAM

- **Wings Pilot Proficiency Program**
John Blohm, FAA
- **Tornados**
Ed Keiser, Meteorologist
- **My GPS Failed - Now What**
Gary Stevens, IDOT
- **Flying With Rick**
Rick Weinberg, U of I
- **Pilot's Navigation Thru the WWW**
Eric Cowan, U of I
- **Flying Companion Program**
Linda Schumm & Rosemary Emhoff

The program is sponsored by: Legacy Aviation, Inc., Chi Chapter of Alpha Eta Rho, FAA (SPI FSDO), IDOT-Aeronautics, U of I, U of I Flying Team and U of I Women in Aviation.

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U of I Flying Team Wins Regionals

This past October, aviation schools from the Great Lakes and Midwest areas faced off in friendly competition as part of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's (NIFA) Regional SAFECON. The defending regional champion, the University of Illinois, once again took home the top honors, placing first in overall rankings and flight events.

"It was a tough competition," reported Illinois' Head Coach Eric Cowan. "All of the schools in this region have excellent pilots and excellent programs. No one walks away with the trophies easily." In addition to the team victory, Illinois team member David Penney was awarded Top Pilot honors.

The University of Illinois' Precision Flying Team has been in operation since the early 1950s. Each year the team has a pancake breakfast to help with expenses. This year's breakfast will be held on **April 27** at the Rantoul Air Museum, Rantoul, Ill.

University of Illinois Team Members

- Edward Balogh, Rosemont, Ill.
- Steve Boyd, Mattoon, Ill.
- Jennifer Dille, Antioch, Ill.
- Brian Hemmersbach, Morris, Ill.
- Robert Jones, Albuquerque, N.M.
- Alex Kenesson, Waterford, Va.
- Jason Lahr, Lombard, Ill.
- Bryan Lipson, Farmington, Mich.
- Adam Nagao, Grayslake, Ill.
- Robert Olsen, Downers Grove, Ill.
- David Penney, Lake Zurich, Ill.
- Charles Shields, Elgin, Ill.
- John Slater, Hampshire, Ill.
- Julie Snyder, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- Robert Thomas, Frankfort, Ill.
- Wei Zheng, Gaithersburg, Md.

For further information to contact Eric Cowan, headcoach by e-mail at cowan@uiuc.edu or by phone at (217) 244-8686.

DeKalb Radio Newsman Wins Award



Taken from a AOPA News Release

Chris Lehman of DeKalb's WNJI Radio won top honor in AOPA's 2002 Max Karant Journalism Awards Competition.

The prestigious Karant awards honor the best of fair, accurate and insightful reporting on general aviation (GA) in the general aviation media. They include categories for print, TV or video and radio and carry an honorarium of \$1,000 in each category. The awards were named for Karant, founder of AOPA Pilot Magazine and the association's first senior vice president. Karant died in 1997.

Lehman's thoughtful, well-balanced radio report on the struggle to save Chicago's Meigs Field won first place in the Karant Awards radio category for him.

The June 29 report, which aired twice on the northern Illinois public radio included comment and reasoned arguments for all sides.

Lehman, who has worked for WNJI for nearly three years, is originally from Lancaster County, Pa. After graduating from Temple University with a degree in broadcast journalism, he served as an arts reporter for a public radio station in Shreveport, La.

His career goal is to become a public radio foreign correspondent. Lehman has reported on a free-lance basis from Iraq, El Salvador, Burkina and Faso. His reports have aired on public radio.

Flying Salukis Take Second In Regional Competition

Southern Illinois University (SIUC) Carbondale's precision flying team, the Flying Salukis, took second place at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's Regional Competition SAFECON held in October at Southern Illinois Airport. However, SIUC placed first in overall ground competition.

The second-place finish qualifies the Flying Salukis for the national championship at the University of North Dakota May 17-21.

"We did really well in the ground events," said Kim Carter, the Flying Salukis Coach and a lecturer in SIUC's Department of Aviation Management and Flight. "We missed first place by just five points, so our team did an outstanding job. Now its time to start practicing for the nationals."

