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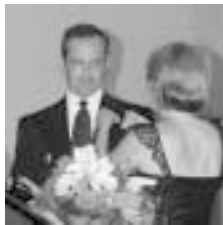


"The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport" — Orville Wright



Tim Edwards, A.A.E., the new NEC President

Tim receives the President's pin from his wife



John Duval, A.A.E., (right) and Chip Barclay (center) present a check to Past President Al Graser, A.A.E., with proceeds from the Large Hub Winter Operations Workshop



Al Graser receives a check from Bob Nowak and Tom Long with proceeds from the 2003 Snow Symposium

45th Annual Conference a "Capitol" Success

This year's Northeast Chapter Annual Conference, held Aug. 23-27 in Washington, D.C., was a great success by every measure. A record number of attendees, a first class professional business program, an unbelievable social agenda, and one of the most financially rewarding annual conferences in the history of the Northeast Chapter marked the event.

Our host Past President Alex Kashani, A.A.E., managed one of the most successful conferences the chapter has ever had. From the accommodations in the Fairmont Hotel in "Foggy Bottom" to the exclusive use of the National Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian, golfing at Andrews AFB and access to the new Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Annex of the National Air and Space Museum, it could not have been better.

At the final NEC business meeting, the new Executive Committee was named: President, Timothy J. Edwards, A.A.E., Harrisburg, Pa.; Vice President, Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Manchester, N.H.; Treasurer, Thomas Rafter, A.A.E., Atlantic City, N.J.; Secretary, Bradley D. Penrod, A.A.E., Pittsburgh, Pa. and Immediate Past President, Al Graser, A.A.E., New York, N.Y.



Al Graser presents three checks to AAAE Chair Bonnie Allen, A.A.E., and Chip Barclay for the Legislative, Scholarship and Endowment Funds.



Bradley Penrod, A.A.E., the new NEC Secretary



President Edwards and family



Al Graser, A.A.E., receives the Past President's Pin from his wife

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A Message

from our President



Tim Edwards, A.A.E.

To begin, I'd like to say that it's an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as the new President of the Northeast Chapter. I have had the good fortune to be an active member of the chapter for most of my airport management career, and I have benefited greatly from the numerous services and activities that the chapter makes available to its members. I see my term as President as an opportunity to serve the organization that has provided so many services to me as an individual member and to the airport I manage.

As we embark on the 2003-2004 plan of work for the Northeast Chapter, it is very appropriate that we recognize the contributions of our Past President Al Graser. Al is both a skilled communicator and a charismatic leader, and we have been lucky to have his leadership on the Executive Committee for the past four years. As we begin the new year, I am encouraged by the support and enthusiasm I have received from the members of the Executive Committee who have worked so diligently over this past year making the tough administrative and financial decisions that keep the membership activities of the chapter moving forward. Their dedicated service has benefited all chapter members. I cannot imagine a better group to work with in helping the chapter maintain its momentum in all the important areas of work we have before us. Last, special thanks goes to Alex Kashani and the members of the NEC Conference Committee for planning and administering a tremendously successful annual conference in Washington, D.C.

As discussed at our last business meeting, we are faced with the challenge of maintaining a balance between the need to be financially conservative while maintaining the unique characteristics and services of the chapter environment. When considering my goals and objectives for the coming year, I made quick reference to the NEC/AAAE Constitution and Bylaws. Using the bylaws as a guide, our work will be primarily focused in three areas: information, advocacy and networking.

Information: The chapter will continue to be an important information resource and communication facilitator for individual members and airports in the Northeast. The chapter will continue to augment the educational efforts of AAAE by bringing together a membership that shares similar problems and interests. We will

work to establish the systematic exchange of information and experience in the development and maintenance of airports. One of our best sources of information is the NEC/AAAE website. Please take time to visit the website at www.necaaae.org. You may be surprised with the information that you find there.

Advocacy: Another area of focus will be our continued focus on advocacy related to important issues impacting airports in the Northeast region. The chapter is committed to organizing the perspective of the airport community in such a way that it can be an effective influence on regional aviation issues. To achieve that goal, we will continue to promote the highest standards in all technical operations necessary to the public safety and efficient airport control and to foster public recognition and respect of the airport executive profession. The chapter will continue to promote professional stability in the administrative functions of airport control.

