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The Island Aircraft Owners Association (AOPA-Trinidad and Tobago) Granted Provisional Membership

IAOPA Headquarters has received an application for membership from the Island Aircraft Owners Association (AOPA-Trinidad and Tobago). IAOPA Headquarters' staff has examined the information provided with their application and has certified that the Association meets the requirements for admission as specified in the IAOPA Constitution and Bylaws. Therefore, based on the quality of their application, IAOPA has granted provisional membership to AOPA-Trinidad and Tobago effective September 24, 2012.

If approved by the IAOPA Board, AOPA-Trinidad and Tobago will become the 71st affiliate of the International Council. Please take the time to reach out and welcome our new affiliate at taopa@gmail.com.

European Plans for the Revitalisation of General Aviation

In 2008 the Council of the European Union issued a communication in response to the European Transport Commissions paper on *A Sustainable Future for General and Business Aviation*, which provided a clear overview of the sector as well as a coherent and structured position with regards to future development.

It is worth recalling what Mr. Kallas once said, "Transport is and must be for people. As Commissioner responsible for transport, my guiding principles over the next five years will be to promote transport services that truly benefit Europeans. Free movement is one of the greatest freedoms for the citizens of Europe and good transport is essential."

The Council also recognised the specific social and economic benefits provided by European general and business aviation. In particular the Council highlighted the benefits associated with increasing the mobility of people, the productivity of business and how its developments benefit the cohesion of peripheral regions of the Community. Importantly, the Council drew attention to the framework regulation 216/2008 and the need for flexibility and proportionality in Regulations with regards to different kinds of operation. It was further stressed that general aviation needs access to airspace and airports. The Council of Europe's communication supported the Commission's own paper toward *A Sustainable Future for General and Business Aviation* and the general aviation community felt that there was a 'wind of change' blowing across the region. Furthermore, members of the European Parliament (MEPs) passed a number of resolutions in support of a sustainable future for the general aviation sector. However, nothing actually changed in Europe regarding the development of new rules. The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is an agency of the Commission and it is required to achieve a high uniform level of safety. To achieve this it has adopted an approach which is based on a more stringent tightening of regulations, which are directly applicable across all of the 27 member States of the European Union for aircraft that have a certificate of airworthiness.

The management of EASA is overseen by two boards—the Management Board (MB) which is made up of representatives from the 27 member States of the Commission and the EASA Advisory Body (EAB) which is made up of industry representatives. Through continued lobbying and with the support of the

EAB, the French DGAC under the direction of the MB established a working group to look in more detail at how general aviation should be regulated in Europe. The paper that was produced took several months of dedicated effort but it reflects the industries concerns which, I have to say, were also shared by some of the member States. Then principles and guidelines which form the actionable items in the paper were endorsed by the MB at its meeting in September. The question is, how soon can EASA adopt these guidelines into the process of rulemaking?

IAOPA Europe feels that little will be achieved without an amendment to the Regulation 216/2068 which sets the legal obligations for EASA. So the MB has asked EASA to publish before July 2014 guidance material to ensure that the new rulemaking process is implemented consistently with the guidelines. However, the European Parliament breaks next year for the purpose of re-election and by the end of 2014 there will be a new transport commissioner.

By 2014 work on Flight Crew Licenses will be complete as member States must be compliant with the FCL legislation by April 2014. The Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA) between Europe and USA should also be reaching conclusion. This is important for owners and operators of November registered aircraft in Europe and again highlights the importance of amending the 216/2008 regulation. Progress is slow, but it is progress.

IAOPA Submits Two Working Papers in Advance of the ICAO 12th Air Navigation Conference

IAOPA will be introducing two Working Papers for consideration by the States that will be attending the ICAO 12th Air Navigation Conference that will restate ideas and concepts that are important to general aviation worldwide. The first is designed to reinforce and draw attention to the *Foreward* contained in *Annex 6 – Part II, International General Aviation – Aeroplanes* that allows for an appropriate level of safety and recognizes the difference that exists between general aviation and commercial operations. The second Working Paper stresses to member States that are in the process of implementing the block upgrades that access and equity needs to be a cornerstone of any airspace modernization effort and that all system users must continue to be accommodated. Copies of the Working Papers are located on the IAOPA website homepage at: <http://www.iaopa.org/>. IAOPA affiliates are asked to review the documents and make sure that representatives from their governments that will be attending the 12th Air Navigation Conference have visibility to the documents and encourage their support and passage.

