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## SNOW SYMPOSIUM '97— Even the Weather Cooperated



**T**he 31st Annual International Aviation Snow Symposium, held April 26-30 in Buffalo, definitely exceeded expectations. This year's "Snow Show" packed the house with record attendance of 640 and a serious collection of 78 snow removal vehicles and auxiliary equipment on display.

Wall-to-wall attendees being the order of the day, making new friends was unavoidable. Breakfast sessions were stirred up with Chapter President Bob Bogan's group participation exercises that encouraged attendees to meet people and swap stories. Interesting, but not necessarily valuable, prizes were awarded for the best vehicle crash story, the attendee from the smallest town, the location with the greatest number of ice storms and the attendee with most snow removal overtime.

IASS Chairman Bob Nowak and his committee assembled a comprehensive program, including sessions

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**W**hile preparing for this year's Balchen/Post Award selection process, I came across an old photo of the committee that included Russ Hoyt and Wiley Post, of course. I say "of course" because they had become in my eyes, and perhaps in yours, the standard bearers of the symposium and the chapter. It also struck me that an enormous number of people in the global aviation community had benefitted from knowing these two men. How does one go about properly memorializing their passing and the end on an era?

Prior to last year's symposium, the Northeast Chapter changed the name of the Bernt Balchen Award to include the name of Wiley Post, in permanent recognition of Wiley's longstanding contribution. At that time, I felt the symposium committee had created the best tribute imaginable, having done so when Wiley was still around to see it. I still believe that to be true.

This year's conference committee has already dedicated the upcoming Boston conference to Russ Hoyt. I am pleased to say that by vote of the membership, the chapter has approved establishing a new annual scholarship, the F. Russell Hoyt Scholarship, for attending the chapter conference.

Russ had a special affinity for the chapter conference, and so I think he would be particularly pleased.

Russ and Wiley's passing denotes a critical juncture in how the chapter will operate in the future. One example of change is this newsletter. *Around the Northeast* was almost solely the product of Russ Hoyt, who wrote, edited and produced each and every edition. Any attempt to emulate his style would be a disservice to his memory. We have changed the newsletter's name and format to clearly delineate his written legacy.

There will be other changes this year in how the chapter operates. The executive committee recognizes the critical requirement to evaluate each step we take towards making the chapter more responsive to the needs of its membership. Computerization of accounting functions and communicating via our Internet website will benchmark the beginning of the chapter's next era. Stay tuned.

**Bob Bogan**  
*President*

on aircraft deicing, stress management, equipment specification writing and NOTAMS. Aviation humorist Ralph Hood stole the show as Tuesday's luncheon speaker. When last seen, Ralph was still taking orders for his bargain \$5 tapes, with their money-back guarantee: you return the unused portion of the tape and Ralph's wife returns the unused portion of the \$5.

(Editor's Note: There is no truth to the rumor that the chapter's executive committee highjacked AAAE Chairman Dutch Bertholf, forced him to eat dinner at a Niagara Falls souvenir stand, then chained him to a slot machine in the new casino until he lost all his money.)

### 1996-97 BALCHEN POST SNOW REMOVAL AWARDS



This year's Balchen Post Awards recognized the special efforts of snow crews throughout all of North America.

Ninety-one nominations for 68 airports were received in response to the 6,500 forms distributed by NBAA, ATA, FAA, ALPA, AOPA and NEC/AAAE. Most nominations came from corporate flight departments (34), followed by airlines (24), fixed base operators (12), self nominations (10) and others (12). Thirty-three airports responded to the nominee questionnaire, which was used to evaluate each airport's snow removal activities.

Following are the results of the selection committee's deliberations:

- **LARGE COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS**—*over 75,000 scheduled air carrier operations annually:*  
**Winner:** Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, Minnesota.  
**Special Mention Certificates:** Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Michigan.  
 Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Illinois.
- **MEDIUM COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS**—*between 10,000 and 75,000 air carrier operations per year:*  
**Winner:** Gander International Airport, Gander, Newfoundland, Canada.  
**Special Mention Certificates:**

- Billings Logan International Airport, Montana.  
 Syracuse Hancock International Airport, New York.
- **SMALL COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS**—*less than 10,000 scheduled air carrier operations annually:*  
**Winner:** S.W. Michigan Regional Airport, Michigan.  
**Special Mention Certificates:**  
 Erie International Airport, Pennsylvania.  
 Lebanon Municipal Airport, New Hampshire.
- **LARGE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS**—*over 50,000 total aircraft operations annually:*  
**Winner:** Cuyahoga County Airport, Ohio.  
**Special Mention Certificate:**  
 Coeur d'Alene Airport, Idaho.
- **SMALL GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS**—*less than 50,000 total aircraft operations annually:*  
**Winner:** Price County Airport, Wisconsin.  
**Special Mention Certificate:**  
 Elkhart Municipal Airport, Indiana.  
 Awards selection committee members were:  
 Jeffrey Gilley, AOPA; Don Minnis, ATA; Ben Castellano, FAA; E.H. "Moe" Haupt, NBAA; Jerry Wright, ALPA, Frank Colson, U.S. Department of Defense; Richard DeiTos Jr., Metropolitan Washington Airlines Committee; Edward Dorsett, A.A.E., FAA, and Bob Bogan, A.A.E., committee chairman.

