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## A Letter From The President

BY GLENN JANUSKA (SIOUX CITY)

**W**ith the 80th Iowa General Assembly's regular session closed, and a special legislative session scheduled, we all have a chance to catch our breath and look at how Iowa airports fared in this session. While the report card is not complete (airports may fare well with the "Iowa Values" fund to be debated in the special session), I think we can all take pride in our efforts to continue the education process on the importance of aviation funding through our personal visits, phone calls, and e-mails. Airport Infrastructure Improvement funding, once again included in the budget, appears to be just one of our successes this session. Thank you to each of you who have been diligent and persistent in these efforts. As I've stated before, we can be immensely more effective working together than we can separately.

Speaking of working together, the IPAA Board of Directors continues to work hard on behalf of Iowa's airports. Besides lobbying efforts, the Board is hard at work with the Iowa Office of Aviation on the planning and coordination of the 2003 Iowa Aviation Conference, scheduled for October 16th – 17th at the West Des Moines Marriott Hotel. Not only is this a primary revenue generator for the organization, but it gives us a chance to socialize, network, and learn from each other as well as from the planned

sessions. If you haven't submitted your 2003 IPAA membership dues please do so soon. If you haven't been an IPAA member in the past, I'd strongly encourage you to become a member today. For Iowa Airports, dues are determined by the IDOT category for your facility as indicated in the column to the far left. While we are all monitoring our expenses in these tough economic times, IPAA membership should be considered an investment. If we don't invest in our future today we will become less successful tomorrow. If you are not an IPAA member and are not considering becoming a member at this time, please let me know why. As our mission states, "IPAA is dedicated to providing information to, and representing the interests of all of the publicly owned airports in the State of Iowa." If we fail to provide information of value, or are not meeting the interests of each publicly owned airport in the State, then we are not succeeding in our mission. I can be reached at: Sioux Gateway Airport/Col. Bud Day Field, 2403 Aviation Boulevard, Sioux City, IA 51111; phone (712) 279-0170; or e-mail: [gjanuska@sioux-city.org](mailto:gjanuska@sioux-city.org). Thank you for reading. ✉



## 2003 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

# IOWA PUBLIC AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION

### AVIATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING RETURNS TO STATE BUDGET

The FY 2004 Budget includes over \$1,580,000 for airport infrastructure improvements.

Thanks to the efforts of IPAA members who contacted their local lawmakers, state funding for the Aviation Improvement Program has returned to the state budget.

The Infrastructure Appropriations Bill passed by lawmakers in early May included \$500,000 for the Aviation Improvement Program and aviation safety programs (AWOS, runway markings and windsocks).

Also included in the Infrastructure Appropriations Bill is \$1,100,000 for commercial airport infrastructure improvements and \$581,400 for general aviation airport infrastructure projects.

The return to state funding for programs such as the AWOS system, runway marking program, windsocks and the Aviation Improvement Program was helped greatly by the e-mails and telephone calls to lawmakers made by IPAA members prior to, and during the 2003 Iowa Legislative Session.

### AVIATION PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE IN PROPOSED "IOWA VALUES" FUND

The effort to create a \$350 million statewide economic development fund cleared its first hurdle earlier this month and now awaits Senate approval during the anticipated Special Legislative Session.

The "Iowa Values" fund proposed in HF 683, includes language that singles out aviation



programs as one of only three transportation uses for "Iowa Values" Fund moneys.

Here's the language from HF 683:

"The department may use moneys appropriated under this section to procure technical assistance from either the public or private sector, for information technology purposes, and for rail, air, or river port transportation-related purposes. The use of moneys appropriated for rail, air, or river port transportation-related purposes must be directly related to an economic development project and the moneys must be used to leverage other financial assistance moneys."

The many contacts made by IPAA members with their lawmakers during the last two weeks of the Legislative Session made the inclusion of this important language possible.

As a result, once the "Iowa Values" fund is passed, airports are strongly encouraged to apply for economic development grants. Projects such as: 1) runway improvements or extensions to allow for current or new companies to utilize (or better utilize) your airport; 2) The construction of a new hangar

for a new company to locate their airplane at your airport; 3) Expansion of commercial air service to a new hub airport, the addition of more flights, or the attraction of new commercial air service to an airport, should all be eligible for "Iowa Values" fund moneys.

We will keep a close eye on the development of the administrative rules for the "Iowa Values" fund if it is approved by the Senate.

Other Bills of Interest:

### SF 82 AVIATION TRUST RESTORATION

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill creates an aviation investment fund within the state treasury to be administered by the state Department of Transportation. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for the purposes of airport engineering, construction, and improvements. The fund consists of aircraft registration fees and moneys from the aviation fuel tax fund not used for the administration of that fund.

