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ANNUAL PA AVIATION CONFERENCE

Please mark the date if you have not already registered for the 23rd Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference. **Joe Mckelvey**, Chairman and host for this year's conference has assembled a quality program to keep everyone's interest. The Conference will take place in **Johnstown** from **October 22-24, 2003**. Joe along with his Conference committee have worked hard to develop a meaningful venue for attendees and it appears that this year's Conference may have a record attendance of exhibitors.

"Centennial of Flight" is this year's theme.

Aviation in the Commonwealth is on the minds of many Pennsylvanians this year. This is due to several factors including the ongoing positioning of US Airways.

The opening program at this year's Conference is titled **"Post Bankruptcy—The impact on Pennsylvania's Airports and our Citizens."** Millions of passengers are being diverted to airports outside the Common-



PA AVIATION ADVOCACY DAY PHOTO ROUNDUP, PAGE 7

Rick Geist, Chair of the Transportation Committee for the State House of Representatives addresses attendees at PA Aviation Advocacy Day 2003 in Harrisburg. More photos inside.

wealth due to low fare carriers not being a factor in commercial air service ramp up in Pennsylvania. The 9:15 a.m. kick off session is sure to have attendees on the edge of their seats. People in the know realize that the citizens of Pennsylvania are eagerly awaiting the addition of low-fare carriers.

Airport grantsmanship will be addressed along with aviation business and management planning, security updates, and insurance elements.

This year's Conference is shaping up to be informative and one of the best we have ever seen. If you are an airport or FBO operator, flight school, or charter operator, you need to plan on attending this year's event. ✈

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ADOPTED

The **Aviation Council Small Airports Regulation Sub-Committee** which is comprised of Council members and representatives of the PA Bureau of Aviation has put in place a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between the two organizations. The following is a full copy of the (MOU) which will establish a building block for the future of aviation in Pennsylvania.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This sets forth an understanding, between

the Bureau of Aviation, Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereinafter "Bureau," and the Small Airports Regulation Sub-committee of the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, hereinafter "Committee."

The members of the Committee include representatives of the owners of a variety of Pennsylvania airports, other interested members of the aviation community, and two representatives, Thomas M. Tomczyk and George N. Lucas, who are

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from the president

“Great things are not done by impulse but by a series of small things brought together.”

This quote from Vincent Van Gogh is fitting to describe our mission of the past year. Having served almost one year as President of the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, I must admit that I have been pleased with the pathway that the Council has continued to follow. I would like to express my appreciation to our immediate past president, **Ron Soder**, who reflects on his presidency later in this newsletter.

The Council has undertaken many new initiatives which have already yielded positive results for the Pennsylvania aviation community. In January, I addressed the attendees at our **2nd Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Advocacy Day**. My address covered five priorities that we would pursue.

The first priority of gaining increased funding for various aviation grant programs has been advanced by our efforts in co-operation with the **Bureau of Aviation**.

Increases over the long term to the Capital Budget Program as well as the Aviation Development Program remain a high priority of our lobbying and advocacy efforts.

The fifth element of our platform is tax relief. At this time, we have our greatest challenge of informing our legislators about the discouraging affect of taxes on our industry. Concurrently, we need to increase our visibility with our legislators and the administration and let them know that the aviation industry can contribute greatly to the economic recovery in Pennsylvania.

Beyond the funding and other legislative priorities, we have sought to enhance our

relationship with **PennDOT** through involvement with the **Customer Process Team (CPT)** as well as the newly formed **Small Airports Committee** which is working on the Pennsylvania aviation rules and regulations.

Everitt Dupont, Chairman of this hard-working committee has demonstrated strong focus towards reviewing and developing new postures which will benefit the airports and users of aviation in Pennsylvania for years to come.

The Bureau of Aviation under the guidance of Deputy Secretary for Aviation **Sharon Daboin** has brought new direction to this project. The aviation community appreciates Sharon's dedication to developing new approaches to building, maintaining, and enhancing aviation in the Commonwealth.

I urge all members to become involved. There is plenty to be accomplished and it is with our members that we will continue to forge ahead into the future.

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's **Pennsylvania Aviation Conference** in Johnstown on October 22-24, 2003. ✈

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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GRANT PROGRAM GOES FROM \$8 TO \$17 MILLION

The current Pennsylvania aviation grant program increased substantially this year. A special thanks is extended to Governor **Ed Rendell** and Deputy Secretary for Aviation **Sharon Daboin** for spearheading this much needed program.

