

PAMA-DFW Chapter

E-NEWS



December 2009

President's Corner

One more year is coming to an end for your DFW Chapter of PAMA and considering the hard times for aviation we had a very successful year.

We hosted the National PAMA Regional Seminar held at the American Airlines Conference Center along with the PAMA Olympics. A great Golf Tournament allowing the chapter to continue to offer full scholarships to Tarrant County College Students enrolled in the aviation maintenance program. The Chapter held its first chapter meeting at Skyline High School and on a side note

I was very impressed with the quality of the facilities and students of Skyline. Thank you to all of you, and the companies that made these activities a success.

Your Board of Directors will be working hard to build and improve your chapter in 2010 and your help to accomplish these objectives would be appreciated.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Roger Sickler

DFW Chapter of PAMA:
President

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Special points of interest:

- Letter from Scholarship recipient.
- New Chairman appointed by Board of Directors



Schedule of Events



DFW Chapter of PAMA Scholarship Update

PAMA DFW Chapter Meeting

Date: December 21, 2009

Location:

Time:

Our chapter has three students receiving full scholarships. All three are making good progress with their studies.



Joel Becker is taking the FAA Oral & Practical exams this month for the Airframe rating and is currently in his first semester of Powerplant classes. He continues to excel in his courses.

Cory Courchesne is continuing his studies in Airframe and making superb progress. He routinely takes the extra study group studies offered to further his skills weekly.

Joshua Quimby is our newest scholarship recipient. He is currently enrolled in both General and Airframe classes this semester and is doing very well. We look forward to his continued successes.

Monthly meetings are generally held on the 3rd Monday of the month, but will be changed due to holidays and other conflicting issues.

If you know of an upcoming event that needs to be added to the calendar, please contact Karen Winterrowd at karen@shipitaogllc.com to have the information included in the newsletter.

Letter From Joshua Quimby

Dear Donor,

November 20, 2009

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for honoring me as this year's PAMA Scholarship recipient. Receiving this scholarship will help reduce my financial burdens and provide assistance as I continue to pursue an education in the aviation field. My future in aviation is much brighter thanks to your organizations trust and generosity.

After graduating high school I joined the military where I enjoyed my job as a helicopter mechanic. After a tour in Iraq and fulfilling my obligation, I returned home to Texas with my wife. I tried a few odd jobs, to include construction and oilfield work, but something was missing. Every time a plane or helicopter flew over I was looking to the sky. I missed the high caliber and integrity of the people in the industry. So after some time preparing, I decided to go back to college to follow my dream of being an Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic.

This scholarship is a blessing to me and my family. A great burden has been lifted from my shoulders. And I would like to take the opportunity again to thank you personally. From myself and my family, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Joshua P. Quimby



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Announcements

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Jeff Saucedo has accepted Board Of Directors position of DFW Chapter of PAMA Activities Chairman.

Jeff is Vice President of Product Sales with International Communications Group [ICG].

Jeff will be in charge of chapter activities and anyone wishing to assist Jeff may contact him at jeffs@intcomgrp.com.

Welcome Jeff!

Roger

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Your company name and profile will appear in this section when you choose to be a corporate member.

You will get an opportunity to advertise any new product or offers in this section. This is a great opportunity. This newsletter goes out to many in the local aviation community.

Please contact Roger Sickler

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Volunteer and Sponsors Needed

We are looking for help in order to make this chapter a success. Please consider helping out with contacting companies to sponsor meetings, or helping at any of our events.

Do you have any special talents such as graphic design or web design and you'd like to put them to use please give us a call.

Sign up to be a sponsor this year and enjoy the benefits of monthly advertising.

Contact Roger Sickler at roger@airlandturbine.com for further information.

Membership Information

PAMA's diverse membership facilitates an exchange that enables each of our members to be more effective and to grow in their career. Membership categories include:

Regular-- \$49/year

Airframe and/or Power Plant Mechanics, Avionics Technicians, US Military maintenance personnel.

Associate-- \$49/year

Individuals actively engaged in aviation.

Student-- \$10/year

A&P Students at FAA approved schools, apprentice technicians and avionics students. Current ID required.

Company-- \$650/year

Includes membership for one primary representative, three additional members, job postings, recognition, plaque and more.

Brain Teaser

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Across

1 Moroccan Hat

4 Notion

6 Shuttlecock

7 Unduly

Down

1 White lie

2 Revise

3 Nil

5 Rhubarb

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FAAST Blast

Notice Number: NOTC1982

FAAST Blast - October 28, 2009

Biweekly FAA Aviation News update

FAA Issues InFO on Ice/Frost Identification and Effects on Aircraft Control

On Oct. 1, FAA released Information for Operators (InFO) bulletin 09016 to stress the serious effect small amounts of ice, frost, slush, and snow contamination can have on aircraft performance and controllability. According to the advisory, there is still a common misconception that icy contaminants, even in small amounts, or accumulation of contaminants on or near the leading edge of an aerodynamic surface, does not affect safety. Investigations have revealed that even minuscule amounts of icy contaminants on aerodynamic surfaces and/or control surfaces can cause significant loss in lift and flight control.

The InFO urges pilots to carefully inspect their airplane for any amount of accumulated contamination, regardless of how spotty or thin it may appear. Since light accumulation is sometimes difficult to see, FAA recommends performing visual, as well as tactile (touch) inspections of the aircraft surfaces. Even a surface that resembles the feel of ultra-fine sandpaper is unacceptable and should have all contamination removed.

For more details, go to: http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/airline_operators/airline_safety/info/all_infos/



Paper or Plastic?

On March 31, 2008 a new FAA rule came into effect for mechanics. 14 CFR 65.15(d) was added and says **“Except for temporary certificates issued under §65.13, the holder of a paper certificate issued under this part may not exercise the privileges of that certificate after March 31, 2013.”** What this means to us is that you may not exercise your A&P privileges if you have one of the old paper A&P certificates and have not gotten a new plastic certificate. If you’ve already gotten a new plastic certificate you’re in good shape, no further action required.

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) requested the FAA make their pilot and mechanic certificates more counterfeit proof in an effort to aid law enforcement officials in the war against illegal drugs. The security features in the new plastic certificates include micro printing, a hologram, and an ultraviolet-sensitive layer that contains certain words and phrases. You might ask “How is this going to help law enforcement officials? Well I’m not really sure myself, but I take comfort in thinking that they know the bad guys better than me and this helps keep some drugs off the streets and away from our kids then it’s small price to pay.

How do you obtain the new plastic certificate? Just go to this website: http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/ You’ll find several options for obtaining a new plastic certificate. You can order it on-line or you print out a paper form and mail it in. There will be a nominal \$2.00 charge for a replacement certificate. However, if you still have your social security number as your A&P number, you’re in luck! You can request to change your airman certificate number and you’ll receive a new plastic certificate with a new random number at no charge. NOTE: You A&Ps with Inspection Authorization (IA) please pay special attention here. After you change your certificate number from the social security number to the new random number you must contact your local FSDO and have the number on your IA card changed also. If these two numbers don’t match, your IA card is invalid and you may not exercise your privileges as an IA.

I realize that everyone has nearly 3 ½ years to get this done but the word isn’t spreading very fast. So spread the word to everyone you know, even to your pilot buddies and customers. Pilots only have until March 31, 2010 to their certificates changed over.

Barry G. Proctor

FAASTeam Program Manager

Southwest Region