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5TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHOOL OPERATORS CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual International Flight School Operators Conference which was held March 28-30, 2000, is now in the history books. The professional program was well received. This year's theme, "Reaching Out for the Future," provided a platform for presentations on flight training as it relates to the female population. **Dr. Peggy Baty**, President and Founder of Women in Aviation International, joined with **Arlene Feldman**, Regional Administrator for the FAA, **Amy Labody**, freelance writer and business aviation consultant and **Mavis Green**, Associate Professor of Aeronautical Science at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, presented a dynamic overview and prospective of flight training as it related to females.

The highlights included presentations by **Tim McSwain**, Senior Vice President, USAIG, and **Attorney Paul Lange** of Paul Lange Associates, with an in-depth look at "Flight Schools On Trial." Flight school owners, operators, and their customers are always interested in lowering their insurance premiums. This session was well received. The exhibitor and sponsor community



Arlene Feldman, Regional Administrator of the FAA/ Eastern Region, addresses Flight School Conference. See page 4 for Conference sponsor and exhibitor listings.

was pleased with this year's event.

Plans for the 2001 Conference are underway and further information will be made available within the near future. ✈

ERTLEY ON BOARD AS A MEMBER OF STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Ronald D. Ertley, a Luzerne County businessman known for his leadership in automotive and aviation enterprises, has been confirmed by the Senate to a six-year term on the State Transportation Commission. **Governor Tom Ridge** nominated Ertley to the position on May 11, 1999.

"I look forward to Commissioner Ertley bringing his wealth of experience to the Commission's vital work of moving Pennsylvania's transportation agenda into the 21st century," Governor Ridge said.

The fifteen-member Transportation Commission, chaired by Transportation Secretary **Bradley L. Mallory**, monitors the performance of the Pennsylvania transportation system. In addition, every two years, the Commission updates the state's twelve-year Transportation Program, the blueprint for all highway, mass transit, aviation, and rail freight movements.

Ertley is the former CEO of Ertley Motorworld, which runs thirteen new car franchises and a used car operation. ➤ page 5

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from the president

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Aviation Council, I would like to welcome you to the new millennium. The year 2000 has started with a bang. The commercial service airports have a new AIP program which was finally passed by Congress after much debate. Our Pennsylvania Congressman, **Bud Shuster**, should be congratulated for his efforts in leading the Federal Grant Program in new directions.

On a state level, I would like to take a moment to recognize Deputy Secretary **Liz Voras** for her efforts in getting the Pennsylvania Aviation Commission legislation passed. At the present time, Governor Ridge is reviewing nominees for the Commission. Concurrently, we have to applaud the Bureau of Aviation for getting the new Aviation System Plan Project off the ground. This is an important project that will help set the future for airports in Pennsylvania.

The new millennium has brought about a mixed-bag of objectives and issues for all segments of the aviation industry. The dot com movement has swept the globe and it is having both positive and negative effects on business as well as consumers. The Council's Board of Directors recently approved a website enhancement project which I believe will help to further develop the Aviation Council and simultaneously add value for the membership. The website project will create, for the first time, an opportunity for users to interact with a variety of aviation segments. Please refer to an accompanying article in this newsletter for additional details.

As President, I along with the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen will

continue to further develop the Council to help promote aviation. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we appreciate the ongoing support from our members and the aviation vendor community. Together we will continue to partner so that the future of aviation remains bright.

SPECIAL NOTE

I would also like to welcome Mr. **Ron Ertley**. Recently, Governor Ridge appointed him to the Pennsylvania Transportation Commission as you have read on page one. The Pennsylvania aviation industry is fortunate to have an individual of this caliber now on the Commission. His appointment will enable aviation to receive further consideration as it continues to map out long-term capital infrastructure requirements at the airports located throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Congratulations are in order and we wish you the very best as you participate in helping to establish the State's various transportation priorities over the next several years.

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have comments or suggestions that you feel will benefit the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, please contact me at:

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FIRST “ADOPT AN AIRPORT” PROGRAM

On April 20, 2000, State Transportation Secretary **Brad Mallory** along with **Elizabeth Sarge Voras**, Deputy Secretary for Aviation, Rail Freight and Ports, and State Senators **Melissa A. Hart** and **J. Barry Stout**; and State Representative **Frank Dermody**, traveled to Allegheny County to officially recognize **Aviation Explorer Post 547 of the Boy Scouts of America**. Post 547 is the first organization in Pennsylvania to adopt a local airport.

