

## **COPA TESTIFIES BEFORE HOUSE TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

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Earlier this week, COPA President and CEO Bernard Gervais appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. Much of Gervais' testimony was dedicated to explaining the importance of General Aviation (GA) in Canada, and the role it plays in our economy but also why it is vital to address the pilot shortage.

“To ensure the supply chain for pilots stays healthy, the front door of the aviation world, GA, has to stay open”, Gervais told the committee on December 11. “This means protecting community airports so that flight schools have places to live and grow, ensuring adequate talent and experience is retained at the instructor level.”

Various measures COPA is lobbying for include allowing more freelance instruction outside of the commercial FTU environment, making commercial flight training eligible for student financial assistance programs and tax incentives designed to allow for more freelance instruction away from population centers.

Gervais also highlighted to the committee the importance local communities play in sustaining smaller airports where flight instruction takes place. “We need to preserve the flying clubs and social networks associated with airports and include the community in what goes on at their local airport, so they are connected and realize the important role their aviation asset is playing locally and in the big picture.”

The committee hearing came on the heels of the unanimous passage on November 28 by the House of Commons of a private member's bill introduced by Stephen Fuhr (MP for Kelowna-Lake Country). The bill instructed the Standing Committee on Transport to investigate the pilot shortage and report back to the House next June with recommendations.

## **IAOPA REPRESENTED AT ICAO NGAP SYMPOSIUM**

Katie Pribyl, Senior Vice President, Aviation Strategy and Programs, Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association represented IAOPA at the Second ICAO Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) Conference in Shenzhen, China. During the session on “Innovations and Solutions to Address NGAP Challenges” Katie introduced the actions that AOPA is taking to grow general aviation as part of the [You Can Fly](#) initiative.



IAOPA has been an active participant in the NGAP program since its inception. The NGAP initiative was launched in 2009 to help ensure that enough qualified and competent aviation professionals are available to operate, manage and maintain the future international air transport system. This is critical as a large contingent of the current generation of aviation professionals will retire, access to affordable training and education is increasingly problematic, and aviation competes with other industry sectors for highly skilled professionals. The lack of harmonized competencies in some aviation disciplines and a lack of awareness by the “next generation” of the types of aviation jobs available further compounds the challenge.



The symposia provided a crucial networking and knowledge-sharing opportunity, and included presentations from ICAO, international and regional organizations, and leading industry stakeholders. The meeting was an opportunity to chart the next steps to address the growing pilot shortage and create an environment that will allow the next generation to lead in the development of aviation's future.

## **AOPA JAPAN TALKS TO CONTROLLERS ABOUT GA AND AOPA**

On Thursday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, the HASCAP Meeting was held at the New Chitose Airport, in Japan. Many may know haskap (honeyberries) as a delicious fruit from Hokkaido, the Island where New Chitose is located. But in this case HASCAP stands for Hokkaido Air Safety Controller and Pilot Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to improve safety in the skies by fostering face to face communication between local pilots and controllers, both civil and military. In total, there were almost 100 participants at this event.



In the summer of 2018, AOPA Japan organized a flight from Bibai, Hokkaido to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Russia, with seven airplanes participating. Mr. Peter Steeger from the local AOPA Japan chapter was invited to report about the flight. As aviation in Japan is dominated by the airlines, AOPA used the forum to introduce General Aviation, IAOPA, and naturally AOPA Japan to the controllers by giving a 40 min presentation. The talk was very well received and even one controller became interested to join the local flying club.

*Provided by AOPA Japan*



## **AOPA AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE RELEASES NEWEST ACCIDENT CASE STUDY**

The Air Safety Institute (ASI) released another episode in its popular *Accident Case Study* video series. The latest details the plight of a low-time, non-instrument rated pilot choosing to press on in worsening weather. Those decisions often end badly, and this time it cost a family of five their lives.

In *Accident Case Study: Blind over Bakersfield*, the Air Safety Institute analyzes what may have compelled the non-instrument rated pilot to press on, and eventually accept an IFR clearance to fly into instrument meteorological conditions, a decision that clinched the fate of the five on board.

Join the AOPA Air Safety Institute in examining the circumstances that led to the tragedy. Doing so may help us recognize and avoid a similar mistake.



"Diving into the factors that lead to tragedy helps pilots familiarize themselves with adverse scenarios they could face in flight. The more safety resources pilots consume, the safer we are as a whole," said Air Safety Institute Executive Director Richard McSpadden. "And the deeper the understanding of accidents, the safer we all fly," said McSpadden.

Each *Accident Case Study* video uses actual radio communications recordings and on-scene videos combined with animation developed by technical experts to explain the dynamics of the situation and track the accident chain of events.

View the [accident case study](#).

## **LINK TO IAOPA EUROPE NEWSLETTER**

Read the latest information on what IAOPA affiliates are doing in Europe. AOPA's in every part of the globe are making a positive difference for general aviation and there is simply not enough room to publish all that is being done to keep you flying. For the latest updates on what is going on at IAOPA Europe check their website at <http://www.iaopa.eu/>



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