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## Aviation Funding Project Takes Off

The Aviation Council's Board of Directors has agreed to **Phase 2** of the infrastructure development project.

**Barry Centini**, Chairman of the Council's Legislative Committee, has given the green light to **Wilbur Smith Associates** to develop a detailed listing of airport capital improvement projects at airports across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The results of the Phase 2 study should be available by September 2001 and will reveal the unfunded projects at airports across the Commonwealth.

The **Phase 1 Study** entitled "**Pennsylvania Aviation—Worth the Investment**" was distributed widely across the Commonwealth in June 2001. Interestingly, the Council has heard from several State Legislators who are quite interested in assisting so that the airports in Pennsylvania keep pace and/or lead when it comes to capital improvement projects. It has been stated many times, **if you want to take the pulse of your community, simply take the pulse of your local airport.** Airports can and will continue to be economic development engines.

Each and every one of the 140 airports that qualify for state grant funds have a lot to gain from this initiative. According to Barry Centini, we are committed to seeing this project come to fruition. The airports in Pennsylvania are sorely behind in required capital for many of the necessary **▶ page 3**

## 21st Annual PA Aviation Conference

The 21st Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference, which is co-sponsored by the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania and the PennDot Bureau of Aviation, will be held **October 10-12, 2001**, at the **Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center** in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**Joyce Opp** and **David Eberly**, Conference Co-chairs, have been working very hard along with the Conference Committee to make this Conference one to remember. The theme for this year's Conference is "**Aviation Technology—No Limits.**"

### Here are some of the topics for this year's Conference:

- **Technological Advances: PennDot and Weatheration**
- **Is the Web Only for Spiders?**
- **AOPA Airport Support Network**
- **Concurrent Workshops for Primary Airports, FBOs, Flight Schools and General Aviation Airports**
- **Building a Bridge to the Media**
- **FAA Update: Eastern Region Air Space Design**
- **New Runway Incursion Program**

Pennsylvanians, including our own Governor, **Tom Ridge**, are watching the United Airlines and US Airways deal fall apart. The "what will happen if" scenarios are being played out across the Commonwealth. **Mike Boyd**, President of the Boyd Group, based in Colorado, will address the **Airline Dynamics in the New Century** **▶ page 3**

**Council President, Sir Ron Soder (left) and PennDot Bureau of Aviation Director, Sir Bill Shaffer (right) receive last minute takeoff instructions from the Earl of Lancaster.**

**Join them along with the rest of our surprise "Royal Court" for a memorable Hangar Party featuring fare from Lancaster County's finest restaurants along with entertainment by Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire—jugglers, jesters, Royal performing dogs, music, and dance!**



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## from the president

THE Aviation Council has moved into the new millennium with a determination to better serve its members and the entire aviation community. Despite the busy schedules that all of us face, I applaud the members of our Board of Directors, as well as Council members, who have accepted the challenge to go the extra mile in undertaking new assignments and taking actions to make the Council more viable for all parties who have a vested interest in aviation.

Some of the new initiatives that should have far reaching impacts are as follows:

### Membership Dues Structure

In January, The Board voted to increase membership dues for the first time in ten years. The cost of doing business has increased significantly in that time span and the services provided by the Council in serving as the "Voice of Aviation in Pennsylvania" have increased more than tenfold since the last dues increase.

### New Funding Initiative

With the aid of the Aviation Advisory Committee, the Council has engaged in an aggressive campaign to secure increased capital funds for improvement projects at airports throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We are confident that this effort will produce long term benefits for all airports.

A project of this magnitude is very demanding in terms of time and capital. The Council has already committed funds for producing literature. Beyond that, in order for this initiative to be truly effective it will be necessary to secure the services of a lobbyist to represent our interests at the State Capitol. All members are asked to support this ambitious undertaking.