Rock Airport, along with its owner, **Rock Ferrone**, agreed to become partners

in Pennsylvania’s first Adopt An Airport Program. The program is modeled after PENNDOT’s successful Adopt A Highway Program and could include trash pickup adjacent to access roads and fences, mowing and trimming, and runway and taxiway safety zone debris removal. Volunteer organizations will be recognized to work at the sponsor airport at least four times a year for a two-year period.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact the Bureau of Aviation at 717 705-1234. ✈

AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Presented on
October 7, 1999

AVIATION COUNCIL OF PA SCHOLARSHIPS

MANAGEMENT —
Matthew Dietz, Wind Gap, PA
LCCC (Moyer Aviation)

TECHNOLOGY—
Brian Snyder, Paxinos, PA
Pennsylvania College of Technology

PILOT—
Kristel Erb, Millersville, PA
Airways/Lancaster Airport

AMERICAN PORT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS

Michelle Alt, Fleetwood, PA
Kutztown Airport

Cristina Bellissimo, Etobicoke, Ontario,
Brampton Flight Center

Harry Boyer, Montoursville, PA
DeGol Jet Center

Timothy Haymes, Milford, OH
University of Cincinnati

Lisa Lipman, Big Sur, CA, Air Trails

Jeffrey Lopez, Lancaster, PA, Airways, Inc.

Benjamin McCracken, Meadville, PA
Pro Flight Center, Inc.



Scholarship winners (L-R) **Brian Snyder**, **Kristel Erb**, and **Matthew Dietz** with Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, **Ed Siefken**

AWARDS

WINDSOCK AWARD—
Rosemary Allocco, E. Stroudsburg, PA
Moyer Aviation

FBO AWARD—
Richard Witt, Doylestown, PA
Leading Edge Aviation

EDUCATION AWARDS

John Bratton, Lancaster, PA
Conestoga Valley School District

Robert Campbell, Lower Burrell, PA
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Donald O’Hara, Saegertown, PA
Millcreek Township School District

Harold Repasky, Harmony, PA
Seneca Valley Senior High School

welcome new members

The Council extends a special welcome to the following individuals who have recently joined the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania. We appreciate your support and look forward to your participation in our activities and committees.

► **PHILIP R. BOOB**
Williamsport Regional Airport
Authority

► **JOHN L. CANOVA**
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Attendees at the 5th Annual International Flight School Operators Conference had an opportunity to visit with flight training airport manufacturers.

A NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL OUR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHOOL OPERATORS CONFERENCE SPONSORS

The International Flight School Operators Conference Committee would like to extend a special note of appreciation to all the businesses who helped make the **5th Annual International Flight School Operators Conference** a success. We encourage you to support these sponsors and exhibitors.

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Utah Valley State College

Ertley on board *from page 5*

The company employs more than 400 people and has annual sales in excess of \$150 million. Ertley is also Chairman of Tech Aviation, the fixed-base operator at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. Tech Aviation is responsible for all fueling operations at both airports including all commercial, military, and general aviation traffic. Tech Aviation also operates a Part 135 charter service and provides aircraft maintenance and avionics service. There is a Part 141 flight school which is associated with two local colleges offering both two- and four-year degrees in a Professional Pilot Program and Aviation Management. The four-year degree program at Marywood University is just one of five programs with aviation-related curriculums available on the east coast. ✈

AVIATION COUNCIL WEBSITE PROJECT

The Aviation Council's Board of Directors has approved a new project to enhance the Council's website. The objective is to provide visitors to the website the opportunity to locate information and resources to assist with their aviation objectives. The project includes the creation of multiple interest categories that are represented by the diverse cross-section of Council members.

Users will be able to enter their county into the website and locate individual organizations in the counties that they entered. They will also be able to search by entering all counties in Pennsylvania. Simultaneously, members of the Council will have an opportunity to be represented on the site. Members who have websites will be able to hot link directly from the Council's website. The Council will begin a process of developing methods to drive people to the Council's website. This will create added value for the Council and its membership.

Harold Johnson, Chairman of the website Committee, noted that this project will, for the first time, allow the public to interact with the Aviation Council. This is an exciting project that will help take the Council to new levels into the future. Visit us on the Web at www.acpfly.com. ✈

GET TO KNOW THE WOLF AVIATION FUND

All across the United States volunteers are building general aviation support organizations, and innovators are dreaming up plans for better equipment and aircraft. Teachers are finding new ways to use aviation to encourage learning among students, and communicators are telling the world how small planes and community airports benefit our communities.