Aviation and the related infrastructure are critical to all Pennsylvanians. Without a diverse selection of airports, many of the best-ranked businesses in the Commonwealth may not be here today. Ask any president or CEO how important quality airports are to their firms and they will flat out agree that airports and the aircraft that they support are mission-critical to them. A quality statewide airport system will yield positive economic development impacts that affect

the communities that they serve.

The Council would like to also recognize our state legislators for their continued efforts to keep the Pennsylvania aviation system in a strong position for the future. Many of our legislators have stood tall to keep aviation in the forefront versus the background. ✈

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AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY

May 24, 2003, was officially designated **Aviation Maintenance Day** in Pennsylvania. **Lowell Levensgood**, Chairman of the Council's Education Committee, worked with State Representative **Dennis Leh** from the 130th District to have May 24 designated AMT Day in Pennsylvania.

May 24 was selected based on the birthday of **Charles Edward Taylor**. Taylor was the person who worked on Orville and Wilbur Wright's airplane named "The Flyer." He worked at the bicycle shop owned by the Wrights in Dayton, Ohio, and worked on the engine that powered the first flight.

Following is the full resolution that was adopted by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives:

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania House Resolution No. 303 Session of 2003 introduced as noncontroversial resolution under rule 35, June 3, 2003:

A RESOLUTION proclaiming May 24, 2003, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, aviation maintenance technicians are all too often unsung heroes whose achievements are overlooked; and

WHEREAS, one such unsung hero of aviation is Charles Edward Taylor; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1903, at the Wright brothers' bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio, Charles Edward Taylor began working on

the first engine built for Orville and Wilbur Wright's airplane named The Flyer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor pioneered uncharted theories of engine design by using only a lathe and drill press to construct a four-cylinder piston engine weighing 179 pounds and producing 12 horsepower in just six weeks; and

WHEREAS, nearly 100 years ago, on the morning of December 17, 1903, at the base of Kill Devil Hills, south of the village of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the Wright brothers made a mark in aviation history by successfully flying the first powered airplane; and

WHEREAS, this incredible achievement would not have been possible if not for Charles Edward Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight and the man who built and maintained the first aircraft engines; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration is working to bring attention to the significance of Charles Edward Taylor's achievements and to the contributions of the aviation maintenance industry by recognizing May 24th, Mr. Taylor's birthday, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day," therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives proclaim May 24, 2003, as "Aviation Maintenance Technician Day" in Pennsylvania. ✈

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.

- ▶ **JOHN M. BECKER**
American Concrete Pavement Association
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employees of the Bureau. The Committee has adopted the following mission statement:

“The mission of the Small Airports Regulation Sub-committee of the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania is to work in co-operation and partnership with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation to recommend practicable policies and/or regulations, which will facilitate, develop, protect and further enhance aviation and the airports in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.”

In accordance with this mission statement the Bureau and Committee agree as follows:

1. The Committee will define and characterize the various airports represented by the Committee.
2. The Committee will define the level of regulation for each category of airport and recommend policy guidance followed by related regulatory language, where the

Committee deems appropriate.

3. The Committee will examine similar regulations implemented in other jurisdictions, and lack thereof, using this to establish precedent in support of the Committee’s findings.
4. The Committee will report to the Bureau quarterly its progress in attaining the above.
5. Upon receiving the Committee’s quarterly report, the Bureau will review the report and indicate its concurrence or non-concurrence within four weeks. Where the Bureau disagrees with a recommendation of the Committee, the Bureau will explicitly point out the area of disagreement and recommend compromise language or another approach.
6. It is understood that where there is a disagreement between the Bureau and Committee that leads to an impasse, the Bureau’s view will prevail. However, the Bureau and Committee will make every good faith effort to resolve such impasses in an agreeable and acceptable manner. ➤ page 8

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Still time to register.

23rd Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference

Hosted by the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport Authority

October 22-24, 2003 Johnstown, PA

If you are the owner, operator, or manager of a **flight school, FBO, airport**, or an industry supplier, there will be general sessions and workshops aimed directly at improving your business performance. You don’t want to miss this year’s conference—**“Centennial of Flight.”**

SESSION SAMPLING

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

“Centennial of Flight”

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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.

Immediate Past President, Ron Soder, congratulates Glenn Raup upon his retirement from the Bureau of Aviation. The Council wishes Glenn much enjoyment as he starts a new flight plan in his life.



