



# PAMA-DFW E-News Letter

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## Welcome to the PAMA – DFW Newsletter



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### President's Corner

The holiday season is once again upon us; it seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Independence Day. My Mom and Dad would say things like that when I was a young guy and I would think how can they say that, last Christmas was ages ago, but years later, 42 years married, four children, five grandkids and one great grandchild it seems like we just took down the tree and decorations last week, why is that?

This is the season for giving and this year more than it has been in the last few years it is important to think about others who may not be well either financially or health wise. Maybe a dollar in the Salvation Army Pot or more if you can, a toy to one of the many toy drives going on in the area, food for a church food drive, or maybe a basket of food to a neighbor who lost their job. Maybe that older person who can not drive could use a drive to the doctor, church or the market. A gift of your time can be most rewarding gift of all.

Your DFW Chapter of PAMA has been most generous over the last year with our scholarship awards, financial assistance to local high school aviation maintenance programs , and helping one of our own who was shot 7 times while on a job in southern Florida. With your support we can continue to help our aviation community in the coming year.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas a Happy New Year.

Roger Sickler  
 President DFW Chapter of PAMA  
 Southwest Regional Director

## Schedule of Events

**Date:** Dec. 15, 2008

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**Location:** 7515 Dalfort Dr  
Building J

**Time:** 6 pm

**Date:** Jan. 19, 2008

**Location:** TBA

**Time:** TBA

Monthly meetings are generally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:karen@shipitaogllc.com) to have the information included in the newsletter.

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## DFW CHAPTER OF PAMA MEETING

December 15  
6 P.M.

7515 Dalfort Dr. Building J the "OLD" Avial Terminal

Jim Sparks will provide a technical presentation titled "The Illusive Pressure Bump". Jim has amassed over 33 years experience in aviation and will share this knowledge, dealing with aircraft environmental systems. Jim is an excellent instructor and speaker. Come out and take part in a presentation that is a learning experience and enjoyable.

Food and beverages provided by AVANT AEROSPACE

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## PAMA SYMPOSIUM 2009

**Hear yea! Hear yea!**

Yep, it is that time of year again where we have to think about obtaining the 8-hours of training required annually if you hold a Federal Aviation Administration Inspection Authorization certificate (and have not completed the requirements via activities). And, of course, if you do not hold an Inspection Authorization but are interested in obtaining training, come and join us by all means.

Mark your calendar for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2009. The event will be held at the American Airlines Training and Conference Center, 4501 Highway 360 South, Fort Worth, Texas 76177. You can register on-line at [www.pama.org](http://www.pama.org) by clicking onto the symposium notice and follow the directions. Mr. Roger Sickler said training would be available on Friday but a full 8-hours of training will be available on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March for those who would like to get all the training in one day. The cost is \$99.00 if you register by the 27<sup>th</sup> of February and \$125.00 if you register after that date. Aviation students can register anytime for \$20.00. The fee includes all training courses, exhibits, snack breaks, lunch and Friday evening's reception.

The symposium offers a superb opportunity to network with other professionals from around the country.

See you there!

## Can you identify this aircraft?



**The winner receives a \$20.00 Starbucks gift card provided by Air Land Turbine Services of Fort Worth. In case of a tie the winner will be determined by drawing.**

No one identified November's aircraft correctly; it is a 1929 Travel Air E 4000.

The Travel Air was originally configured with a Wright J-6 Whirlwind 5 cylinder radial engine with 165 horsepower @ 1800 rpm and replaced with a Continental W-670 Radial engine with 220 HP at 2150 RPM. Max speed 120 MPH with a cruise speed of 103 MPH. Between 25 -50 Travel Airs are estimated to be airworthy today.

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## PAMA Scholarship Update

Congratulations! Mr. James A. Moore completed all of his aviation maintenance technician courses at Tarrant County College this semester. He has passed the Federal Aviation Administration testing for his Airframe & Powerplant ratings. Mr. Moore is the first student in our scholarship program since it was re-established to complete the full course of studies.

Rodger Addicks, Cory Courchesne, Katherine Kropka, Amber Nelson & Bradley Wilkinson all completed their courses this semester and are enrolled in the Spring 2009 classes. All are making good progress and three more may complete the aviation program next semester.