### Flight School Operators Conference Moves to Florida

After holding the Annual Flight School Operators Conference in Allentown for the past four years, the FBO Committee voted to move this year's Conference to Orlando, Florida, in the hope of sparking new and wider interest in the Conference. The Board

voted to support this decision with the understanding that the issue of the Conference location would be revisited after the Florida Conference. The Conference was well received and I commend the FBO Committee for a job well done.

### Membership Drive

With membership in the Council currently at only 220, Council realizes the potential for recruiting new members is unlimited. Our Membership Committee is busy preparing a new brochure that will highlight the benefits of membership. It will be used in a mass mailing campaign to prospective members. Additionally, it is important that each of you do your part by enlisting peers and business associates to sign up for membership.

### Etcetera

In our last newsletter, I applauded Deputy Secretary Voras and Barry Centini, as well as their staffs, for their efforts in promoting the creation of the PA Aviation Advisory Committee. Also is deserving of recognition is **State Senator Edwin G. Holl** of Montgomery County. Senator Holl sponsored the original Senate Bill No. 19, which was ultimately signed by Governor Ridge, that established the Aviation Advisory Committee.

Finally, plans are moving ahead nicely for the **Annual Pennsylvania Conference** to be held **October 10-12, 2001**, in Lancaster. Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this extravaganza.

I'm excited about all the activities that are underway and the potential they represent for the Council. I hope you will be too.

Together, we can bring about a positive change in Pennsylvania aviation. Remember, "IF IT'S GOING TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME!"

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

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# Annual International Flight School Operators Conference

The 6th Annual International Flight School Operators Conference is now in the history books. Ron Soder, Council President, welcomed everyone to this year's Conference which was held in **Orlando, Florida**, from April 4-6.

Conference attendees were treated to a first-class professional program. It appears that the program gets better with each new year. One of the keynote speakers was **Dan Snell**, Vice President/Customers for The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. It was made very clear that caring for your customer will be very important as people jockey for free time. If you do not provide consistent and ongoing support for your customers, they will leave your firm for greener pastures. In the aviation industry, newcomers will actually leave the aviation industry when they run up against too many problems. This theory holds true for flight school operators, FBOs, and commercial service airports.

## 2002 ?

Next year's Conference is being scheduled for March or April. Further information will be available shortly. ✈

## PA Aviation Conference *from page 1*

session. This session alone is enough to bring you to Lancaster this year. This year's guest lineup will be one of the best in the history of the Conference.

On Thursday evening, Conference attendees are in for a special treat at the **"Taste of Lancaster County" Hangar Party**. Mark your calendar now for October 10-12, 2001.

The Program Committee has gone overboard to develop a well-rounded Conference.



above: 2001 Conference award winners standing left to right:

**William Welsh** (General Manager, Empire Aviation, London/Ontario, Canada)

**Bob Rockmaker** (Executive Secretary, Flight School Operators Conference)

**Jamelle Garcia** (President, Auburn Flight Service, Auburn, WA)

**Nigel Brooks** (President, Civil Flight School, Melbourne, Australia)

**Rudy Frasca** (President, Frasca International)

**Jeff Krell** (Manager-Fleet Sales, The New Piper Aircraft)

**Vern Moyer** (President, Moyer Aviation; Co-Chair for 2001 Conference)



The New Eagle 150B Aircraft Flight Trainer on the ramp at Orlando Executive Airport.

## Project Takes Off *from page 1*

projects which will be identified in the Phase 2 study. This project is of the utmost importance to each and every public-use airport in the 67 counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Therefore the Council will be calling on all of its members including Airports, FBOs, Corporate Operators, and Suppliers to join with the Council as we continue to move forward on the project. If Pennsylvania does not reinforce the airport infrastructure, all of us in aviation as well as the general public will be put at a great disadvantage in respect to job creation and retention. If Pennsylvania does not continue to build and enhance its system of airports, the entire Commonwealth will be set back. Centini thanked all those who have supported the project up until now and the Council will continue to communicate to a wide selection of constituents in order to attain the established goals. ✈



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## Top 9 U.S. Airlines in 2000\*

