JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WINGS WEEKEND

The 25th Annual FAA WINGS Weekend will be held July 10 - 11 at the Coles County Airport in Mattoon.

The first annual “Wings Workshop – A Chautauqua of the Air” was held July 12-14, 1991. Illinois Aviation from July/August 1991 explained “Just as families once traveled in horse-drawn wagons to learn and be entertained at Chautauquas, today’s families can fly in to Coles County Airport for three days of ground-safety and flight instruction, as well as fun.” Those who have attended WINGS Weekend over the years can attest this is a true description.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary, a static aircraft display is planned for Friday afternoon. The Friday evening Hangar Dinner will include grilled pork chops, a celebration cake and an ice cream social. Special recognition will be given for instructors and WINGS participants, and trivia questions with prizes will be given throughout the day.

Pilots have attended seminars ranging from “Getting a good weather briefing” and “Preflighting your aircraft” to “GPS – Tomorrow is Today” and “Glass Cockpits – Coming soon to an aircraft near you.” Past programs even featured speakers such as Captain Al Haynes. For several years a Flying Companion Seminar was held for the non-pilot participants - many husbands and wives, sons and daughters and some fathers and mothers have attended the activities.

Once again, our dedicated group of volunteer flight instructors will provide instruction to participating pilots to meet the flight training requirements for the WINGS pilot proficiency program. Seminars on a variety of aviation topics will be offered on both days. Completing a phase of WINGS substitutes for the flight review required under FAR 61.56.

As an alternative, pilots may request a flight review, either in addition to or in lieu of their WINGS training. A FAR Part 91 review with an optional endorsement, showing the required ground instruction for a flight review, will be offered as a seminar topic again this year.

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Over the past couple of months I’ve had the opportunity to visit many of our Illinois airports and to participate in a listening tour held in conjunction with the Illinois Aviation Conference. I am grateful to the many airports and stakeholders who were very forthcoming with their thoughts and suggestions. Now we are working through the information gathered to prepare recommendations for infrastructure improvements that will lay the groundwork to take us into the 21st century.

I learned from the tour participants that we are truly partners for progress with the same goals. We want to advance aviation in Illinois, and positively influence the economic viability of our airports and other stakeholders.

As July rapidly approaches I am looking forward to meeting many of our Illinois pilots at the 25th Annual WINGS Weekend. At Aeronautics we put safety first, and this event is one of many where we promote safety in the flying community.

I am looking forward to working with you as we make Illinois the leader in aviation.

Steve Young, Interim Director, Division of Aeronautics; Jarred Hester, Airport Manager, Quincy Regional Airport; Kyle Moore, Mayor, City of Quincy; Steve Long, Bureau Chief, Division of Aeronautics.

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enplanements over the past three years. The Mane Runway Restaurant, located in the architecturally unique Passenger Terminal Building, provides daily breakfast and lunch with dinners available on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Great River Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator, provides aircraft rental, charter services and aircraft maintenance and sales. Flight training is provided under FAR Part 91 and Part 141. Quincy University’s Aviation Program provides professional flight instruction and offers Bachelor degrees in Aviation and Aviation Management.

Quincy Regional Airport is home to numerous community events including an annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, and “Tinsel on the Tarmac.” The “Tinsel” project brings children from the area to the airport terminal to spend some quality time with Santa.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates the Citizens of Quincy, the Quincy Airport Committee and Airport Manager Jarred Hester and his staff.

Reliever Airport of the Year
DUPAGE AIRPORT (West Chicago)

In Illinois, we are fortunate to have several “internationally” significant, corporate airports, facilities that are the envy of other states. DuPage Airport is one of those facilities. DuPage is a general aviation reliever airport to Chicago O’Hare International Airport and provides a great, uncongested access point to the western Chicago suburbs.

Many multinational corporate flight departments call DuPage home. The DuPage Flight Center is the airport’s FBO, and the Kitty Hawk Café restaurant, located in the terminal, provides catering services. There are several on-airport charter companies, flight training and other businesses, and companies who provide aircraft maintenance and avionics.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates the commissioners of the DuPage Airport Authority and their staff.

General Aviation Airport
MT. VERNON AIRPORT (Mt. Vernon)

The City of Mt. Vernon, known as the “King City,” is served by Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, an airfield that is always a hub of activity. Mt. Vernon has a busy FBO, corporate and military flights, an on-field restaurant, numerous community events and hosts national aircraft exhibitions and races.