### SF 97 OMNIBUS TRANSPORTATION BILL

Status: Signed Into Law

Included in this bill is a provision that ends the hangar revolving loan program that was defunded by lawmakers last year. The bill allows the roughly \$120,000 that was loaned out to be repaid to the state Department of Transportation and made available to support general aviation airports. This proposal was made by the Iowa Department of Transportation. ✈

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## FLY IOWA 2003 TAKES OFF IN CEDAR RAPIDS

Clear your schedule and mark your calendars for July 5 and 6 when **FLY IOWA 2003** takes off at The Eastern Iowa Airport!

You aren't going to want to miss this special celebration commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Powered Flight in the city of Cedar Rapids - once the home of the Wright Brothers.

**FLY IOWA** is an annual statewide fly-in and aviation fair created by the Iowa Aviation Promotion Group. The event is designed to promote aviation and its associated benefits across the state of Iowa, and to use aviation as a motivating force to encourage science, math and technology education among Iowa's youth.

Admission to **FLY IOWA 2003** is free.

This year's presenting sponsor is Rockwell Collins. Additional sponsors for the event are the Cedar Rapids Jaycees, United Fire Group, Henry Russell Bruce, Collins Plaza, and a grant from the Witwer Trust Fund Grant from the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

Among the aircraft that will be on display are a B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator, the planes that won the air war in Europe during WW II. Also on hand will be the A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog), the air war hero of Gulf War I and II.

And you will be able to take a step back in history and take a flight on the Experimental Aircraft Association's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor.

Other activities at **FLY IOWA 2003** will include aircraft flyovers, exhibitors from the aviation world, fly-in breakfasts on each day, a hangar dance and buffet Saturday night and demonstrations by the Cedar Rapids SkyHawks. Helicopter and planes rides will also be offered.

For more information about the event you can log onto the award-winning **FLY IOWA 2003** Web site at [flyiowa2003.org](http://flyiowa2003.org). Organizers anticipate up to 35,000 people will attend this event marking history.

In addition to **FLY IOWA 2003**, there are many other exhibits and programs planned throughout Cedar Rapids to celebrate 100 years of powered flight. The Aviation Points of Interest planned at this time include:

- "Wright to Flight," an exhibition at The History Center beginning June 27 - Nov. 4. The exhibit features Linn County's link to aviation history.
- Science Station/McLeod Busse IMAX Theatre will have aviation exhibits and show an aviation-related movie at the IMAX Dome Theatre.
- African-American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa will feature information about African American aviators.
- "Fly Wright - Just Plane Art" in downtown Cedar Rapids June to September 2003, sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Renaissance Group, Inc.



## ATTENTION

Iowa Public Airports Association Members Attending the FAA Airports Conference

You are invited to attend the IPAA General Membership Meeting  
June 3, 2003  
Hyatt Regency Crown Center  
Kansas City, Missouri

8:30 — 10:30 AM  
Room - Chicago A  
A continental breakfast will be served

The Iowa Department of Transportation has recently released the 2003-2004 Iowa Airport Directory. According to Roy Criss of the DOT's Office of Aviation, the cover of the new directory was designed to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight.

The Iowa Airport Directory is printed every other year to update pilots on important airport information, and can be used as a safety tool and planning guide for traveling the state by air. This directory contains several new features, including a state aviation map and community information that pilots will find helpful during their journeys around the state.

Iowa's air transportation system plays an important role in the state's transportation network and contributes \$834 million annually to its economy.

You can obtain a copy of the directory by visiting the publications order page on the Office of Aviation's Web site at [www.iavings.com](http://www.iavings.com). You may also call the Office of Aviation at 515-239-1875 or e-mail [michele.rouse@dot.state.ia.us](mailto:michele.rouse@dot.state.ia.us).



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## 2003 Aviation Conference

**M**ake plans to attend the 2003 Aviation Conference October 16 – 17, 2003 to be held at the West Des Moines Marriott. The 15 member Program Planning Committee is working hard to pull together another outstanding event.

Some of the keynote speakers include Pamela Hamilton, TSA associate administrator for the Office of General Aviation Policy and Colonel Bud Day, the most decorated living military person in the United States. His months of captivity as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and his message of hope and inspiration in overcoming challenges set the stage for a very memorable conference.

An Orville Wright impersonator will also be joining us as we continue to

celebrate 100 years of flight. Additionally, Governor Vilsack and NASA astronaut (and Iowa native) Peggy Whitson have been invited to join us for the conference.

The committee has also identified a number of informative topics for the various breakout sessions. Some of these include:

- ✦ Security and AOPA airport watch
- ✦ FAA/State updates
- ✦ Airport 101 (basic tools for running an airport)
- ✦ Insurance
- ✦ FBO management tools
- ✦ FSDO safety seminar
- ✦ Partnering to accomplish goals

Members of the Iowa State University Aerospace Department have agreed to display their half-scale model of the Wright Flyer and to be in attendance to answer your questions. And don't



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Keep checking our website for conference agenda updates and for complete registration information. Should be a great event!



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