### Ranked by Revenue

1 American	\$ 19,703,000
2 United	19,352,000
3 Delta	16,741,000
4 Northwest	11,415,000
5 Continental	9,900,000
6 US Airways	9,269,000
7 Southwest	5,649,560
8 America West	2,179,811
9 Alaska Airlines	1,749,000

### Ranked by Net Earnings

1 Delta	\$ 828,000
2 American	813,000
3 Southwest	603,000
4 Continental	342,000
5 Northwest	258,000
6 United	50,000
7 America West	2,072
8 Alaska Airlines	(70,300)
9 US Airways	(269,000)

### Ranked by RPM

1 United	126,933,000
2 American	116,594,000
3 Delta	112,998,000
4 Northwest	79,128,000
5 Continental	64,161,000
6 US Airways	47,065,418
7 Southwest	42,223,626
8 America West	19,113,000
9 Alaska Airlines	11,986,000

### Ranked by ASM

1 United	175,485,000
2 American	161,030,000
3 Delta	154,974,000
4 Northwest	103,356,000
5 Continental	88,100,000
6 US Airways	86,918,520
7 Southwest	59,926,540
8 America West	27,112,000
9 Alaska Airlines	17,315,000

\*Source: Business Travel News

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## Threat Removed

On May 2, 2001, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court issued its opinion striking down 2210 as being an unconstitutional law. Wings Field Preservation Associates, LP-Wings Field argued that 2210 was an unconstitutional law that only applied to Montgomery County and not to the other two counties within its class.

Further, the law violates the equal protection provisions in both the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitutions because it granted only a few municipalities within Montgomery County the right to approve airport funding and without any rational basis. In addition, the law violated the due process clauses of both the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions because it delegates authority over airport funding to municipalities without providing any guidelines or standards.

## Council Backing Acknowledged

Attorney Paul Heintz who represented Wings Field Associates thanked the Aviation Council for joining the Amicus Brief which was prepared by AOPA. The outcome of this litigation is most critical because it will provide a formidable offense for Aviation interests in Pennsylvania and any other block grant state that would even consider a state-wide 2210 type of law. The Board of Directors of the Council was pleased with the final outcome due to the potential detrimental effects that 2210 could have had in Pennsylvania and across the United States. ✈

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## Council Meets with Guidance Counselors

The Aviation Council of Pennsylvania embarked on a new approach to bring aviation into the classroom. On April 24-25, 2001, a contingent of Council members traveled to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to attend and exhibit at the **2001 Pennsylvania School Counselors Association Conference**. Members attending included Harry Boyer, Ed Siefken, Bill Mummery, Vern Moyer, Lowell Levengood, and Bob Rockmaker from the Council.

## Untapped Career Opportunities

There were over 700 guidance counselors at this year's conference. A majority of the counselors who stopped by the Council's booth were unaware of the multitude of career opportunities available in the aviation industry. By the end of the conference, it was quite clear that there needs to be a tremendous emphasis placed on reaching guidance counselors in future years. The counselor segment could very well be the missing link to bring aviation into the education system for Pennsylvania as well as the rest of the country. Plans are under way to attend the 2002 Conference with a larger group of Council members.

**Lowell Levengood**, Chairman of the Council's Education Committee, was pleased with the feedback from this conference and indicated that we may have found the missing link to connect our schools with the aviation industry. ✈

## Aviation World's Fair

The **2003 Aviation World's Fair** will be coming to the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport, Virginia, from **April 7-27, 2003**. More information is available at: [www.aviation-worlds-fair.com](http://www.aviation-worlds-fair.com) ✈

# Statewide Aviation System Plan

As most of you are aware, the **Bureau of Aviation** has undertaken an extensive statewide aviation system planning effort using a team led by **Wilbur Smith Associates**. The purpose of the system planning effort is to determine the ability of the current aviation system to meet both transportation and economic related objectives on a statewide basis.