Awards won by the Flying Salukis:

- William Gersch, Algonquin, Ill.
- Adam G. Herbert, Makanda, Ill.
- Michael H. Coffman, Maquon, Ill.
- Timothy D. Staab, Metamora, Ill.
- Johathan D. Greene, N. Lenox, Ill.
- Douglas A. Gibbs, Princeville, Ill.
- Matthew Clevinger, R. Falls, Ill.
- Bryan T. Harrison, Rushville, Ill.
- Thomas J. Emerson, Zion, Ill.
- Travis Custer, Convoy, Ohio
- Tim Cipolla, Hurrigan, W.Va.
- Jeffry Pelch, Belleville, Ill.
- Todd Yankel, Wheaton, Ill.

The competition meets the aspiration of shaping high-quality undergraduate programs as outlined in the Southern at 150 report, a long-range plan that guides the future of the university.

For further information contact Kim Carter, head coach, by e-mail at flyboy2siu.edu or by phone at (618) 453-1147.



Robert Newhouse in his 1931 Brunnerwinkle Bird.

The National Air Tour 2003

Robert Newhouse and his aircraft are entered in the 2003 National Air Tour to be held Sept. 10-25. This will be in conjunction with America's national celebration on the anniversary of 100 years of powered flight. The tour will be a re-enactment of the Ford Air Reliability Tours that took place from 1925-1931. It will comprise of 4000 nautical miles and 26 cities. One of the stops will be Kitty Hawk, N.C.

Newhouse's aircraft flew in the 1931 Ford Air Tour and is one of only 25 antique aircraft that have been invited to attend. He is accepting sponsorship for this historical flight. If you are interested in helping Newhouse you may contact him at by phone at (815) 965-8544, or by writing him at 8848 S. Main St., Rockford, Ill., or e-mail him at rnuhaus4@aol.com.

The following article on the National Air Tour is from the Aviation Foundation of America:

In 2003, we celebrate the centennial of flight as well as the centennial of the Ford Motor Company. If ever there were a year to celebrate the development of aviation, 2003, is it. And there is no better way than to re-create the National Air Tour.

The National Air Tour 2003 will be held Sept. 10-25, and has been recognized an official event of the Centennial of Flight Celebration by the Centennial of Flight Commission.

The years 1925 through 1931 represent a period of incredible growth and advancement for aviation in the United States.

World War I was over and the 1920s were roaring. Aviation and its vast potential had caught the imagination of nearly everyone. At a time when there was not even a single road reaching across the United States, air travel was beginning to unite the country.

The potential for air travel did not escape the minds of Henry and Edsel Ford. Henry Ford had already revolutionized travel on the ground. Having invented the manufactured assembly line, he restlessly pursued his dream of making automobile travel affordable to the general public instead of just a wealthy few. When the Fords met a man named William Stout they decided to see what they could do in the field of aviation as well. Ford's impact on the development of modern aviation in the United States has been largely forgotten, yet today we enjoy many innovations in aviation first developed by Ford.

The Ford innovations include many of the basic components of our modern air transportation system. For example, at a time when airplanes were landing in farmer's fields, often getting stuck in ruts and mud, Ford installed America's first concrete runway. Ford even built one of the first airport hotels to accommodate passengers from nearby Ford Airport Shuttle.

Prior to Ford's involvement, virtually every large air-transport aircraft was built of wood and fabric. It was Ford who disproved skeptics and popularized the all-metal transport aircraft with the introduction of the Ford Tri-motor. It was Ford engineers who developed the first radio beacons to guide airplanes to their destinations. It was a Ford Tri-motor, that on Feb. 10, 1927, flew the first long distance flight guided solely by radio signals. In April of 1925, Ford started the first United States corporate airline carrying material and factory mail to plants in Chicago and Cleveland.

Henry Ford did all he could to cooperate in the development of the air mail system in the United States, which he recognized as a key component to the commercialization of aviation. In early 1926, Ford began flying the first regularly operated contract U.S. Mail Route.

