WINTER AND SPRING SAFETY SEMINARS

Since 1954, the Division of Aeronautics (then the Department of Aeronautics) has sponsored many safety and training seminars for our aviation community. The division works closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and co-sponsors to identify issues and topics of concern, and attendees consistently report being pleased with the knowledge gained from the seminars.

For more information on the seminars, including complete schedules and how to register for WINGS credit, please log on to www.faasafety.gov. Events will be posted and open for registration beginning in early January.

CHICAGO AVIATION EXPO – IFR/VFR AND COMPANIONS SEMINAR, Sat., Jan. 25, 2020

Seminar topics will include a variety of Instrument Flight Rules and Visual Flight Rules subjects. WINGS credit will be offered for the Basic Knowledge tasks. Separate sessions will be held for instrument-rated and non-instrument-rated pilots, so attendees can choose which topics are of interest to them.

Instrument pilots can hone their chart reading and procedural skills in the morning IFR seminar, get the latest information from Chicago Center controllers and learn about updates to aviation weather tools. VFR pilots can choose from seminars on air traffic control procedures, eye safety and the latest information on pilot medical requirements. Companions and aspiring pilots have a full program, including communications, navigation, how an airplane flies and handling emergencies.

Schedule:

- Registration and refreshments: 8 a.m.
- Opening remarks in the IFR room: 8:45 a.m.
- Morning seminars: 9:15 a.m.
- Lunch break: 12:05 p.m.
- Afternoon seminars: 1:30 p.m.
- Programs end: 4 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Itasca, 860 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca, Illinois.

Parking: The Holiday Inn has a large parking lot. The overflow parking area is the industrial lot immediately to the west of the Holiday Inn.

Refreshments: Morning coffee and donuts and a buffet lunch will be available for purchase in the Holiday Inn dining room.

Vendor displays provide an opportunity for participants to explore new aircraft types, such as sport aircraft, gliders and technically advanced aircraft, and to view or purchase the latest pilot supplies. Vendor inquiries are welcome. Contact Eva Koslowski, Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines, 773-619-7899 or eva_k@comcast.net.
This seminar is sponsored by the Chicago Area Chapter Ninety-Nines, IDOT Division of Aeronautics and the FAA FAASTeam. For more information, contact Carol Para, 847-274-8115 or carol.para@illinois.gov.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS IA RENEWAL & MAINTENANCE SEMINAR, Thurs., Feb. 13, 2020
One full day of seminars will be presented. IA renewal and AMT credit will be offered for mechanics. Pilots are welcome. Vendor exhibits will provide an opportunity to explore new products and services. No advance registration is needed.

Schedule:
Registration opens 7 a.m.
Seminar begins 7:45 a.m.
Program ends 5 p.m.
Location: Holiday Inn Itasca, 860 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca, Illinois.
Parking: Free parking is available.
Fees: There is no charge for this seminar.
Vendor Information: Contact Bob Bejna, 630-543-9213 or kb9fur@aol.com.

Sponsored by the IDOT Division of Aeronautics, FAA DuPage Flight Standards District Office and FAASTeam. For more information, contact Paul Adams, FAA DuPage FSDO, 847-294-8748 or Paul.Adams@faa.gov.

ANNUAL SAFETY & IA RENEWAL SEMINAR, THURSDAY, March 5, 2020
One full day of seminars will be presented. IA renewal and AMT credit will be offered for aviation mechanics. Pilots are also welcome.

Schedule:
Registration opens 7 a.m.
Seminar begins 7:50 a.m.
Program ends 5 p.m.
Location: Northfield Inn Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, Illinois.
Parking: Free parking is available.
Fees: There is no charge for this seminar.
Vendor Information: Vendor space is available but limited. Contact Carol Para, 847-274-8115 or Carol.Para@Illinois.gov.

Sponsored by the IDOT Division of Aeronautics, FAA Springfield FSDO and FAASTeam. For more information, contact M. Doyle Humphries at the Springfield FSDO, 217-744-1910 or Marshal.Humphries@faa.gov.

38TH ILLINOIS ULTRALIGHT & LIGHT PLANE SYMPOSIUM, LEAP INTO AVIATION, Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020
After 37 years in Springfield and Greenville, the Illinois Ultralight and Light Sport Aircraft Symposium is moving to the St. Louis Region with a new host and venue. The event will be held at Southwestern Illinois College’s Granite City campus, which is located a mile south of Interstate 270 Exit 4.

The symposium will cover a broad range of safety and maintenance topics that qualify for FAA Wings credit and will feature displays and exhibits of ultralight and light sport aircraft accessories, engines and other products.