### YOUR CHAPTER IN ACTION

Following are highlights of recent Northeast Chapter membership meetings held in Buffalo and Minneapolis:

**F. Russell Hoyt Scholarship**—By unanimous vote, the chapter has established a new all-expense paid scholarship to attend the chapter's annual conference. The first scholarship will be awarded in time for the Boston conference in August.

**Dues Increase**—Sustaining our leadership role among AAAE chapters, we have held off any dues increase for as long as we can. However, the inevitable is upon us.

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## CHAPTER OUTREACH

**AAAE AIRPORT DEFENSE FUND**

**B**y majority vote of the membership in Buffalo, the chapter's annual contribution to the AAAE Good Government Committee (PAC), was increased to \$7000. A check was presented to Todd Hauptli, AAAE's senior vice president of federal affairs, at the chapter meeting in Minneapolis. Todd smiled, even before someone mentioned the Cayman Islands.

**AAAE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**E**xtensive discussion took place during the Buffalo membership meeting concerning the chapter's contribution to the AAAE scholarship fund. These funds are distributed nationally to accredited members and their immediate family members for college education. The minimum annual chapter contribution has been \$5000. In recent years we have also submitted a supplemental \$1000, which was matched by the Greg Isbill Foundation. Additional chapter contributions can be specifically earmarked for use by our chapter members. A consensus of exactly how much we should add to the traditional chapter contribution could not be established during the meeting. Members approved \$6000 as the 1997 contribution, and the matter of additional earmarked funds was tabled for further discussion at the Boston conference.

Effective Aug. 20, 1997, there will be a dues increase. Accredited, Executive, Affiliate and Student memberships will increase from \$20 to \$35. Associate memberships will be adjusted from \$35 to \$50.

**Travel Reimbursement Program**—The Council of Past Presidents has formalized a travel reimbursement program for the chapter's Executive Committee. This program was delegated to the Council of Past Presidents to assure the establishment of reasonable guidelines for the chapter to partially defray travel expenses of chapter officers. The program addresses a long time deterrent to members who have not submitted their names for consideration as candidates to the chapter chairs because of heretofore unsubsidized chapter travel requirements.

**AAAE Directors**—John Duval, A.A.E., of Massport was re-elected as AAAE Regional Director and Elaine Roberts, A.A.E., of the Rhode Island Airport Corp., was re-elected as an AAAE National Director at the Minneapolis Conference. Bill Barkhauer, A.A.E., is now serving the second of a two-year term as AAAE Regional Director and remains the chapter's candidate for the AAAE secretary/treasurer position.

**National Airports Conference**—By resolution of the AAAE membership, the name of the National Airports Conference has been changed to the F. Russell Hoyt National Airports Conference to honor Russ's many contribu-

tions during his 24 years as AAAE's executive vice president and 12 years as the Northeast Chapter executive secretary.

**Accreditation, One Less Option**—Mark Brewer, A.A.E., our regional accreditation examiner, advises that those who are considering using the experience-based option for completing their accreditation should do so very soon. The option will be terminated as of Jan. 1, 1998.

**ALLENTOWN TERMINAL NAMED FOR 'WILEY' POST**

**F**high-Northampton Airport Authority Board of Governors unanimously approved a resolution on April 29, 1997, dedicating the new satellite terminal facility in memory of the contributions made to the aviation community by Wiley Post.

The new 65,000-square-foot building, scheduled for completion in October 1997, will be formally named the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post Jr. Concourse. This new seven-gate facility is attached to the existing departure building that was constructed in 1973 during Wiley's tenure as airport manager.

# FUTURE CHAPTER CONFERENCE ONE MINUTE SURVEY

(or what would you like to see and where would you like to see it?)

1. Do you usually attend the chapter conference?  yes  no  
(if yes, skip to question 3, unless you wish to express an opinion on the traditional conference agenda, in which case proceed to next question)

2. Why not? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel restraints (budget)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference content (not enough exhibitors) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel restraints (too far)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Duration (too long)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel restraints (not allowed out)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Duration (too short)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference content (not enough learning sessions) | <input type="checkbox"/> Duration (would prefer weekend only)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference content (not enough social activity)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Duration (would prefer week days only)     |

3. Future conferences are scheduled for Rochester in 1998 and Albany in 1999. Where would you prefer to attend the NEC conference in the year 2000?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington, D.C.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Bermuda                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quebec City                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Reykjavic                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resort location in the Northeast such as _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> European city (pick one) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newfoundland                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, such as _____           |

4. Are you precluded from international travel for business purposes?  yes  no

5. Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax your response to (201) 538-6947 or mail to: NEC/AAAE Inquiring Minds Committee  
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