We envision the output of this effort to be the stratification of the existing airport system into a series of levels that reflects the importance/significance of the individual airports to the system. This stratification process will enable the Bureau to identify those airports that are deemed as being essential to Pennsylvania, establish the role played by each system airport, and to identify future needs to help the airport better meet the future system's needs. The adequacy/deficiency analysis will also help determine if there is a need for additional facilities and/or capacity in various regions of the Commonwealth.

A **Project Oversight Committee**, consisting of Bureau members and members of the aviation community, developed a set of benchmarks to measure our system against. The consultant has conducted an inventory of the current system and has prepared a draft of the forecasted demand. Using this current information, a preliminary stratification and the role of each airport were prepared. This information will all be used in the next step of adequacy and deficiency analysis, expected to be completed this fall. The system plan will be completed in February 2002.

Deliverables expected through the process will be an Economic Impact Study, Air Service Study, new and improved Airport Properties Directory, Air Cargo Study, and a recommended system plan to include a list of recommended airport specific development projects and implementation plans.

## Pavement Management System Plan

Along with the planning effort, the Bureau, through a team headed by **Applied Pavement Technology, Associates (APTech)** is

preparing a statewide airport pavement management system plan. Each airport's pavement is being evaluated and photographed. All data will be entered into a database that will be accessed and analyzed through Micro PAVER. Data analysis will include the evaluation of the visual distress data, a statewide needs analysis, the identification of the level of repair needed and the timing of these activities, and the development of a five-year pavement repair program for the Commonwealth.

Additionally, an Airport Tool Kit will be prepared on CD-ROM for each airport. This will include a brief overview of the project, discussion of pavement distress types, photos of the distressed areas, recommendations for a maintenance management plan for the airport and a pavement condition index for each airport and the state as a system.

At the end of the study, the Bureau and APTech will hold a half-day training session to discuss the pavement management process and introduce the airport managers to their airport tool kits. ✈

This article contributed by Bill Shaffer, PennDot Bureau of Aviation

## 2001 Aviation Council of Pennsylvania Committee Chairs List

Committee	Chairperson(s)
Annual Conference	JOYCE OPP
Annual Conference Site Selection	BOB SHAFFER
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Economic Development	ROGER MOOG, SARA WALFOORT
Education	LOWELL LEVENGOOD
Finance	LARRY KRAUTER, AICP
Fixed Base Operations	VERN MOYER, HAROLD JOHNSON
Legislative/Public Affairs	BARRY CENTINI
Membership	JOHN RINEHART, A.A.E.
Nominating	BARRY CENTINI
Scholarship	ED SIEFKIN, JOHN CARLEN
Supplier	DAN GALLOGLY

## welcome new members

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

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## 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.

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## Airspace Protection Initiative

The **Bureau of Aviation, Inspection, and Safety Section** launched a major initiative in 2001 to assess the Commonwealth's posture in protecting the airspace surrounding public airports. Bureau records indicated only 20% of affected communities have complied with the 1984 Act requiring airport zoning. Additionally, a number of the ordinances that were adopted are insufficient in addressing the compatibility and notification requirements of impending development.

The Bureau has begun initial actions to address this challenge. The first step, well underway, is the updating of information regarding affected communities and awareness activities. The updating of information continues as we complete annual 5010 Safety Inspections, we reaffirm which communities are affected by the airports' Part 77 surfaces and determine which ones have ordinances.

The awareness activities include: discussions at Regional Chats around the State; providing Model Zoning Ordinances; providing Compatibility Guidelines; providing subject experts to address Public Meetings; and writing letters to townships that have not complied and have major obstruction problems.

Additionally, the Bureau briefed the **Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee** regarding our initiatives in the zoning area and the Committee has set up its own subcommittee to help tackle this challenging issue in a "Home Rule" State.

The Bureau, in the future, intends to conduct a more aggressive zoning awareness program for municipal officials and notification of all municipalities which have not

complied with State Law. We feel that the key to assuring public airport safety is through an effective airport zoning program, which involves the joint effort of the State, airport sponsors, municipal officials, and the citizens of each community. ✈

This article contributed by Bill Shaffer,  
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