Mt. Vernon hosts numerous events throughout the year, including Salute to Freedom, AirVenture Cup Cross-Country Air Race, Plane and Pilot’s Midwest LSA Expo, and Balloons Over Mt. Vernon.

Service is big part of what makes MVN special. Recently, the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority was awarded the Governor’s Volunteer Service Award for Southern
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Illinois by the Serve Illinois Commission. The true spirit of service is demonstrated in the Jefferson County Hall of Honor and the Colonel R.D. White Veteran’s Museum. The Hall of Honor pays tribute to local residents who served their community and country in times of war and peace. The museum features memorabilia that extend from the Civil War to today’s conflicts.

Mt. Vernon has worked closely with the Division of Aeronautics to bring numerous airfield improvements to their facility. The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics congratulates the commissioners of the Mt. Vernon Airport Authority and Airport Director Chris Collins and his staff.

General Aviation Airport
MARSHALL COUNTY AIRPORT (Lacon)

Lacon is a quiet riverside community of over 1,900 citizens and is located on the eastern bank of the Illinois River, just north of Peoria. The aviation needs of Lacon are served by the Marshall County Airport, which is located on the city’s eastern edge.

The airport was started in 1947 by a group of men, known as the “Flying Twenties,” with only one aircraft. On March 31, 1948, the then Illinois Department of Aeronautics certified the Marshall County Airport as a “Class 1 Airport.”

The Marshall County Airport is showcased to the public through its annual Fly-in Breakfast, where pancakes, waffles, eggs, sausage and drinks are served up. Aircraft rides are available and local vendors have displays. Each year Marshall County celebrates Father’s Day by co-sponsoring with Aeronautics, an aviation safety seminar in the main hangar.

The Illinois Division of Aeronautics congratulates the Marshall County Airport Board, the Citizens of Marshall County and Airport Manager Barry Logan and his staff.

Private, Open to the Public Airport
POPLAR GROVE AIRPORT (Poplar Grove)

In 1972, Richard Thomas, a retired dairy farmer established the Belvidere airport. The small, sleepy country airport consisted of cattle sheds converted to hangars, and a cow yard converted to a ramp. The iconic A.O. Smith Harvestore silo was used to hold the airport beacon, and remains in place to this day.

In 1994, Richard’s son Steve and his wife Tina bought the Belvidere airport which had 45 based aircraft at the time. Taking pride in the airport’s heritage and realizing the potential for something special, their vision for the airport began to take shape. Steve and Tina decided to develop the airfield as a lifestyle airport and renamed Belvidere the Poplar Grove Airport.

Today, Poplar Grove has grown into a staple general aviation airport in Illinois. With over 350 based aircraft, the airport has a paved 3,773-foot runway and two turf runways. The airport is home to a full service fixed based operator and a maintenance facility for airframes, engine and accessory overhauls. Adjacent to the airport
is Bel-Air Estates, a residential airpark/fly-in community with 140 single family lots and 46 condominiums. The airport is also home to the Poplar Grove Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum which serves to preserve history and educate youth.

Congratulations to the Poplar Grove Airport for a great job in serving the Illinois general aviation community.

Heliport of the Year

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
(Arlington Heights)

Located in suburban Chicago, the Arlington Heights Northwest Community Hospital (NCH) first opened its doors in December of 1959. Since then, the hospital has become one of the top healthcare providers in Illinois. NCH was ranked as one of the 2014-2015 “Best Hospitals” in the state by U.S. News and World Report. This recognition is one of many awards the hospital has received for providing quality, patient-focused care and responding to the needs of the community.

In the mid 1990’s NCH started expansion efforts to better serve its patients. In 1996, the hospital moved its helipad a short distance from a ground location to the top of the facility’s main parking garage where it remains today. The heliport consists of a 50’x60’ helipad and features unobstructed approaches, which allows NCH to cater to a range of EMS helicopters.

NCH staff members have always maintained a positive working relationship with Division personnel. Exhibiting a team-oriented attitude, they have gone above and beyond to ensure their heliport is always in safe, operational condition. As a result, the heliport has met or exceeded State standards for the last 19 years.

Congratulations to the Northwest Community Hospital heliport for a great job in servicing the Arlington Heights area.

Five Prop, Airport Restaurant of the Year

THE MAIN HANGAR RESTAURANT
(located at the Decatur Airport)

Located in the main terminal at Decatur, The Main Hangar Restaurant offers 36 one-of-a-kind entrees, 15 of which are Sicilian derived from family recipes. In addition to great food, on Friday and Saturday nights the restaurant hosts “Main Hangar Comedy Hour” featuring stand-up comedians from around the region. Whether it is a family gathering, office party, fundraiser, or simply stopping through for a fuel stop, The Main Hangar Restaurant is ready to serve wonderful meals and great entertainment.