For many of them, the support offered by the **Wolf Aviation Fund** can make a big difference—and that's exactly how its founders hoped it can be of help. In addition to its own programs promoting and supporting general aviation, the Fund seeks talented people with worthwhile projects in order to provide them some critically needed resources where they are needed the most.

Perhaps you know of such people or organizations. If so, you can help make their day by telling them of the assistance and information available through the Fund and its website. For example, here are a few stories about people the Fund helped in 1999:

Steven A. Bachmeyer, the 1998 A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year, received a grant to complete incorporation of his innovative Aerospace Education Alliance organization and translate its WINGS after-school program guidebook into Spanish. His work can be viewed on the Web at www.aeawings.org. Likewise, **Mary Ann Turney** of Arizona State University won a seed grant to help in forming a new statewide aviation education council in Arizona.

John Lowry of Montana developed a simplified methodology for evaluating aircraft flight performance. With Wolf Fund assistance he will hold a workshop to illustrate to major aviation organizations how the method can help them determine the characteristics of aircraft they fly or build.

William J. and Lance P. Alexander of the Alexsys Corporation have designed and patented a new cockpit instrument to display the safe operating envelope parameters and current situation for an aircraft while in flight. Their Wolf grant will take the project into its next stages, with the expectation the instrument will improve general aviation safety.

Additional information about the 1999 projects will be posted periodically on the Wolf Aviation Fund website, including links to the recipients' own websites where appropriate. The site is also collecting reports

from past program participants so others can learn from them.

THE FUND'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Foundation shall promote and support the advancement of personal air transportation by seeking and funding the most promising individuals and worthy projects which advance the field of general aviation; by increasing the public's knowledge of aviation through publications, seminars, and other information media; by informing the aviation and scientific community of the existence and purpose of the Fund; and by soliciting and receiving feedback concerning Foundation-supported projects.

The fastest and preferred way for interested persons to apply for grants is to visit the Fund's website at www.wolf-aviation.org and view the GRANTS pages. Note that the website is dedicated to the promotion and advancement of general aviation and contains much additional information useful to anyone who values or supports general aviation.

For those without Web access the guidelines may be requested via email sent to mail@wolf-aviation.org or by a letter sent to: Wolf Aviation Fund, Grant Administration, 33 Holly Drive, Storrs, CT 06268. ✈

NON-AVIATION GAS SALES

The Aviation Council of Pennsylvania has been made aware that some fueling operators have been selling 100 LL aviation gasoline to customers for non-aviation purposes. It is important that the fuel operators understand that the distribution and sale of aviation gasoline for these purposes is strictly prohibited by regulations adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The regulations limiting this activity can be found in Title 40, Part 80 of the Code of Federal Regulations Violations. Violations of the regulations carry a very high penalty of \$25,000 per day plus any economic gain realized from the violations. Persons who knowingly violate the regulations are subject to criminal prosecution. ✈

more new members

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- ▶ **CARL W. LAFY**
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If you would like to join the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania or would like additional information on membership, please call 610 797-6911.

council mission statement

To represent the Pennsylvania aviation community in matters involving government and private sector interests; to improve aviation in partnership with the Commonwealth and the Federal government; and to increase public awareness of aviation.



If you have news regarding events or projects at your Airport, Fixed Base Operation (FBO), Flight Department, Flight School, etc. or ideas for future newsletters, please forward them to:

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SAVE THE DATE: 20th ANNUAL PA AVIATION CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Conference which will be held in **Greensburg, Pennsylvania**, from **October 11th through the 13th**. **Gene Lakin** and **Gabe Monzo**, Co-chairmen, have been actively working with the Conference Committee. The Conference program will be diversified so that a wide cross-section of the aviation industry will want to participate.

One of the many highlights of this year's Conference will be an opening reception at the **Latrobe Country Club** hosted by **Arnold Palmer**. The Conference, which is co-sponsored by the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania and the PENNDOT Bureau of Aviation, has been widely recognized as one of the top state conferences in the United States. Please mark your calendars so that you have this date on your agenda. ✈

TIME TO RELAX

The Aviation Council would like to recognize several individuals from the FAA who have retired. **Jane Betz**, Program Specialist, with the Harrisburg Airports District Office, retired on December 31, 1999, with more than twenty-two years of service. No Y2K bug for Jane.

Also retiring from the Beckley VW Airport's Field Office, are **Oz Turner**, Acting Manager, with thirty-one years of service, and **Pat Mitsoyianis**, Program Specialist, with twenty-five years of service.

Good luck to you all! ✈

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