Networking: Most importantly, the chapter will continue to create and promote opportunities for networking among our membership. In addition to the existing networking programs offered by the chapter, we will actively seek new members for the purpose of upgrading the airport management profession and revitalizing the Northeast Chapter.

One of the many advantages of becoming a member in the NEC Executive Committee (and ultimately chapter President) is being able to participate in discussions at a national level that have a direct impact on the aviation industry. One of my first duties as chapter President was to attend the AAAE Board of Directors meeting recently held at the National Airports Conference in San Diego. The primary topic of discussion was the AAAE/ACI-NA "Code Share" proposal that was first presented to the membership at the chapter business meeting in Los Angeles. The San Diego meeting followed a meeting of the ACI-NA Board of Directors that was held at the annual ACI conference in Tampa a week earlier. The Code Share proposal was a well-intentioned attempt to consolidate some of the common activities of AAAE and ACI-NA. In addition to new AAAE Board members, several past AAAE Chairmen were in attendance to provide their unique perspective regarding the current Code Share proposal and other attempts at consolidation in the past. *(continued on page 3)*

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Although the Code Share concept was not adopted by either ACI-NA or AAAE, AAAE has agreed to appoint a joint task force to *"discuss opportunities for the coordination or consolidation of regulatory functions and other coordination and efficiency measures that may be in the best interest of both organizations, members and the airport industry."* I'll have more information to share with the membership at the next business meeting.

As I outlined in my comments at the conclusion of the annual conference in August, one of the great outcomes of active participation in the Northeast Chapter is that the director of a small northern New England airport (LEB) can work at a high level next to the general manager of one of the largest airports in the world (JFK). I see membership and active participation in the Northeast Chapter as an important component to the successful management of the city's airport. One of my goals during my term as president is to work to get more members involved with chapter events, committees and activities. Throughout my term, I will be asking members to find an opportunity to participate with one of the various chapter committees or participate with the planning of other chapter events. Membership provides a great opportunity to weigh in on important issues facing the airport industry and to

accomplish something constructive. Your participation is key to moving the chapter forward.

On a personal note, I would like to announce that I have accepted a new position as the Deputy Executive Director for Harrisburg International Airport (Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority) located in central Pennsylvania. I will begin my new job on Nov. 3, 2003. For those who wish to contact me after the 3rd, my new e-mail address will be tedwards@saraa.org. I've learned a great deal from my experience in Lebanon, and I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to work and live in this wonderful community for the past 14 years. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities of the new position.

At the conclusion of our annual conference in Washington, D.C., I had the chance to speak to many of the people who I have known and respected in this business for many years. It is indeed an honor to be representing this group as the current President and I look forward to my opportunity to guide the Northeast Chapter to what promises to be another successful year.

Tim Edwards, A.A.E.
President

Actions Taken at NEC Business Meeting, August 24 and 26 in Washington, D.C.

Past President Buddy Comeau, A.A.E., reported on the Past Presidents meeting held on Cape Cod in June. Items discussed included the current financial status of the chapter and ways to limit the amount allocated to grants and scholarships. The Council of Past Presidents requested the Executive Board to review finances over the next few months to see if further action is necessary.

Treasurer Kevin Dillon, A.A.E., reported that the net worth of the chapter at that time was around \$24,000, which is well below the normal average. (Since that time, substantial revenues have been received from the 2003 Snow Symposium and the Large Hub Winter Operations Workshop, as well as anticipated revenues from the Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. bringing chapter revenues back into the \$100,000 range.) Dillon asked for input on ways to increase revenues and find other potential revenue sources and to consider increasing dues and placing a cap on grants and scholarships.

Executive Secretary Dick Williams, A.A.E., reported that chapter membership is up to 480 members with 71 having dues outstanding. There were 39 cancellations and 47 new members.

Board of Examiners member Barbara Patzner, A.A.E., reported that there have

been seven new accredited executive members since the last annual conference and that three more are due to complete the process before winter.

