



# Illinois Aviation



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## UPCOMING ILLINOIS WINGS WORKSHOP – WINGS FRIDAY

### WINGS WEEKEND HAS CHANGED – IT IS NOW WINGS FRIDAY

As part of the ongoing Illinois WINGS Workshops, WINGS Weekend has become WINGS Friday. WINGS Friday will be held July 7 at the Coles County Memorial Airport.

The day long workshop will feature presentations and workshops where you will earn WINGS credit for all three knowledge tasks. In addition, you’ll receive information on “WINGS Made Easy” to give to your flight instructor so you can complete your WINGS phase in an expedient manner. As an added bonus, attendees will receive the latest version of the Illinois Airport Directory. WINGS flight activities will not be scheduled during this event. However, instructors who attend may be willing to fly with participants.

Remember, a WINGS phase qualifies as a flight review. The workshop will benefit pilots who have completed AOPA’s Rusty Pilot Program by giving them knowledge credit for their WINGS phase. This will expedite the process of completing a flight review.

The WINGS Friday Workshop will provide an opportunity to learn about current issues in aviation and to mingle with fellow pilots. Speakers include Dr. Gregory Ostrom, AME; Steve Goetz, SIU; Andy Dow, Great River Aviation; Warren Smith, Springfield FSDO; and Dennis Jarman, IDOT – Division of Aeronautics. Topics are arranged so attending either the morning sessions or the afternoon sessions will complete the requirements for WINGS knowledge credits 1, 2 and 3. Or you may wish to spend the day.

### Schedule:

Opening Remarks.....	8:15 a.m.
Local Pilots/Local Accidents.....	8:30 a.m.
ADS-B Considerations .....	9:30 a.m.
Morning Break.....	10:20 a.m.
IFR: ICAO Flight Plan and new IFR tools.....	10:45 a.m.
Lunch.....	11:45 p.m.
Basic Med .....	1 p.m.
Accident Causal Factors.....	2 p.m.
Passing Your Checkride using ACS/PTS .....	3 p.m.

**Location:** Coles County Memorial Airport, Mattoon

**Parking:** Free parking is available.

**Information:** Contact Carol Para, (217) 785-4989 or Carol.Para@Illinois.gov

Sponsored by the IDOT Division of Aeronautics, FAA Springfield FSDO, FAASTeam, and the Coles County Memorial Airport.

## AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Each year, staff of the IDOT Division of Aeronautics convenes to determine which Illinois airports should receive special recognition. Selections are based primarily on the following criteria:

- Cooperation, coordination and communication with the Division of Aeronautics by airport manager and their staff
- The facility’s safety record
- The promotion of seminars and aviation events and the promotion of aviation in general
- The maintenance of the facility

**Congratulations to the  
2017 Airport of the Year award winners!**



## Primary Airport of the Year **VETERANS AIRPORT OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**



Ken Martin, Interim Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Doug Kimmel, Airport Manager, Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois; Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics.

## General Aviation Airport of the Year **SPARTA COMMUNITY AIRPORT – HUNTER FIELD**



Scott Marquardt, Airport Manager, Sparta Community Airport; Ken Martin, Interim Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics.

## Reliever Airport of the Year **CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT**



Ken Martin, Interim Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Jamie Abbott, Airport Manager, Chicago Executive Airport; Scott Campbell, Finance Director, Chicago Executive Airport; Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics.

## Private, Open to the Public Airport of the Year **TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT**



Linda Schumm, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics; Dave Shipley, Owner, Tri-County Airport; Cathy Shipley, Owner, Tri-County Airport; and Ken Martin, Interim Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics.

## General Aviation Airport of the Year **MACOMB MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**



Matt McClure, Macomb Airport Authority Commissioner; Mick Wisslead, Macomb Airport Authority Commissioner; Bill Butcher, Macomb Airport Authority Chairman; Lee Cobb, Airport Manager, Macomb Airport; Ken Martin, Interim Deputy Director, Division of Aeronautics; Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics.

## Heliport of the Year **RIVERSIDE MEDICAL CENTER**





**STEVE SEAMAN  
RECIPIENT OF THE WRIGHT BROTHERS  
MASTER PILOT AWARD**

In April, Steve Seaman was presented the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award by FAA managers Luanne Willis-Merrell and Lee Stenson for 50 years of accident-free flying.

Mr. Seaman has been a flight instructor for 41 years, teaching at many of the Chicagoland airports. He has been active in the Civil Air Patrol and with Stick and Rudder Flying Club. Over the years, Mr. Seaman has owned and flown numerous aircraft.

Congratulations to Mr. Seaman on his long, safe flying career.

