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Aviation Advocacy Kicks Into Gear

The Aviation Council of Pennsylvania attained another milestone with the first **Aviation Advocacy Day** which was held on January 29, 2002, at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers. The purpose of the event was to communicate to members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly the importance of aviation to the economy of the Commonwealth.

Aviation Advocacy Day 2002 attendees on the steps of the Capitol Rotunda. Representative Rick Geist at the podium.



Aviation Council of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Bureau of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Snelling Fuels Day's Proceedings

Charles Snelling, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee, addressed the attendees and encouraged those present to make a strong case with their local legislators regarding the benefits that are derived from aviation. He said that aviation has been taken for granted as a means of transportation, but it is important and necessary to share the multitude of positive economic impacts that are generated by aviation.

Advocacy Day attendees then set out to visit with their state legislators and deliver several strong messages. ➤ page 4



Chairman of the Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee, Charles Snelling

Ron Soder, President of the Aviation Council, along with **Barry Centini**, Chairman of the Council's Legislative Committee, were pleased with the turnout by the aviation community.

The event featured a variety of presentations by the leadership of the General Assembly's Transportation Committees and several interested and supportive legislators, as well as representatives from the Pennsylv-



Senator Joseph B. Scarnati voices his concerns during Aviation Advocacy Day 2002 forum.

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from the president

The First Annual Aviation Advocacy Day event, which was held in Harrisburg on January 29, 2002, proved to be an overwhelming success. The day-long activities commenced with a Keynote Address by PENNDOT Deputy Secretary for Aviation **Elizabeth S. Voras**. The group then heard remarks from **State Senator J. Barry Stout**, Minority Chairman of the State Senate Transportation Committee, and **State Representative Russ Fairchild**, Chairman of the House Aviation Sub-Committee.

The group then viewed a video, prepared by PENNDOT Bureau of Aviation, touting the economic contributions by the aviation industry to the Commonwealth.

ACP's Legislative Committee Chair, **Barry Centini**, presented an overview of funding needs for airport operations and development along with suggestions for increasing the level of State funding. Next, the group was addressed by **Charles Snelling**, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Aviation Advisory Committee, who spoke of the importance of developing personal relationships with legislators in order to promote the cause of aviation. Finally, **Marvin Miller**, recently hired by ACP to serve as our legislative liaison, offered some tips for communicating effectively with our legislators.

Afternoon Session in Capitol Rotunda

In the afternoon, a press conference/rally was held in the Capitol Rotunda to once again tout the benefits of aviation to the Commonwealth and call for funding increases for aviation. Representing the Aviation Council was your president and Barry Centini. Also speaking were **State Representative Richard Geist**, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee and **State Representative Jere Strittmatter**, a member of the House Transportation Committee.

Legislative Reception Caps the Day

The final event of the day was a Legislative Reception. The turnout of legislators was less than expected due to the House members being in an extended, lock-down session. However, those Senators and Representatives, staff, and government agency members who attended were able to interact with ACP members. Since attendees were able to meet with their legislators, one-on-one, throughout the day, the objective of personal contact with legislators was met.

Judging from initial feedback, Aviation Advocacy Day served a useful purpose and will, in all likelihood, become an annual event.

What's next? The Legislative Affairs Committee plans to build on the Aviation Advocacy Day experience by continuing to proclaim the message of the benefits of aviation and the funding shortfalls that must be overcome in order to maintain a viable state airport system in Pennsylvania.

Once again, I challenge every member to do your part by supporting the efforts of the Aviation Council and personally getting the message to your legislators. Remember our motto, **"If it's going to be, it's up to me."**

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

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Marvin E. Miller, new lobbyist for the Aviation Council, had a busy schedule during first Aviation Advocacy Day.

Council Retains Professional Lobbyist

The Aviation Council Board of Directors has retained the services of **Miller Associates** of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The firm specializes in governmental relations for its clientele. **Marvin E. Miller, Jr.** will be working with the Aviation Council and the legislative and executive branches of Pennsylvania state government to advance a variety of Council agenda items to further develop and support aviation in Pennsylvania.

Marvin Miller's background includes sixteen years as an elected member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, representing the 96th Legislative District. Miller served as chairman of several legislative committees while in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

The Aviation Council Board of Directors is fully committed to the aviation industry in Pennsylvania and looks forward to working with the Council's Legislative Committee and general membership to promote initiatives for the airports, FBOs, flight schools, and charter operators within the Commonwealth. ✈

Council to Offer Aviation Scholarships for 2002

The Aviation Council is again offering aviation scholarships to individuals who are studying in any of the following career paths:

- AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGY**
- AVIATION MANAGEMENT**
(Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post Jr. Scholarship)
- PROFESSIONAL PILOT**
(John "Reds" MacFarlane Scholarship)
(Arnold Palmer Scholarship)

Applications

Scholarship applications are available by contacting the Council office or visiting the Council's website at www.acpfly.com. The application deadline is August 1, 2002.

The Aviation Council has provided over \$35,000 in aviation scholarships since the inception of the program. In time, the Council plans to increase the annual funding levels so that even more scholarships will be made available.