APPA/AOPA-Brazil Named to Working Group with ANAC

Keeping general aviation at the highest discussion level on the Brazilian regulatory scenario, APPA/AOPA Brazil was asked by the ANAC (Brazilian Civil Aviation Authority) to reappoint one of the two general aviation representatives to the agency board, based on ANAC's bylaws and its Council procedures. Following the strong work of George Sucupira in the last decade, now, Humberto Branco, APPA/AOPA-Brazil Strategy Director is formally nominated by ANAC's President for a three-year mandate before the Agency's Board.

A very clear, focused, and step-by-step agenda is on-course before the Agency and being conducted by APPA/AOPA-Brazil who is also in charge of presenting the current general aviation scenario, its challenges, opportunities, and related policies to the Board. On top of the discussion, is the principle of making the Agency responsive to the need for proportionality on all regulatory affairs involving general aviation. At the present time Brazilian GA is being strongly pressed and threatened by overregulation in several aspects, especially in the operational and medical requirement areas. Some basic matters such as encouraging general aviation pilots to get their IFR licenses in order to improve skills and safety, and to allow GA pilots to use new GPS technologies and up-to-date electronic flight bags are being threatened by over-regulation, extra aircraft equipment, certification costs, higher medical requirements, and lower level of service in the airspace, including terminal areas, RNAV environment and airports.

In some ways, the Brazilian regulation is going in the reverse direction of general aviation's current needs

and perspectives. Brazil is experiencing a paradox—GA sales are booming despite the regulation pressure that is creating new and low-efficient rules—instead of motivating general aviation growth and compensating for decades of stagnation.

APPA/AOPA Brazil is trying to find a productive and rational working environment at the Agency and other regulatory entities and is counting on strong support from IAOPA, especially on the exchange of information coming from ICAO and the FAA. Their main goal is to protect general aviation and keep everybody flying safer, wiser, and easier.

AUSFLY an Outstanding Success, AOPA-Australia Says

AUSFLY, the fly-in event for general aviation aircraft and pilots, was held over the weekend of 14-16 September at Narromine, NSW. The event was organised by the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia (SAAA) and co-supported by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of Australia (AOPA) and the Australian Warbirds Association (AWAL).

AOPA President Andrew Andersen praised the event as an enormous success. "More than 350 general aviation aircraft flew in for the inaugural AUSFLY event", Andrew said. "It surpassed our expectations and we are ecstatic about the warm welcome and friendship extended to us by the SAAA at their home airport". As a major co-supporter, AOPA contributed extensive advertising of the event in the Australian Pilot magazine, as well as by e-mail and through its website.

"It's clear that many AOPA members responded to our call and took part in a fun, safe and educational weekend." Andrew said. "We've had many comments in support of our involvement and look forward to joining again with leading GA organisations at the next AUSFLY event." For more information about AOPA-Australia, and its role in the AUSFLY event, email to mail@aopa.com.au.

Aviation Working Group Response to FAA Regarding Non-Citizen Trust

A working group has issued its response to the FAA regarding the registration of N numbered aircraft to non-U.S. Citizen Trustors and offered further recommended changes to the initial FAA proposal to modify existing rules and regulations. In 2010, the FAA issued a moratorium on non-citizen trusts that if enacted would have severely impacted the industry, as a result an industry coalition was formed to provide guidance to the FAA on better ways to restructure its program without crippling an already struggling industry. A public meeting was held in June of 2011 to seek comments from the industry and in response, on August 17th of this year, the industry coalition submitted extensive comments to the FAA on ways to improve the program. For a copy of the entire recommendations contact IAOPA.

Brazil Over-flight Information

APPA/AOPA-Brazil has advised that the Brazilian Civil Aviation Authority has published relevant information for general aviation aircraft desiring to operate in the country. The document contains a list of frequently asked questions and provides links and additional guidelines for requesting landing rights and staying in the Brazilian territory. APPA/AOPA-Brazil recommends that anyone interested should check <http://www2.anac.gov.br/portal/cgi/cgilua.exe/sys/start.htm?sid=390> for information regarding the rules and services provided to civil aircraft with destination to Brazil.