**REMINDER: THE NEW ILLINOIS  
PILOT REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE**

Effective Jan. 1, 2017 Illinois statutes have changed making registration of your pilot certificate a one-time requirement. The one-time fee is \$20.

If you are currently registered you may go online at any time and complete the one-time registration. The web address for online registration renewal is <http://ppr.dot.illinois.gov/>. If you choose to wait, you will receive a notice at the end of this year.

If you are not currently registered with the Division, you will need to complete a paper application which can be found at <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/doing-business/registration/pilot-registration/index>.

**A LITTLE AIRPORT IN  
ILLINOIS COMES FULL CIRCLE**

In 1952, a young man named James Waddell submitted an application for a Certificate of Approval of a Restricted Landing Area to the Illinois Department of Aeronautics. In May of that year, Mr. Waddell was granted the Certificate of Approval for that 1,320-foot sod runway with an east-west orientation. The airstrip was named the Waddell RLA.



In 1955, Mr. Waddell began flying agricultural operations. He partnered with his neighbor, Lyle Palmer, to purchase a Piper Cub, which they used as a spray plane. Mr. Waddell later bought out his partner and continued the agricultural operation.

Through the years, the restricted landing area was changed to a commercial airport. The original runway orientation changed and it was paved. An additional north-south runway was added. At one point, the airport had two paved runways and a third sod runway. It even had an instrument approach!

Mr. Waddell earned his flight instructor certificate and began instructing at the airport. At one time, a soaring club was based there. After selling the airport he went on to a number of flying positions, including flying for the State of Illinois.

The airport was later sold and continued to operate as a public use airport until 2008 when it came full circle: Kevin Palmer, son of former owner Lyle Palmer, purchased the airport and changed it back to its original status – a Restricted Landing Area and base of operation for his agricultural business. The airport is now called Palmer Field.

Jim Waddell will turn 90 in August. Congratulations, Mr. Waddell, and thank you for building this nice little airport.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 7**  
**WINGS Friday\***  
 Coles County Airport, Mattoon  
 Carol Para (217) 785-4989 Carol.Para@Illinois.gov
- July 9**  
**EAA Chapter 1414 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast**  
 Poplar Grove Airport, Poplar Grove  
 1414.eaachapter.org
- July 22, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**PreOsh Wingfest**  
 Rochelle Municipal Airport, Rochelle  
 Mike Hudetz (630) 664-1892 mikeh@airsportster.com
- Aug. 13**  
**EAA Chapter 1414 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast**  
 Poplar Grove Airport, Poplar Grove  
 1414.eaachapter.org
- Aug. 27**  
**EAA Chapter 682 Fly-In Breakfast**  
 Ogle County Airport, Oregon, IL  
 682.eaachapter.org
- Sept. 7-9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**8th Annual Midwest LSA Expo**  
 Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, Mt. Vernon (618) 242-7016  
 managermvaa@mvn.net or www.midwestlsaexpo.com
- Sept. 9, 10a.m. - 3p.m.**  
**7th Annual Fly-In, Drive-In**  
 Brookeridge Airpark, Downers Grove, IL  
 Miranda (312) 543-1220 www.LL22.org
- Sept. 10, 7a.m. - 1p.m.**  
**Planes, Trains & Automobiles**  
 Albertus Airport, Freeport, IL  
 Angie (815) 232-1078 angflyn2@juno.com
- Sept. 10**  
**EAA Chapter 1414 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast**  
 Poplar Grove Airport, Poplar Grove, IL  
 1414.eaachapter.org
- Sept. 17**  
**EAA Chapter 241 Pancake Breakfast**  
 Hinckley Airport, Hinckley, IL  
 www.eaa241.org
- Nov. 3-4**  
**Flight Instructor Refresher Course**  
 IDOT Hanley Building, Springfield  
 Linda Schumm (217) 785-4215 Linda.Schumm@illinois.gov

## TRIVIA



### NAME THAT AIRPORT

Do you know the name of the airport shown in this picture and the approximate timeframe when the picture was taken? If so, send an email to DOT.aero@illinois.gov so we can congratulate you. Those who provide the correct answer will have their names published (with permission), along with the correct answer, in the Fall 2017 edition of Illinois Aviation.

### TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE IN ILLINOIS

On Aug. 21 there will be a total solar eclipse, and southern Illinois will be a prime location for viewing! Predictions show the prime time for viewing will be from 1:15 p.m. until 1:25 p.m. A number of cities have planned events for the eclipse, so call ahead and check NOTAMs if you plan on flying in the area during that time.

**VIEW COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** [www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/stay-connected/multimedia/index](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/stay-connected/multimedia/index)



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