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Welcome to the PAMA – DFW Newsletter

President's Corner

The start of a New Year brings on many challenges to our chapter. We are challenged to grow our membership and participation in chapter activities, and increasing membership participation in determining the future direction of our chapter.

If each one of us made the following resolution to attend at least three meetings a year and bring a guest to each meeting you attend, what a successful year our chapter would have.

To give the gift of your time and take on one of the open chairperson positions in your chapter.

1. Chapter Membership
2. Chapter Corporate Membership
3. Technical
4. Education and Scholarship
5. Meetings
6. Activities

We need your input and participation to meet our commitment to **ENHANCE THE PROFESSIONALISM AND RECOGNITION OF THE AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN AND FOR THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN AVIATION SAFETY.** "PAMA is the global leader in promoting professionalism and recognition of the Aviation Maintenance Technician" so says John Goglia.

In 2008 may what you see in the mirror delights you and what others see in you delights them. May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes, and tell the world about your virtues.

Have a safe 2008.

Roger Sickler

Schedule of Events

January 17- Meeting canceled

February 21- Meeting Location and Sponsor TBA.

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

Watch the newsletter for information on the upcoming meetings.

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.

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January Meeting

Due to scheduling issues there will be no meeting in January.

December Meeting Notes

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SimuFliteInfo@cae.com

CAE SimuFlite hosted our meeting and about thirty of us were in attendance. Steve White gave us a presentation on the Embraer Phenom 100 VLJ. CAE SimuFlite will start flight and technical training later this year using the new simulator being built by CAE in Montreal.

Steve, who is a qualified Gulfstream technical instructor, also gave us an opportunity to see the technical training CAE does in the GIII simulator for Run and Taxi qualification courses. The catering was by Main Street BBQ, which was outstanding! Our sincerest thanks to Bob Jordan, Steve White and the entire CAE Simuflite team for hosting a great meeting at a great venue.

TCC Scholarship Award Recipient

Your DFW Chapter presented Ms. Katherine Kropka a full PAMA Scholarship. Katherine attends the TCC Northwest Campus Aviation program.

Her scholarship will pay for all Aviation Maintenance Technician courses to include tuition, fees, textbooks and her student identification card. The Northwest Campus Aviation Department has a long affiliation with the local chapter of PAMA.

The chapter currently provides training for our students at least twice a year professional speakers from around the country and assists with finding employment for our graduates.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective 1/09/08 Khris Smith has decided to resign her position as DFW Chapter of PAMA Treasurer. Khris will continue to stay active in the chapter as a member.

We thank Khris for all her contributions to the golf Classic and many years as Treasure.

We are fortunate that Eric Green will take over the position of Treasure.

Eric is employed by Howell Instruments Inc. of Fort Worth as a Field Engineer and is an A&P.

Aircraft Contest

Daryl Johnston correctly identified the aircraft in our last newsletter as a CASA C212.

Daryl won a \$25.00 gift Target gift card donated by Air Land Turbine Services

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

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 or 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.

Brain Teaser of the Month

Patrick is not married. On the way to the mall, Patrick picked up his only brother-in-law's only mother-in-law's only husband's only daughter.

What relationship is she to Patrick?

Submit any brainteasers to Roger at roger@airlandturbine.com

Answer:
His sister.
(Patrick's
sister's
husband's
mother-in-law
is Patrick's
mother, and
her husband's
daughter is
Patrick's
sister.)

PAMA Announcement

PAMA National, Staff changes

To the members of PAMA:

I am very pleased to announce two significant and important staff changes at PAMA. Effective January 1:

- **Brian Finnegan will be the new Director of Professional Certification**
- **John Casker will be the new President of PAMA**

These changes are ideal for two reasons. First, they fulfill the vision of PAMA's Board of Directors for creating a new way of doing business for our organization. Second, they elevate the certification program to ensure that it becomes an integral part of the aviation industry and an integral part of the continued success of PAMA.

My selection of John Casker as our new President will fill the final component in PAMA's reorganization to represent the Aviation Maintenance Professional. I believe, and the Board of Directors agrees, that John possesses the leadership and strategic planning skills needed to guide our organization into the future. John has 30 years of association management experience. His credentials include managing membership and chapters on national and international levels. John has also had experience in exhibit management and, most recently, developed a new sponsorship format for SAE.

Brian Finnegan's 8 years of stewardship for PAMA pulled us through some very difficult times. His leadership skills stabilized PAMA and set the organization in the right direction for our fiscal responsibility, our affiliation with SAE, our new certification program, and our new trade show opportunities. There is no question that Brian has done a great job as the PAMA President. Brian will now take his extensive knowledge of PAMA and the aviation maintenance industry into his new role. I believe Brian will make our certification program the accepted standard for the aviation industry.

It is important to note that these staff decisions were made with careful consideration and were reached after an extensive review by the PAMA Transition Council and with the approval of the PAMA Board of Directors. When evaluating such changes, the ultimate goal for all involved is simple - what is best for PAMA? How can we best position PAMA for success now and for the future? I believe both Brian and John will fulfill that vision.

Rest assured that we will work to insure this transition in roles occurs smoothly. Over the next several months, Brian and the PAMA BoD will work closely with John to acclimate him to PAMA and our membership.

I know that both Brian and John, along with the Board of Directors, look forward to your support during this exciting time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-877-610-0110, extension 206 or E-mail me at chairman@pama.sae.org.

Thank you.

Clark Gordon,
Chairman, PAMA Board of Directors