

CPA FLIGHT LINES

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President's Corner

by Andy Holmes



Dear Members of the Colorado Pilots Association,

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for being part of the Colorado Pilots Association. Whether you are a longtime member, a newly certificated pilot, a student pilot just beginning your journey, or someone who simply loves aviation and the community around it, your participation is what makes this organization strong.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president, and I am excited about what lies ahead for CPA in the year to come.

One of our core strengths as an association has always been our ability to bring people together around a shared passion for aviation. In the coming year, we plan to build on that tradition with a refreshed slate of fly-ins across Colorado and beyond. These events remain at the heart of who we are—opportunities to explore new airports, enjoy great food, share hangar stories, and strengthen friendships within the aviation community. Many of you are actively working on a diverse schedule that offers something for everyone, from shorter hops to longer destination fly-ins that showcase the beauty and variety of flying in the Rocky Mountain region and surrounding states.

At the same time, we recognize that not every member can participate in fly-ins as often as they might like. For that reason, we will also plan non-fly-in activities designed to broaden engagement and provide value to members in different ways. These may include educational seminars, safety and proficiency events, guest speakers from across the aviation industry, social gatherings, and family-friendly activities that allow us to connect beyond the flight deck. Our goal is to ensure that every member—regardless of aircraft ownership, flight time, or schedule—has meaningful opportunities to participate and feel connected to CPA.

A cornerstone of our mission is supporting the future of aviation, and our scholarship program continues to be one of the most impactful ways we do that. I want to highlight that the scholarship submission deadline for this year is February 15, 2026. We strongly encourage eligible applicants to apply and urge our members to help spread the word, particularly among student pilots and those early in their aviation careers. These scholarships represent more than financial assistance; they are an investment in people, dreams, and the long-term health of general aviation in Colorado.



Looking ahead, I want to explore the potential creation of a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation affiliated with the Colorado Pilots Association. Establishing a foundation could significantly enhance our ability to raise funds, accept tax-deductible donations, and expand scholarship and educational initiatives. While this is still very much in the exploratory phase, I believe it could be a powerful tool to support our mission and amplify the generosity of members and partners who want to give back to aviation in a lasting way. The board will keep the membership informed as this idea develops and we welcome your feedback and involvement.

Membership growth and engagement remain key priorities for the year ahead. Over the past several years, CPA has seen encouraging growth, and we intend to build on that momentum. Growth, however, is not just about numbers—it is about connection. We want to engage members across the entire membership roll, ensuring that voices are heard, ideas are welcomed, and opportunities to get involved are clear and accessible. In particular, we are committed to reaching and supporting the next generation of pilots and student pilots, who represent the future of our association and of general aviation itself.

To our student pilots, newer aviators, and aviation enthusiasts: you are not just welcome here—you are essential. We want CPA to be a place where you can find mentorship, encouragement, and a sense of belonging. To our experienced pilots: your knowledge, perspective, and willingness to mentor make an enormous difference. By bringing these generations together, we strengthen the fabric of our community and ensure that the passion for aviation is passed forward.

As we move into this new year, I invite each of you to consider how you might engage more deeply with CPA—by attending an event, volunteering, mentoring, serving on a committee, or simply reaching out to a fellow member. This association thrives when members are involved, connected, and invested in one another.

Thank you for your continued support of the Colorado Pilots Association. I look forward to flying with you, learning alongside you, and continuing to build an exciting future for general aviation in Colorado.

Fly Safe,

Andy Holmes
President
Colorado Pilots Association



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Format all articles with 0.5" margins

Email your article to newsletter@coloradopilots.org.

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CPA NOTAMs

CPA Scholarship Applications Due February 15, 2026

The Colorado Pilots Association **2026 Pilot Training Scholarship Program application window is now open!** This year, we are awarding **two (2) scholarships** to deserving Coloradans with a passion for aviation.

Private Pilot Certificate: The **Walt and Terry Barbo PPL Scholarship** is open to Colorado students aged 16-22.

Advance your Skills: The **Emily Howell Warner Scholarship** supports female pilots with Private Pilot certificates or higher pursuing Instrument Rating, Commercial Certificate, or Multi-Engine Ratings.

Application window – January 1, 2026 to February 15th, 2026.