ARFF School Chair Bradley Penrod, A.A.E., reported that this year's school, Sept. 21-25, 2003, would also include a component on Weapons of Mass Destruction.

Snow Symposium Co-Chair Bob Nowak reported that about 500 people attended this year's symposium and that he hoped to present the chapter with a check for about \$34,000.

Site Selection Committee Chair Bryan Corbett reported that the next three years are set for the annual conference. The 2004 host will be Portland, Maine, 2005 will be Providence, Rhode Island, and 2006 will be Manchester, N.H.

A motion was made by Bill Smith and amended by Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., to cap the scholarship funding for 2004 at \$10,000 and subject to annual review. It was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Dick Williams, A.A.E., to increase the annual dues from \$35 to \$50 for Executive Members and from \$50 to \$75 for Associate (corporate) Members, starting in 2004. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Annual Conference Chair Alex Kashani, A.A.E., reported that there were 275

registered delegates at this year's Annual Conference and that 110 people attended the tour of the National Air and Space Museum Annex and FAA Control Center. He also reported that revenues from this year's conference may surpass that of the Snow Symposium!

Nominating Committee Chair Buddy Comeau, A.A.E., reported the committee had selected Steve Adams, A.A.E., to replace Mark Brewer, A.A.E., on the National AAAE Board when Mark's term expires.

Comeau also reported on the nominations for the new Executive Board: President, Tim Edwards, A.A.E.; Vice President, Kevin Dillon, A.A.E.; Treasurer, Tom Rafter, A.A.E., and Secretary, Bradley Penrod, A.A.E. All nominations were approved by unanimous vote.

The following resolutions were approved by the membership: Honoring 2002-2003 AAAE Chair Thomas E. Greer, A.A.E.; NEC Chair Alfred J. Graser, A.A.E.; the sponsors, angels, and exhibitors that participated in the NEC 2003 Annual Conference; the staff at the Fairmont Washington Hotel; Conference Chair Alex M. Kashani, A.A.E., Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, his capable staff and the 2003 annual conference committee, and former AAAE Chair Jerry Olson, A.A.E.



A "raft" of Rafter's (Tom Rafter with his family)



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Buddy Comeau, A.A.E., and Al Graser, A.A.E., preview the Udvar-Hazy Center



Al Graser, A.A.E., who received the prestigious Distinguished Service Award, poses with his family



"First Timers" breakfast



Attendees enjoying the final banquet



Al Graser, A.A.E., presents the Chapter President's Award to Alex Kashani, A.A.E., host of this year's conference.

Conference 2003

August 23-27, 2003



Al Graser with AAAE Chair Bonnie Allen, A.A.E.



Golf outing HIGH score winners



Golf outing "Real Winners" low score



Conference attendees enjoying the Smithsonian



The 'Tin Goose' on Display at the Smithsonian



"Tin Goose"

John Dickerson, A.A.E., past AAAE chair, and Steve Korta, A.A.E., director of Connecticut's Bradley International Airport, recall flying on NC-9683, the Ford Tri-Motor called the "Tin Goose."

Our visit to the National Air and Space Museum brought back memories to Korta and Dickerson, who each flew on the aircraft now on display in the Smithsonian. They were among the many invitees who flew the aircraft as part of a promotional tour provided by American Airlines.

The "Tin Goose" began its final approach to the Smithsonian in 1962 when C. R. Smith, head of American Airlines, decided he needed a promotional gimmick to herald the rollout of the brand new three-engine Boeing 727. He directed his staff to "quietly" locate a Ford Tri-Motor that could be restored within a \$49,000 budget. They did, finally locating one in Mexico that was serving as a home for a Mexican family. They had installed a wood-burning stove with a chimney through the top of the fuselage.

After nearly a year of restoration work in Tulsa, the first mission for NC-9683 was participation in the September 1963 rollout of American's first 727 at Renton, Wash. Prior to the rollout, NC-9683 had toured the U.S. and accommodated many visitors on courtesy flights, including Dickerson and Korta.