Past Scholarship Recipients

The Council is proud to list its past scholarship winners. If you or anyone you know is on this list, please have them contact the Council office. The Council would like to learn more about where past recipients have migrated to and where their career paths have taken them. ✈

Past Recipients of Aviation Council Scholarships

AIRCRAFT TECHNOLOGY

- Nicholas L. Boscaino
- James R. Crawford
- R. Curtis Crawford
- Richard J. Dumblosky
- Richard N. Fowler
- Matthew J. Griggs
- Kenneth R. Harding, Jr
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22nd Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference

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Holiday Inn Conference Center

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Representative David J. Mayernik addresses Aviation Advocacy Day 2002 attendees.

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Here are the highlights and priorities that were on the agenda:

PRIORITY 1

Request legislative support to increase funding to airports from the **Aviation Restricted Account**. Presently, airports receive \$7.5M in **Aviation Development Grant** funds of the approximately \$15M collected annually from the Aviation Jet Fuel Tax which funds the Aviation Restricted Account. The Aviation Restricted Account has a balance of over \$25M. Explore ways to release up to half of this reserve to airports for infrastructure projects. The balance of the funds should be kept in reserve.

PRIORITY 2

Request legislative support for an increase in **Capital Budget** funds for aviation projects. The current Capital Budget allocates \$5M per year that the Bureau of Aviation has at its disposal for aviation infrastructure projects. The Aviation Council is requesting legislative support to increase the annual Capital Budget funding for aviation to \$15M per year. This funding is in addition to the Aviation Development Grant funds.

PRIORITY 3

Request legislative support for a bill that would provide airports grant funds for losses (Hold Harmless) due to the **► page 5**



ABOVE: Senator J. Barry Stout takes a turn at the podium during Aviation Advocacy Day.



TOP LEFT: Representative Russ Fairchild, Susan Sprenkle, Manager of Penn Valley Airport, and Council President, Ron Soder, in attendance at Aviation Advocacy Day. Both Fairchild and Soder spoke during the sessions.

LEFT: Representative Jere Strittmatter, one of several officials to speak inside the Capitol's Rotunda during the Aviation Advocacy Day events.

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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September 11, 2001, impact and to also appropriate funds for the already established Commonwealth's **Revolving Loan Fund** and remove the \$100K cap for loans to be made to airports and aviation businesses.

Kudos to All Involved

By all counts, Aviation Advocacy Day 2002 was a success. There is much work to be done and the Pennsylvania aviation community will be called upon to step up and support these ongoing efforts. The Aviation Council would like to extend a special note of appreciation to all organizations who contributed sponsorships to this year's effort. Without you Advocacy Day 2002 would not have been as successful.

Dates for **Aviation Advocacy Day 2003** are being developed. The Council will keep you posted on current and future legislative initiatives as they happen. ✈

Securing Your Future— Save This Date

The **22nd Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference** is now on the horizon. Mark your calendar for **October 2-4, 2002**. The Conference will take place in the Lehigh Valley. Conference Chair, **Larry Krauter**, has been working with the Conference Committee to develop a meaningful and interesting Conference. This year's theme is "**SECURING YOUR FUTURE.**" The program will include:

- **Insuring Your Aviation Business**
- **Security Overview for Airports and FBOs**
- **Airline Industry Outlook**
- **Concurrent Workshops for FBOs, GA Airports, and Primary Airports**

One of the Conference highlights this year will be an evening in historic downtown Bethlehem. Several shop owners will be keeping their shops open for attendees. 2002 marks the first time that the Pennsylvania Aviation Conference has visited the Lehigh Valley. ✈

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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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Aviation Council’s Education Committee Meets State’s Guidance Counselors

Members of the Aviation Council’s Education Committee attended the Pennsylvania Guidance Counselors Conference in Lancaster on April 25-26, 2002. **Lowel Levengood**, Chair of the Committee, along with **Harry Boyer**, **Ed Siefken**, and **Bill Mummery**, met with a broad representation of guidance counselors from across the Commonwealth during the two-day event.

Of special note, they learned that many counselors are still not aware of the varied career opportunities available in aviation. Generally, their tendency, like that of most people, was to immediately think “pilots.” However there are a multitude of jobs that span the spectrum. Judging from the feedback, it seems we must continue to explore new ways to get the message out that the aviation industry is gifted with a wide selection of career pathways, including, but not limited to:

- Airport Management and Operations
- Airport Engineering
- Airline Management and Operations
- Aircraft and Avionics Technology
- Finance
- Flight Training
- Aircraft Charter
- Scheduling
- Federal Government
- State Government
- Environmental

These are a few of the major categories that cross the aviation career pathways. It is up to all of us in aviation to share our knowledge about this wonderful industry. We need to encourage our young people to consider aviation as a career path. ✈

Young Astronauts Council

The Young Astronauts Council was formed to unite students and educators around the world for the purpose of discovering space-related themes through science, technology, and other disciplines. Young Astronaut Chapters can be organized anywhere and requires no knowledge of science.

To learn more about the organization, visit their website at www.youngastronauts.com. Their phone number is 703-492-0975. ✈



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