

South Dakota Pilots Association



We invite you to join the SDPA so that we can have a stronger voice in general aviation issues in South Dakota.

We use our membership dues and donations to have 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 co-sponsor the SD Aviation Art Contest; we provide an annual Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500) 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 (\$2,500) at the Lake Area Technical College (Watertown), we maintain an informative website, and we are the ONLY state-wide general aviation newsletter!!

*SDPA needs 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 Website at
<https://sdpilots.com>

Who Can Join? . . . Anyone 16 years old and interested in general aviation.

How Do I Join? . . . Fill out the form below and mail it with \$20 annual dues for *General* Membership or \$10 for *Student (full-time in high school, college, or technical school)* Membership.

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Membership Form

\$20 General \$10 Student Pilot

Mail to: South Dakota Pilots Association

307 West Blaine Avenue, Gettysburg, SD 57442-1145

\$300 LifeTime Membership

Donation to scholarships: \$_____ (circle: Becker-Hansen; ACE Camp; Av Maint.; Art Contest; All)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Aircraft type and N number: _____

Monitor Aviation Legislation

The SDPA maintains contact with the SD Aeronautics Commission and the SD Office Aeronautics to keep abreast of aviation activities in South Dakota. The minutes of the SD Aeronautics Commission are reported in the newsletter.



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 scholarship was established in 1995, and typically, scholarships go to West River students and to East River students.



The SDPA sponsors the **Becker-Hansen Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500)** that goes to a SD resident who is earning a pilot's license 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.



The SDPA sponsors the **SDPA Aviation Maintenance Technology Scholarship (\$2,500)** at the Lake Area Technical College (Watertown). The scholarship was established in 2005, and goes to a 2nd year student in the Aviation Program for tuition.

Co-sponsor SD Aviation Art Contest

The South Dakota Office of Aeronautics 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 Aeronautics, SD Aeronautics Commission, and reports aviation concerns in South Dakota, the region, and the nation, and lists aviation events in and near South Dakota.



SDPA Website

The SDPA maintains a website at <https://sdpilots.com> that is the most comprehensive source of aviation information in South Dakota. The site gives detailed information on the SDPA, scholarships, FLY SD Airports Passport program, SD Aviation Hall of Fame, SD Master Mechanics, Master Pilots & Master Instructors, SD Civil Air Patrol, SD AOPA Airport Support Network, SD EAA Chapters, NBAA rep, aviation events & much more.