The Spring 2009 scholarship selection process will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February and close on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. The announcement of the new recipient for our PAMA chapter scholarship will be made shortly thereafter.

### Corporate Sponsorships

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.

### 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](mailto: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

We've removed all the vowels (including "y") from a well-known proverb. Can you put them back where they belong?

L L W R K N D N P L  
M K S J C K D L L B

Answer:  
All work  
and no  
play  
makes  
Jack a dull  
boy.

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## PAMA Symposium 2009 Olympics

We are on the way to create the PAMA Olympics to be included in the March 6-7 2009 National PAMA Symposium. Roger Sickler and Curt Landrum visited the facility last week to determine what events could be logically performed at the location provided. Mr. Stephen Jennings, Tarrant County College Instructor, is working as the coordinator for the events and hopes to have 6-8 events in March. Mr. Jennings is working on the Olympics flyer that will detail the events and provide criteria for the events.

We hope to have this ready for the next newsletter. It will also be provided to National PAMA. If you have any suggestions for these events, please contact Mr. Curt Landrum at [curtis.landrum@tecd.edu](mailto:curtis.landrum@tecd.edu). As timing is short, an early response would be appreciated.

### DFW CHAPTER OF PROFESSIONAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THE DALLAS - FORT WORTH AIRPORT CAREER EXPO 2008

On December, 5th, representatives from PAMA had the opportunity to provide an introduction and a short maintenance career video to thousands of Metroplex youth and educators to a career in aviation and the aviation community.

Our booth this year provided the students with the opportunity to examine numerous aircraft parts provided by Criss Berry and Turbine Engine Resources. Of the parts provided, the CRJ 100 landing gear control panel was a hit with the kids.

A tester provided by Howell Instruments provided an opportunity to test engine thermocouples.

### DFW CHAPTER OF PROFESSIONAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION ASSISTS LOCAL TECHNICIAN

On Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>, a check was accepted by South West Airframe and Tank Services (S.W.A.T) on behalf of their employee Carlos Franco. During a trip to Florida to repair an aircraft, Mr. Franco was severely injured by a random shooting.

The DFW PAMA chapter extends our wishes to Mr. Franco for a speedy and full recovery.

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## **PAMA Announces the 2009-2010 Executive and Regional Board of Directors.**

The Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA) has announced its 2009-2010 Executive and Regional Board of Directors.

Elected PAMA Executive Directors include:

- Clark Gordon – Chairperson
- Dale Forton – Vice Chairperson
- Richard Wellman – Secretary
- Carl Violette – Treasurer
- Mark Wishart – Director
- Ed Martinkus - Director

Executive positions are two-year terms. One Director position remains open at this time.

Elected PAMA Regional Directors include:

- Jeff Gruber – Great Lakes Region
- Roger Sickler – Southwest Region
- Cheryl Janke – Western-Pacific Region

Positions for the Central, Eastern/New England, Southern and Northwest Mountain regions remain open at this time.

Annual Nomination Committee was chaired by Roger Sickler.

“This year, PAMA experienced an unprecedented interest for participation on its Board of Directors”, Clark Gordon said. “The experience level of all nominees was of the highest caliber, enabling our Board members to better serve and improve the needs of the membership. The induction of the newly elected Board extends our opportunity to stay focused on the PAMA strategic plan including our PAMA 2009 Aviation Maintenance & Management Symposium in Dallas, our PAMA/SAE Institute Aviation Maintenance and Production certification program and our expanded marketing campaign to bring in new individual and corporate members. The support of these individual volunteers is critical more than ever in these difficult economical times.”

PAMA is the national association dedicated to enhancing professionalism and recognition of the Aviation Maintenance Technician through communication, education, representation and support—for continuous improvement in aviation safety. For more information about PAMA, visit [www.pama.org](http://www.pama.org).



# DFW CHAPTER OF PAMA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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NATIONAL PAMA MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ NOT A MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

A&P NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ IA: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON A CHAPTER COMMITTEE OR BECOME A BOARD MEMBER?  
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