CPA Fly-In Planning Meeting – January 10, 2026

The 2026 Fly-in planning meeting will take place on January 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Flatirons meeting room in the terminal at BJC. This is when our events for the 2026 flying season will be announced by hosts and dates will be scheduled. Food and drinks provided, and we always welcome member participation. Be there and get a head start on next year's flying season!

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Colorado Aviation Events – January 2026

For some of the links to function, you must be signed into your Colorado Pilots Association account

CPA – Monthly Board of Directors Meeting-ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Monday, January 5, 2026, from 1830 to 2030

SheltAir, 9107 Rocky Road, Broomfield, CO 80021

In Person, or CPA website link or at <https://bit.ly/CPABoardMeeting>

Join us before the meeting at Tu's Kitchen for Social Hour from 5pm to 6pm, located at 6500 W 120th Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020

Breakfast Fly-In @ Wings Over the Rockies – Exploration of Flight, KAPA

Saturday, January 10, 2026 from 0930 to 1230

Wings Over the Rockies Exploration of Flight, 13005 Wings Way, Englewood, CO 80112

Information and Tickets [here](#). Fly in or stop by to check out the museum and enjoy a local food truck.

Jefferson County Airport Advisory Board ([link to Agenda and Minutes](#))

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 1700 to 1800

RMMA Terminal, Second Floor, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO 80021

Registration not required. Virtual Meeting link [here](#).

Furry Friends & Flyers Showcase @ Wings Over The Rockies – Exploration of Flight, KAPA

Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 1000-1400

Wings Over the Rockies-Exploration of Flight, 13005 Wings Way, Englewood, CO 80112

Information and Tickets [here](#).

CPA – Monthly Board of Directors Meeting-ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Monday, February 2, 2026, from 1830 to 2030

The Hangar, 7565 South Peoria, Englewood, CO 80112

In Person, or CPA website link or at <https://bit.ly/CPABoardMeeting>

Join us before the meeting at Alpha Charlie's for Social Hour from 5pm to 6pm, located at 6631 S Peoria St, Centennial, CO 80111

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Soar to New Heights with the 2026 CPA Pilot Training Scholarship Program!

The Colorado Pilots Association (CPA) is proud to announce our **2026 Pilot Training Scholarship Program**. This year, we are awarding **two (2) scholarships** to deserving Coloradans with a passion for aviation.

The application window will open on January 1, 2026, closing on February 15th, 2026.

Who Should Apply?

Earn your Private Pilot's License: The **Walt and Terry Barbo PPL Scholarship** is open to Colorado students aged 16-22.



Walt Barbo is a distinguished figure in American aviation, known for his service as a **World War II fighter pilot** and his extensive career in **airport engineering and development**. He has held several leadership roles, including President of the **Rocky Mountain Aviation & Aerospace Association** and President of the **Colorado Pilots Association**, and has served as a board member for the **Wings Over the Rockies Museum**.

In June 2019, he received the **Colorado Aeronautical Board Lifetime Achievement Award**. He has continued to be an active pilot, flying his personal aircraft, a **Cessna 210** (which he has owned since the 1970s) based at the Colorado Air & Space Port, even at the age of **101** (as of Spring 2025). He and his wife, **Terry**, are devoted to Colorado General Aviation organizations.

Advance your Skills: The **Emily Howell Warner Scholarship** supports female pilots with Private Pilot certificates or higher pursuing Instrument Rating, Commercial Certificate, or Multi-Engine Ratings.

Emily Howell Warner (1939–2020) was a pioneering American pilot, nationally recognized for breaking gender barriers in commercial aviation, with deep roots in Colorado where her career began and flourished.



She started flying lessons in 1958 at **Clinton Aviation** at **Stapleton Airport in Denver**, where she also worked as a receptionist to pay for her instruction. In January 1973, after years of persistent applications, **Denver-based Frontier Airlines** hired her, making her the **first female pilot** for a scheduled U.S. commercial airline since 1934.

Warner received multiple national and local honors for her achievements. In her honor, the **Granby/Grand County Airport** in Colorado was renamed **Emily Warner Field** in 2015. Her pilot uniform is on display at the **Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum**. She is remembered as a trailblazer whose skill and perseverance opened the doors for thousands of women in the commercial aviation industry.

How to Apply:

The application window is open from January 1 – February 15, 2026.

Each applicant will need to submit a Personal Essay outlining their aviation related goals along with a Letter of Recommendation from their Certified Flight Instructor (CFI).