<Our cause is being heard in the Capitol. Our colonial forefathers realized many years ago that if you don't hang together, you hang alone.>

REFLECTIONS FROM RON SODER

It has been my privilege to be associated with the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania for over twenty years. I well-remember my first impressions as I became acquainted with some of the pioneers of aviation in Pennsylvania—McFarlane, Post, Hostetter, Braden, Grimes, Mummery, and Siefken, to name a few. They were an august group to say the least and we owe a debt of gratitude to them for their love of aviation and the work they did in building airports and promoting aviation in our Commonwealth.

I then observed as the torch of leadership was passed on to a new generation and eventually I was afforded the opportunity to actively participate as a member of the Board of Directors of the Aviation Council.

After serving on various committees, I was elected to serve as an officer which culminated in my election as President in 2000. The office of president of a statewide organization is a daunting task, to say the least. Fortunately, I was surrounded by a group of experienced and qualified persons on the Board who provided the support that I needed to get started. It also helped to have someone like **Bob Rockmaker**, our Executive Secretary, to bring me up to speed.

COMING OF AGE

In my opinion, the past three years have been a time when ACP has come of age.

Ever since ACP was founded forty-two years ago, our motto has been “**Serving Pennsylvania Aviation.**” However, for too many years our activities were limited to the aviation community.

We were “preaching to the choir,” so to speak. That began to change three years ago when the Council’s **Legislative Affairs Committee** began to explore possible sources of additional funding for aviation development because existing programs were inadequate for funding the needs of the airports in the State system.

Some of our efforts included the commissioning of a study to determine funding needs versus funds available. The next step in the process was to sponsor **Aviation Advocacy Day** in Harrisburg as a means of interfacing with our Legislators. In conjunction with these actions, the Aviation Council retained **Marvin E. Miller** of Marvin E. Miller Associates to serve as our Legislative Liaison. A new membership brochure has been produced and the Council has become a member of **Associated Pennsylvania Constructors**, with the hope of interfacing with the many contractors who work at our airports. In my mind, those contractors are potential members of the Aviation Council.

In my opinion, these actions were monumental in shaping the future role that the ACP will play in Pennsylvania aviation. We are no longer an unknown entity. Our cause is being heard in the Capitol. Our colonial forefathers realized many years ago that if you don't hang together, you hang alone. We are beginning to speak with one voice on behalf of all members of the aviation community. No longer is it “everyone for himself.”

I want to extend my appreciation to the Executive Committee as well as to the entire Board, the members of the Standing Committees, and to Bob Rockmaker for their support throughout my tenure as president. I believe that the Aviation Council’s best years are ahead, in terms of serving as the voice of aviation in Pennsylvania and serving the interests of the aviation community.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President.

—Ron ✈



2003 PA AVIATION ADVOCACY DAY

The 2nd Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Advocacy day was held on January 28, 2003. Members from across the Commonwealth traveled to Harrisburg to receive executive updates in the morning followed by personal meetings with state legislators throughout the afternoon. The Aviation Council has greatly increased the presence of aviation on the Hill. Maintaining contact with our elected officials is critical to the forward development of aviation in the Commonwealth. ✈



TOP: Sharon Daboin, Deputy Secretary for Aviation addresses 2003 PA Aviation Advocacy Day attendees in Harrisburg
 RIGHT: Allan Biehler, Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation brings greetings from the Rendell Administration at Advocacy Day.

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SMALL AIRPORTS COMMITTEE

The **Small Airports Committee** of the Aviation Council has been extremely busy. **Everitt Dupont**, Chairman, along with a wide selection of Committee members, including representatives of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation, have been meeting monthly for the purpose of reviewing the current aviation regulations and developing recommendations which will be advanced towards a revision of these rules.

After many months of review, the Committee developed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** between the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation. This MOU has been signed by both organizations as a first step toward amending the current aviation rules.

This landmark document has been included in full in this newsletter. The Small Airports Regulation Sub-committee will have more to report at this year's annual conference. ✈

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7. Dissemination of the proceedings of this Committee to Bureau employees will be limited to Sharon A. Daboin, committee members Thomas M. Tomczyk and George N. Lucas, and only to those other bureau employees with a need to know who have been approved by Ms. Daboin to receive such information.

8. This Memorandum of Understanding is for a term of one year from the first date appearing below and will automatically renew every year thereafter for additional yearly terms unless either the Bureau or the Committee receives written notice from the other at least thirty days prior to expiration that the Memorandum of Understanding will be terminated. ✈