Without a doubt, Henry and Edsel Ford knew there was much to be done. Aircraft needed to be well designed and efficiently manufactured. Just as a car needed good roads, airplanes needed good airports.

For more information on the National Air Tour contact Greg Herrick, President Aviation Foundation of America, Inc., at (651) 255-1999.

One of the Nation's Oldest Pilot Dead At 103

The Associated Press

Ralph Charles who built planes for Orville Wright and was one of the nation's oldest pilots died. He was 103.

He last flew in the summer of 2001 and appeared on NBC's *Today Show* and the *Late Show with David Letterman* when he flew a plane on his 100th birthday in 1999.

Charles was a barnstormer in the 1920s, copiloted passenger airplanes for Trans World Airlines in the 1930s and was a civilian test pilot for the Navy during World War II. He also built planes for Wright in 1919, and operated a space shuttle simulator after NASA invited him to a launch in recent years.

He quit flying after the war at the insistence of his wife, Leona, and settled in Columbus, Ohio, where he had an automotive repair shop until the couple retired to Perry County in 1965.

He never lost his passion for flying and took it up again in 1995.

Airmen Changing Certificate Number

by Brenda J. Brennan

The Division of Aeronautics is conducting a quarterly comparison check of Illinois pilots who have registered with the state and those who have not. The FAA Airmen Certificate Number is used for this comparison, and as a result a letter is generated to those pilots who have not registered.

However, some letters have been generated to those pilots who are registered, because they had a change on their FAA Airmen Certificate Number and did not report it to the Division of Aeronautics.

The FAA made it effective June 1, 2002, that all original airmen certificates be issued a unique certificate number. The FAA Airmen Certification Branch will **no longer** assign a Social Security Number (SSN) as the certificate number.

Airman certificates presently using their SSN as a certificate number will continue to be issued that number unless the airman requests a unique number. You can change your Airmen Certificate Number by contacting, FAA, Airmen Certification Branch, AFS-760, P.O. Box 25082, Oklahoma, City, OK, 73125-0082.

After you have contacted the FAA and received a unique certificate number change, please contact the Division of Aeronautics and we will update your record with your new certificate number.

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Calendar of Events

May 3

Youth Academy Program
Poplar Grove Airport (C77), Poplar Grove, IL
Contact: (815) 547-3115

May 4

EAA Chapter 22 Fly-In Breakfast
Greater Rockford Airport (RFD), Rockford, IL
Contact: (815) 397-4995

May 6

Monmouth Flying Club Meeting
Monmouth Airport (C66), Monmouth, IL
Contact: (309) 343-3951

May 9

Youth Leadership of Knox County
Lawrenceville-Vin. Int'l. Arpt. (LWV), Lawrenceville, IL
Contact: (812) 882-6203

May 10

EAA Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Flights
Decatur Airport (DEC), Decatur, IL
Contact: (217) 423-0656

May 10-18

Wabash Valley Soaring Club Flight Week
Lawrenceville-Vin. Int'l. Arpt. (LWV), Lawrenceville, IL
Contact: (618) 584-3328 or (618) 943-2076

May 11

EAA Chapter 22 Fly-In Breakfast
Greater Rockford Airport (RFD), Rockford, IL
Contact: (815) 398-5907

May 16-18

Midwest Aeronca Festival
Kewanee Municipal Airport (EZI), Kewanee, IL
Contact: (309) 853-8141

May 17

Open House
Casey Municipal (1H8), Casey, IL
Contact: (217) 932-2078

May 17-18

Fly-In Breakfast, etc.
Zelmer Memorial Airport (5K1), Palmyra, IL
Contact: (217) 439-7497

May 18

Fly-In Breakfast
Canton Ingersoll Airport (CTK), Canton, IL
Contact: (309) 647-1345

May 18

Fly-In Breakfast
Ogle Co. Barnett Field (C55), Mt. Morris, IL
Contact: (815) 732-7268

May 18

Fly-In Breakfast
Lewis University Airport (LOT), Romeoville, IL
Contact: (630) 243-8213