Learn More & Apply:

- **CPA Scholarship Application:** [CPA Scholarships](#)
- **Applicant Expectations:** [Applicant Expectations](#)
- **Scholarships by Makala Galler:** [CPA Presents](#)

Questions may be directed to scholarships@coloradopilots.org.



FROM THE LINE



CPA MEMBER ARTICLES

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2025 CPA Holiday Dinner a Success!, by Bob Kinney



Engage with CPA

CPA is a volunteer-driven organization, and our effectiveness depends on members who are willing to get involved. There are several meaningful ways you can help strengthen aviation advocacy in Colorado:

- **Join a CPA Committee:** Our committees focus on airport issues, airspace and ATC, backcountry access and mountain flying, safety and education, scholarships, member outreach, fly-ins, and activities and community events. Whether you have experience or simply a willingness to help, your perspective matters.
- **Support CPA Financially:** Donations directly support advocacy efforts, educational events, scholarships, and outreach that protects and promotes pilots and general aviation across the state. Every contribution helps amplify our voice.
- **Attend Monthly Board Meetings:** CPA Board meetings are open to members and provide an opportunity to stay informed, ask questions, and engage directly with leadership on current issues.

Your time, expertise, and support make a real difference. Contact us [here](#) or send an email to an Officer or Chair.



Need a Ride or Have a Seat? Say So!

CPA's fly-in registration form provides for this option

by Bill Marvel, Fly-in committee chairman

It's just my guess, but I suspect many CPA members are aircraft owners. But I know many who are not yet in that category and must rent from busy facilities, which require a long lead time to have an aircraft available on any given date, not to mention a high cost. Plus, we have members who are just learning to fly and in student status, so their opportunities are further limited. Some of you without aircraft access may have never looked at one of our Fly-in registration forms to realize that you still have options!

While not all owners attending our Fly-ins can take someone along on a trip, I actively urge those who can, to speak up and make that fact known on the registration form. I, for instance, only have two seats in our RV-14A and Marti normally travels with me so there's nothing to offer. But if she can't make a trip for some reason, you can bet I will try to take someone else. Some of you have four or six-place aircraft where it is both safe and feasible to bring someone along who otherwise could not attend. All airplane owners can well recall the days before we had one and how much we wanted to fly anyway. It's no different today.

By no means do I suggest you put 4 people in a 172 and head for Leadville in August! I'm certain that just about all owners routinely flying here in Colorado are aware of mountain flying challenges and know their aircraft and its capabilities/limitations. Times of day, routes, temperatures, airport elevations and that sort of thing determine what's safe and what is not. That decision is 100% your call, always.

To help CPA's effort to give more members a chance to fly with someone, each registration form contains provisions for pilots with an available seat to say so and for those who would like to go as a passenger to do likewise. The event host then puts both sides in touch, and they work it out themselves with no outside intervention. It has worked well for several past events. And believe me, the passenger(s) very much appreciate the opportunity to fly! Keep in mind that when flying together with the same destination and purpose, it is entirely legal to split the fuel cost between pilot and passenger(s). It's a way to reduce operating costs for everyone in the airplane and give others a chance to fly they would not otherwise have. Going somewhere in a GA aircraft demonstrates the "magic carpet" better than words ever will!

A generic registration form appears on the next page. Please note the yellow block at the top which is strictly for members who are seeking a ride. Further down the form is a section where pilots who have a seat can so indicate.

Regardless of whether you are a pilot with an available seat or a member without an airplane who is looking for a ride, please put some thought into this when the situation allows. Not all airports we fly into are high in the mountains so taking someone is often feasible. As I mentioned before, it is always 100% the aircraft owner's decision, but at least, in my view, worth your consideration. Keep in mind that the financial challenge to fly that today's owners once experienced is now the reality of others who are in the same position. You **can** make a difference...





Fly-in Registration Form

WANT TO GO BUT NO AIRPLANE AND JUST NEED A RIDE?