Steve Korta, A.A.E., director of Bradley International Airport

NC-9683 made its final landing at the Smithsonian in time for the opening of the Air and Space Museum on July 1, 1976. Today we see it suspended from the ceiling among old friends, an Eastern DC-3, a United 247 and a Western Douglas M-2. Unfortunately, its position is too high for visitors to see the only flaw in the restoration work.... a patch over the hole where the chimney pierced the top of the fuselage.



John Dickerson, A.A.E., past AAAE chair

2003: A Year for Anniversaries

Aside from the obvious—the Wright Brothers' historic venture 100 years ago—this year marks the 75th anniversary of two vital aviation entities.

The American Association of Airport Executives, AAAE, was formed in September 1928. As reported on the cover of the September-October 2003 issue of AIRPORT Magazine.... "Mines Field Near Los Angeles, September 1928: At the National Air Races here, ten airport managers got together and formed a new association."

The rest is history. Mines Field became Los Angeles International Airport and AAAE became one of the top trade associations in the United States.

In 1954, AAAE started the professional accreditation program and since that time the A.A.E. designation has become a requirement for its leadership offices. In 1959, the association hired F. Russell Hoyt, A.A.E., its first full time staff member, who went on to lead the organization until his retirement in 1983. Russ then went on to become the Executive Secretary of the Northeast Chapter until his death in 1997.

AAAE currently ranks in the top one percent of professional and trade associations in terms of budget and staff size, enjoys an outstanding reputation in Washington, D.C., for representing airport executives, and is studied by other non-profit organizations for success and growth that doesn't rely on member dues.

On Oct. 1, 2003, Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) celebrated its 75th anniversary. On that date, New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey attended a ceremony at Building No. 1, the airport's first terminal built in 1935, marking the occasion.

In the 1930s, Newark Municipal Airport handled nearly 90,000 passengers annually. That was quite a number when you consider that the average aircraft only held 12 passengers. It was the first commercial airport in the U.S. with a paved runway, as well as the first air traffic control tower.

Following the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks, the airport was renamed Newark Liberty International Airport. It now has a new FAA control tower, is served by three terminals, a monorail connected to the Northeast Corridor rail lines, and is one of the busiest airports in the nation.



F. Russell Hoyt, first full-time NEC staff member



Welcome New NEC Members

Camille Beshara
Parsons Brickerhoff/P B Aviation
Boston, Mass.

Heather Bishop
Data Technology Management
Ridgefield, Conn.

Jeffery Bourk, C.M.
Portland Int'l Airport
Portland, Maine

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Airport Manager
Fitchburg Municipal Airport
Fitchburg, Mass.

Linda A. Bruce
FAA
Springfield, Va.

Bob Christenson
Salt Lake City Airport
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Marysville, Ohio

Gary Davis
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Newark Liberty Int'l Airport
Newark, N.J.

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VHB Inc.
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Manchester Airport
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Quebec, Canada

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Buchart Horn Inc.
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Presque Isle, Maine

Jeffery Wood
McFarland Johnson Inc.
Binghamton, N.Y.

Joseph A. Wright
ARFF Technical Services Inc.
Red Lion, Pa.

And all of the following from
Manchester Airport, N.H. :

William D. Biser
Richard S. Fixler
Michael E. Goodwin
John M. Jensen
Marc Moquin
Wayne A. Philibert
Wayne E. Robinson
Derek J. Tower

Save the Dates

38th Annual International Snow Symposium

Buffalo, NY

April 24 - 28 2004

Contact Bob Nowak (716) 630-6132

76th Annual AAE Conference and Exposition

Las Vegas Convention Center

June 21 - 24, 2004

Contact AAE (703) 824-0500

Large Hub Winter Operations Workshop

Toronto, Canada

July 18 - 20, 2004

Contact John Duval (617) 561-1618

46th Annual NEC Annual Conference

Portland, Maine

August 21 - 24, 2004

Contact Kevin Sullivan (207) 756-8035

ARFF School

Pittsburgh, PA

September 12 - 16, 2004

Contact Bradley Penrod (412) 472-3677

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