

# Congratulations on earning your Mechanic's Certificate!



The SDPA is pleased to give a one-year FREE membership to **NEW Mechanics** who are residents of SD – all you have to do is complete this application and mail it to us at the address below. By NEW mechanic we mean that they have passed their practical test for the A&P (airframe & powerplant) test within 12 months of submitting an application for a free membership.

The SDPA was formed in 1993 so that we can have a stronger voice in general aviation issues in South Dakota. We use membership dues and donations to provide scholarships to high school students to participate in the annual **ACE (Aerospace Career and Education) Camp** held at South Dakota State University (Brookings); we provide an annual **Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,000) to aviation enthusiasts to complete their pilot training or earn an advanced rating with a SD-based instructor; we sponsor aviation safety seminars; we sponsor an annual **SDPA Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship** (\$2,000) at the **Lake Area Technical Institute** (Watertown), we maintain an informative web site, and we are the ONLY state-wide general aviation newsletter!!

*We need your help in providing a strong voice for general aviation in South Dakota!!  
Please join the SDPA!*



Monitor Aviation Legislation



Sponsor Scholarships



Sponsor Safety Meetings



Publish Bimonthly Newsletter



Maintain a General Aviation Web Site at  
[WWW.SDPILOTS.ORG](http://WWW.SDPILOTS.ORG)

## How Do I Join?

Fill out the form below and mail it for *General Membership*. **FREE to NEW Mechanics.**

-----(Detach and Mail)-----

Membership Form

Mail to: South Dakota Pilots Association

Free to New Mechanic

307 W. Blaine, Gettysburg, SD 57442-1145

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ Designated Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

## Monitor Aviation Legislation

The SDPA maintains contact with the SD Aeronautics Commission and the SD Office of Air, Rail & Transit to keep abreast of aviation activities in South Dakota. The minutes of the SD Aeronautics Commission are reported in the newsletter. The SDPA monitors state, regional, and national aviation issues and submits comments to the appropriate officials and elected representatives.



## Sponsor Safety Meetings

The SDPA co-sponsors safety meetings around the state, and promotes safety through stories in the *SDPA News* newsletter.



## Sponsor Scholarships

The SDPA sponsors scholarships to the **Aerospace Career and Education (ACE) Camp** held annually at South Dakota State University in Brookings. The scholarships were established in 1995, and typically, go to West River students and to East River students.



The SDPA sponsors the **Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,000) that goes to a SD resident who is earning a pilot's certificate or an advanced rating and must be trained by a SD-based instructor. The scholarship was established in 1998 to honor the memory of state pilots Ron Becker and Dave Hansen who died in the crash of the state's MU-2 with Governor George S. Mickelson and five others on April 19, 1993.



The SDPA sponsors the **SDPA Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship** (\$2,000) at the Lake Area Technical Institute (Watertown). The scholarship was established in 2005, and goes to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student for tuition.

## Co-sponsor SD Aviation Art Contest

The SD Office of Air, Rail & Transit has sponsored the SD Aviation Art Contest for several years. In 2005 SDPA became a co-sponsor of the SD Aviation Art Contest. The SDPA provides funding for prizes for the winners of the contest in three age categories: 6-9, 10-13, and 14-17.



## Publish Newsletter

The SDPA publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *SDPA News*. The newsletter reports activities of the SDPA, news from the SD Office of Air, Rail & Transit and SD Aeronautics Commission, reports aviation concerns in South Dakota, the region, and the nation, and lists aviation events in & near South Dakota.



## SDPA Web Site

The SDPA maintains a web site at [www.sdpilots.org](http://www.sdpilots.org) that is the most comprehensive source of aviation information in South Dakota. The site gives detailed information on the SDPA, scholarships, SD Aviation Hall of Fame, Master Mechanics, Master Pilots & Master Instructors, SD Civil Air Patrol, SD AOPA Airport Support Network, SD EAA Chapters, aviation events & much more.