Complete only this yellow section and mail the form to the Fly-in host address below

Name: Phone: () Email: # Seats

PILOTS FLYING OR DRIVING TO THIS EVENT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION

Which event are you registering for?		North Pole Fly-in	
First Name		Last Name	
Are you a CPA Member?		Yes	No
Address:			
Cell Phone:			
Email:			
Emergency contact name and phone of someone not traveling with you:			
Aircraft type:		N number:	
Is anyone traveling with you?		Yes	No
If so, their first and last names			
Do you have an available seat? If so, how many?			
Cost per person: \$_____ times total number in party _____ = \$_____			
Anyone on a first CPA Fly-in?		Yes	No

Please send a check for the above amount, if any, **made out to the Colorado Pilots Association**, to the Fly-in host:

Santa Claus (123) 456 7890

4790 W. Snowshoe Drive

North Pole Village, Earth 01234



1925 National Air Reliability Tour: 100th Anniversary Commemorative Mooney Edition

by Marc Breen, CPA Member

By 1925, Americans could travel long distances by train or automobile; but the idea of commercial aviation only existed in dreams and imagination. Air travel seemed like an interesting concept, but also was somewhat unreliable at the time, which meant that it was enjoyed only by the brave — soldiers who'd flown in World War I, entrepreneurial barnstormers, and the few intrepid airmail pilots.

Still, airplane manufacturers hoped to develop commercial aviation and needed to build and promote airfields with dependable runways and modern facilities. Air travel needed to be proven safe and reliable to help people become comfortable with the idea of flight.

The Detroit Board of Commerce and the Detroit Aviation Society suggested a National Air Tour, a concept credited to Harvey Campbell and based on the 1904 Glidden Automobile Tour that publicized highway travel. Edsel Ford donated a tour trophy of gold and silver, and the tour was scheduled to depart from Ford's new airfield in Dearborn, Michigan. It was scheduled to visit 12 additional cities over six days in a grand tour of the Midwest from September 28 to October 4, 1925.

The first Commercial Airplane Reliability Tour in 1925 was a sensational success. Seventeen airplanes from 11 different manufacturers drew tremendous crowds to every stop along the way. Many names involved are still instantly recognizable today: Edward Stinson, Walter Beech, and Henry and Edsel Ford.

To learn more about the Air Tours, you can read *The Ford Air Tours 1925-1931* by Lesley Forden.

One hundred years later the idea of commercial aviation and worldwide travel is commonplace and ordinary. Most household goods, groceries, and electronics we use daily were produced in another country and many arrived by air. The dream that started in 1925 is lived daily by most of the modern world. To commemorate this amazing achievement, a group of Mooney pilots from the Rocky Mountains decided to recreate the amazing voyage laid out 100 years ago.

In September 2025, a group of Mooney pilots decided to recreate the original tour. Each pilot was provided with a coil bound "Flight Packet" that contained pictures of the 1925 Tour and history of the Air Reliability Tour as well as an airport facility directory page and airport diagram for each airport. The back page was a flight card that had areas for a "passport" stamp at each of the stops. We had self-inking stampers made for each stop that spelled out F-O-R-D-A-I-R-T-O-U-R-1925-2025, and it contained the airport identifier where we stopped along with the city name of the original tour. We also found a group of Franklin Mint "First Air



Reliability Tour Fiftieth Anniversary Coins” that were made to resemble the original silver medallions given to the 11 pilots who made perfect scores on the 1925 Air Reliability Tour. A commemorative coin was given to each of the pilots passengers who joined us; additionally, a copy of National Geographic’s Living in the Age of Airplanes DVD was sent out ahead of time for inspiration!

Fun Events Along the Way:

Garmin Aviation Factory tour hosted by Jarett Haffner at Garmin International in Olathe, Kansas

Wright Brothers National Museum in Carillon Park in Dayton, Ohio.

Evening air tours in a 1946 Piper J-3 Cub on floats flown by Captain Doug Keen at Portage Lake in Pinckney, Michigan.

Wrigley Field to see Chicago Cubs beat St. Louis Cardinals 7-3.

Airports Visited:

KMKC Charles B. Wheeler Downtown — Kansas City, MO; KSUS Spirit of St. Louis — St. Louis, MO; KHUF — Terre Haute Regional Airport — Terre Haute, IN; **KEYE Eagle Creek — Indianapolis, IN**; KMGY — Dayton/Wright Brothers Airport — Dayton, OH (not on original tour but a worthy stop for us); KOSU Ohio State University — Columbus, OH; KBKL Burke Lakefront Airport — Cleveland, OH; KARB Ann Arbor Municipal — Ann Arbor, MI; KSMD Smith Field Airport — Fort Wayne, IN; **KMDW Chicago Midway International — Chicago, IL**; KDVN Davenport Municipal — Davenport, IA; KIKV Ankeny Regional Airport — Ankeny, IA; KCBF Council Bluffs Municipal — Council Bluffs, IA; KSTJ Rosecrans Memorial Airport — St. Joseph, MO.