IBAC Announces Appointment of New Director General

Washington, DC, September 10, 2012 – The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) is pleased to welcome Kurt Edwards, who was appointed by the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) on Sept. 7 as its new director general. IBAC is the international non-governmental organization (INGO) that represents the interests of business aviation operators from around the world in international forums, primarily ICAO (the International Civil Aviation Organization).

IBAC's members, including NBAA, are national and regional associations that work together to coordinate global policies and positions for the business aviation community and to represent the community in international rule-making and policy-making work. IBAC's principal office is located in Montreal, Canada, in the headquarters building of ICAO.

"Mr. Edwards brings to the organization substantial experience in international aviation issues," said IBAC Chairman Peter Gatz. "Previous to coming to IBAC, Mr. Edwards served in high-level capacities with the International Affairs and Environment Offices of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). He also led FAA outreach efforts while based in Brussels and Paris, as well as at ICAO on environmental matters."

Edwards commences duty with IBAC effective immediately. He replaces Donald Spruston, the previous director general who served from 1999 to the present. Spruston announced last year his intent to step down. Since that time the IBAC board has conducted a comprehensive global search to find a new director general with the capability of continuing the development of business aviation policies and interests on issues such as safety, security, air traffic management and the environment.

For more information, contact the IBAC director general at (514) 954-8054 or dg@ibac.org. Visit the IBAC web site at <http://www.ibac.org/>.

ICAO Runway Safety Events

ICAO has two runway safety events coming up in the next 45 days at locations in South Africa and Russia. ICAO and its Runway Safety Partners are committed to presenting Regional Runway Safety Seminars (RRSSs) across the globe over the next two years to promote the establishment of Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) as a means of addressing runway safety issues. Be part of an important regional event that will bring together experts from diverse professional domains to promote a multidisciplinary approach to improving runway safety outcomes throughout the globe. For more information click on the corresponding links:

Cape Town RRSS, 29-30 October 2012

<http://www.icao.int/MEETINGS/CAPETOWNRRSS/Pages/default.aspx>

Moscow RRSS, 6-8 November 2012 (additional information to be added soon)

<http://www.icao.int/MEETINGS/MOSCOWRRSS/Pages/default.aspx>

UAS in the USA

Can manned and unmanned aircraft safely share the airspace? If you'd believe the news, you'd be convinced that small, homebuilt unmanned aircraft are haphazardly overtaking the National Airspace System (NAS) without any boundaries or rules. The truth is far from that. Sure, there are innovative commercial designs making the news. But in reality, it takes more than a back yard, a gizmo, and a remote control to make the transformation from the design lab into the NAS. Yet, as numerous Unmanned Aircraft Systems return from combat in the Middle East, military training operations in the United States are expected to increase dramatically in the near future. And with this proliferation of UAS, unfettered NAS access—as opposed to expanding special-use airspace—would allow military UAS pilots to train and stay proficient. But, what are UAS and how will they impact general aviation? Can manned and unmanned aircraft safely share the airspace? Let's explore further in the Air Safety Institute's brand new course, *[Unmanned Aircraft and the National Airspace System \(NAS\)](#)*. The course was developed in partnership with the Department of Defense (DoD).

AOPA Summit Reminder

Those international members attending AOPA-US Annual Summit in Palm Springs, California, October 11th through the 13th, are reminded and encouraged to participate in an IAOPA International Open Dialog, to be held Friday, October 12th, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Hilton Hotel, Palm Canyon A located adjacent to the Convention Center. Additionally, an International Member/Attendee area is set aside in the Hilton Hotel, Palm Canyon B for the duration of the Summit that will have internet connectivity (bring your own computer or device) so that our international participants have an area to go to and check emails or catch up with other pilots from around the globe. For a full list of activities and information regarding Summit, visit <http://www.aopa.org/summit/schedule/schedule.cfm>.

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[Hawker Beechcraft hopes to close China deal soon](#)

[JAARS rebuilding low-time 182 for Australia](#)

[China conference hears how to build GA](#)

[90-day old airport hosts first fly-in in China](#)

Pass on This Newsletter to Your Members - Nothing can keep existing members, and attract new members by reminding them of the great work that AOPA affiliates, and IAOPA, are doing on national, regional, and international levels to keep them flying. Great work is being done in all parts of the globe to advance the interests of general aviation and the best way to share the message is to make sure that this newsletter gets to as many members and non-members alike. So I encourage you to publish this on your website, send on via email to your members, and do what you can to help spread the word.

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