Do you have parts or supplies lying around your hangar you no longer need that might be useful to others? The symposium will also host a mini swap meet with a table where you can display your items for sale or lay out a flyer advertising your aircraft or other large items.

Food will be available. Attendees can also tour Southwestern Illinois College’s airframe and powerplant classroom and training lab, complete with multiple aircraft under work.

The slate of expert speakers and exhibitors will be announced in early January on the Illinois Ultralight Advisory Council’s website: www.safety-seminar.com. Please save the date for this extraordinary aviation event!

Sponsored by Southwestern Illinois College, IDOT Division of Aeronautics, EAA Chapters 64 & 331, and the Illinois Ultralight Advisory Council. For more information, contact Bob McDaniel, 618-530-0805 or dusterpilot@charter.net.
**Illinois Aviation**

**Schedule:**
- Registration opens: 8 a.m.
- Seminar begins: 8:30 a.m.
- Program ends: 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Southwestern Illinois College Granite City campus, 4950 Maryville Road, Granite City, Illinois.

**Parking:** Free parking is available.

**Fees:** There is no charge for this seminar.

**Vendor Information:** Contact Bob McDaniel, 618-530-0805 or dusterpilot@charter.net.

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**ILLINOIS AVIATION CONFERENCE, May 20 & 21, 2020**

The 2020 Illinois Aviation Conference will be held May 20-21 at the Hilton Garden Inn by DuPage Airport in St. Charles, Illinois. Once again, outstanding airports and heliports will be honored at the IDOT awards luncheon.

Details for the conference and reservations forms can be found at [www.illinoisaviation.org/conference.html](http://www.illinoisaviation.org/conference.html) or by contacting Rob French or Concetta Johnson at 217-789-6252.

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**ILLINOIS AVIATION HALL OF FAME BANQUET, May 21, 2020**

Candidates are inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame based on long-term service to the aviation community in Illinois. This year’s inductees are Giles Henderson, Jim Klick, Ken Rapier, Wilbur Louis Smith and Lt. Col. William Thompson. The Spirit of Flight Award will be presented to Aviation Explorer Post #9, Chicago’s Leading Edge Chapter, Women in Aviation and the Southwestern Illinois College Aviation Program. Congratulations to our awardees and inductees. Photos and information about awardees will be available at [www.ilavhalloffame.org](http://www.ilavhalloffame.org) and in the March edition of the Illinois Aviation newsletter.

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**PILOTS AND MEDICATION**

The FAA recently issued a reminder for pilots to be aware of the effects over-the-counter medication may have on flying. During cold and flu season, many pilots turn to OTC medication. If you do, will you be safe to fly?

A key component in determining if a medication is safe is learning to read the label. The Food and Drug Administration requires standard labeling for all OTC medications. The FAA has provided guidance for reading these labels and determining if the medication may impact flying.


When in doubt about flying while taking a particular medication, consult your Aviation Medical Examiner.

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**CAROL PARA ACCEPTS NEW POSITION**

Many of you recognize Carol Para from attending one of Aeronautics’ safety seminars, which she has coordinated for the past 12 years. Unfortunately for Aeronautics, Ms. Para will be moving to a new position in January. She has graciously offered to continue helping with seminars. Ms. Para is a FAASTeam representative and will continue to assist in that role. We congratulate Ms. Para on her new position and wish her the best. She will be greatly missed at Aeronautics.
MASTER PILOT AWARD RECIPIENT
CLYDE ZELLERS

Clyde Zellers was presented with the Master Pilot Award at a ceremony held at the FAA Flight Safety District Office in Springfield. The Master Pilot Award recognizes pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years.

Mr. Zellers began flying and receiving dual instruction at Chicago-Hammond airport in Lansing, Illinois, in 1964. Throughout his life, Mr. Zellers has owned a number of aircraft, including a North American SNJ-5 advanced U.S. Navy training aircraft from World War II, which he flew in airshows throughout the country. His professional aviation career began at BRITT Airways, a regional airline based in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Zellers started flying Beechcraft B-99 Airliners and SwampinMetro-Liners. Over the years, Mr. Zellers flew for Trans World Express in St. Louis, Missouri, and Springfield, Illinois, and then spent 25 years flying Beechcraft King Air aircraft and Sikorsky S-76 helicopters for the IDOT Division of Aeronautics. Mr. Zellers is currently an Aviation Safety Inspector at the FAA FSDO in Springfield.

We congratulate Mr. Zellers on this accomplishment.