May 31

EAA Chapter Breakfast
Taylorville Municipal Arpt. (TAZ), Taylorville, IL
Contact: (217) 824-9313

May 31

EAA Chapter 990 Fly-In Open House
Greater Kankakee Airport (IKK), Kankakee, IL
Contact: (815) 939-1422

June 1

Pancake Breakfast
Mercer County Airport (Cφφ), Aledo, IL
Contact: (309) 582-5445

June 3

Monmouth Flying Club Meeting
Monmouth Airport (C66), Monmouth, IL
Contact: (309) 343-3951

June 6-8

Quad City Airshow
Davenport Municipal Airport, Davenport, Iowa
Contact: (563) 285-7469

June 7

National Young Eagle Day
Decatur Airport (DEC), Decatur, IL
Contact: (217) 423-0656

June 7

Olney Area Pilots Spring Fly-In Breakfast
Olney-Noble Airport (OLY), Olney, IL
Contact: (618) 723-2594

June 7

Ultralight Fly-In
Lawrenceville-Vin. Arpt. (LWV), Lawrenceville, IL
Contact: (812) 882-5060

June 7

Discover Aviation
Mt. Carmel Mun. Arpt. (AJG), Mt. Carmel, IL
Contact: (618) 948-2413

June 7-8

Cavalcade of New Airplanes
Clow Int. Airport (1C5), Bolingbrook, IL
Contact: (630) 378-0479

June 7-15

Antique/Vintage Glider Regatta
Lawrenceville-Vin. Int'l. Arpt. (LWV), Lawrenceville, IL
Contact: (618) 943-2076

June 7

Museum Open House
Poplar Grove Airport (C77), Poplar Grove, IL
Contact: (815) 547-3115

June 8

EAA Chapter 410 Fly-In Breakfast
Whiteside Co. Arpt. (SQJ), Sterling/Rock Falls, IL
Contact: (815) 622-3591

June 14

EAA Young Eagles Day
Joliet Regional Airport (JOT), Joliet, IL
Contact: (815) 741-7267

June 15-16

Fly-In Breakfast/Safety Meeting
Marshall Co. Airport (C75), Lacon, IL
Contact: (309) 246-3700

June 16

EAA Chapter 153 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
Schaumburg Reg. Arpt. (φ 6C), Schaumburg, IL
Contact: (630) 830-0559

June 21-22

Air Race Classic
Illinois Valley Reg. Airport (VYS), Peru, IL
Contact: (815) 223-8441

June 27-29

Canard Wing Fly-In
Coles Co. Mem. Airport (MTO), Mattoon, IL
Contact: (217) 345-2633

Illinois 2003 Calendar of Events Form

If you are planning any fly-ins, airshows, seminars or any other aviation-related programs at your airport, please complete and return the form below to ensure that your events are included in the calendar.

Location : _____

Name of event: _____

Date/time of event: _____

Planned activities: _____

Contact name and telephone number: _____

Please return information to: **Editor, Illinois Aviation**
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Shown above is the new building at Casey Municipal Airport.

Casey Airport gets new Building

Casey Municipal Airport has a new building to house the lobby, office, flight planning and aircraft maintenance. The City of Casey provided most of the money and the Airport Boosters provided the rest. The Airport Boosters is a non-profit corporation set up 40 years ago. It has about 100 members who pay dues and support the airport in many ways.

Casey's FBO, Sky's the Limit, also put in many hours seeing this project finished. They have been in operation at the airport for 12 years.

April 26-27
9th Annual Charlie Wells Memorial Fly-In
Drive-In Breakfast
Capital Airport, Springfield, Ill.
Contact: Jerry Coleman (217) 483-3201
e-mail jerfly@cs.com
<http://www.wellsscholarship.com>



July 11-13
Coles County Airport (MTO) Mattoon, IL
For More Information
Call (217) 524-5269



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<http://www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html>



IFR/VFR Safety Seminar



IFR/VFR & Flying Companion
Safety Seminar
Saturday, April 12
University of Illinois Institute of Aviation
Champaign, Ill.

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