The Illinois Division of Aeronautics congratulates The Main Hangar Restaurant on a truly successful and tasty operation.
Flight instructors may renew their flight instructor certificate through participation in WINGS. Flight instructors must hold a current phase of WINGS and must have evaluated at least 15 WINGS-accredited flight activities. AC-61-91J provides further details.

This is an excellent opportunity for both instructors and pilot participants to learn more about the WINGS program. Printed copies of the WINGS flight training syllabi will be available for both participating pilots and instructors along with assistance to guide you through the process of using this program. Past participants have been pleasantly surprised at the ease with which they completed the flight segments of the program. Once again, FAASTeam representatives will be on hand as pilots and instructors return from their flight, to assist with logbook endorsements and also with recording WINGS activity online.

Participation in the WINGS program is open to pilots holding a Sport Pilot certificate or higher. If you do not have your own airplane, rental airplanes are available through Aerinova.

WINGS Weekend also offers a variety of seminars that fulfill the Knowledge Elective course requirement for the WINGS program. Once again WINGS pilots will be able to complete all three knowledge activities without completing an online course. For more information on the WINGS program and the requirements, go to [faasafety.gov](http://faasafety.gov) or see the FAASTeam Representatives at WINGS Weekend.

Flight instructors, please note that flight instructors who provide WINGS training and endorsements do not need to have an email address or be registered on [faasafety.gov](http://faasafety.gov). If you wish to participate, we will assist you. Come join us!

WINGS Weekend is sponsored by IDOT Division of Aeronautics, Coles County Airport, Springfield FSDO and the Illinois FAASTeam.
UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

One does not need to search very far for evidence of the increasing number of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) that are being utilized. Unfortunately, stories of irresponsible use are becoming more frequent in news headlines. However, efforts to demonstrate the benefits of UAS and inform users how to safely operate them are also becoming more numerous. These include UAS trade shows, individual training programs and even airshows! The 2015 Sun ‘n Fun in Lakeland, Florida included an area dedicated to UAS demonstrations. This year’s EAA AirVenture will include a daily “Drone Cage” which will host demonstrations, educational presentations and obstacle course contests. The growing presence of UAS begs the question: How will this impact me as a pilot flying manned aircraft?

In February, the Federal Aviation Administration published a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for the “Operation and Certification of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems.” The NPRM proposes amending the regulations to adopt specific rules for the allowance of small unmanned aircraft systems to operate in the National Airspace System. The rulemaking applies only to the small UAS operating for non-hobby or non-recreational purposes, in other words: commercial use operations. The proposed rule defines small UAS as those weighing less than 55 pounds with a maximum speed of 100 mph. The complete NPRM may be accessed online at www.faa.gov/uas/nprm.

At the State level, Senate Bill 44 is currently under review by the legislature which, if passed, will establish the Unmanned Aerial System Oversight Task Force. The purpose of the task force will be to consider commercial and private uses of drones, landowners and privacy rights, as well as general rules and regulations for safe operation of drones in Illinois.

If you wish to comment or inquire regarding the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, there are numerous resources available on the Federal Aviation Administration’s UAS website which can be found at www.faa.gov/uas. You may also contact the Division of Aeronautics by emailing DOT.aero@illinois.gov or calling 217-785-8516.

TRIVIA

NAME THAT AIRPORT

The last “Name that Airport” brought out some fond memories and a number of correct answers.

Congratulations to Steve Chance, Dan Upstrom, Gary Lanier, Michael Payne and Charles Payne for recognizing the Bloomington Airport, circa 1969. Both Steve and Dan learned to fly at the Bloomington Airport.

Charlie Bates and Paul Krueger noted that Crosswinds Flying Club was founded at BMI in 1967 and operated a Piper 140. Crosswinds still operates at BMI. Charlie also told us “BMI was built in 1933 and 1934 as part of the Civil Works Administration project under Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal. The original NE/SW runway in the photo has been replaced by runway 02/20.”

Eric Maffei wrote: “Although this photo of Bloomington-Normal Airport was created well before I was, I’ve watched many students anxiously drop off their instructors at Image Air and taxi across that uniquely shaped ramp during their first solo. I’ve made that same taxi countless times myself going out on organ transplant missions - thankfully, the former never led to the latter.”

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 e-mail 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 next edition of Illinois Aviation.
## 2015 Calendar of Events

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