*Airports in bold were overnight stops.

2025 Air Reliability Tour Log of Pilots and Passengers:

Marc Johnson/Elary Johnson — 1986 Mooney M20K 252

Dan Driscoll — 1994 Mooney M20M

Marc Breen/Meredith Sherrill — 1997 Mooney M20K Encore



2025 CPA Holiday Dinner a Success!

by Bob Kinney

The annual Colorado Pilot Association's holiday dinner was, once again, held at the Buffalo Run Golf Course's Bison Grill on Sunday evening December 7, 2025. The great



folks at Bison Grill treated our group like royalty again. The atmosphere is very quaint and comfortable for our size group.

This year, despite a couple of no shows due to illness, we hosted right at 50 members and guests. It was a great dinner with



wonderful long-time and new members enjoying conversations in front of the fireplace. We also enjoyed the company of a number of newer CPA folks and their guests who hadn't

attended before. Everyone had a fantastic time during the lead-up happy hour festivities and Bison Grill once again performed flawlessly in providing scrumptious meals for all. Thanks to Shawn Kinney for arranging for the evening's dinner favors – small bottles of Colorado honey labeled with the CPA logo. Yum!



We all look forward to next year as word spreads among our members of the great time with aviation friends. It's worth noting that the Bison Grill has managed to maintain an extremely affordable price for this holiday gathering. . .much, much lower than similar venues in the Denver market for similar events. With a completely remodeled facility for our next dinner in December 2026, we look forward to welcoming even more CPA members and guests.



ON THE HORIZON



CPA FLY-IN NEWS & LISTINGS

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2026 Fly-In Introduction

by Bill Marvel, Fly-in committee chairman

Welcome to the 2026 Fly-in program! If you're a member who has a nose for adventure, a love of aviation or just a burning desire to fly to new locations and make new aviation friends, this is the place to be.

The 2025 events are all history but on January 10 we'll be scheduling this year's trips. In the February 1 issue of Flight Lines and on the website, we'll be rolling out the entire slate of Fly-ins for 2026.

We have nearby fly-ins, far away ones and one-day, two-day and three-day weekend trips for all levels of pilots, aircraft owners and aircraft renters. We even make provisions for those of you without an airplane! Past destinations range from larger venues like Kansas City to smaller ones like Huntington, Utah and everywhere in between – and beyond. Aircraft types range from light sport to twin turboprops with the largest number being the ubiquitous singles, including home-builts. Our members live all over the country although most are here in Colorado. And if you are a non-member reading this Flight Lines article and not yet a part of us, joining CPA is the best \$30 bargain in aviation!

All trips are planned by our fellow members who donate their time, enthusiasm and effort to make each Fly-in possible. There's something for everyone, whether you're a museum browser, hiker, river rafter, mountain biker, horseback rider or even a beer connoisseur, as we almost always include a group dinner preceded by happy hour. It's all there for you! Event registration fees cover common costs like rental cars that benefit everyone, but this is not a money maker for the Association. We keep costs in check, so events are affordable - breaking even is our goal. Registering for any event places you on a list of attendees who then receive all needed information. It is very much a turnkey operation.

Each year members meet in early January to assemble our Fly-in schedule. Because we live all over everywhere, we frequently receive suggestions for new places to visit. But because we've been doing this for so long, even revisiting prior destinations appeals to new members or existing ones who could not make a previous event.

There's no better way to expand and improve your piloting skills than flying real trips. And traveling with a group ensures plenty of support in the event of an airplane maintenance problem. We have everyone from student pilots to multi-thousand-hour airline captains, former military pilots, A&P mechanics and flight instructors in our group. Regardless of your flying experience or background, you'll be welcomed and surrounded by fellow aviators who are "oh, so nice" and will treat you like long-lost friends.

Come and join one or more of our Fly-ins this year. If you want to first stick your toe in the water to see how it feels, our one-day trips are easy to attend and inexpensive. You'll be talking about the fun you had for a long time and eagerly anticipating the next one.

Check the February issue of Flight Lines and the website about that same time for this year's schedule. You'll love it!





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