

## **2018 IAOPA Activities Report Available**

The summary of IAOPA activities for 2018 is nearing completion and will be emailed to IAOPA affiliates during the first week of February. This report highlights the many activities undertaken by the organization to protect general aviation around the globe. An excerpt from the report:

*IAOPA experienced continued growth in membership numbers in 2018 while the total number of affiliates remained at 79. Five affiliates AOPA Monaco, AOPA Egypt, AOPA Chile, AOPA Kenya, and AOPA Botswana were reconstituted and returned to active status. Discussions are currently ongoing with AOPA Hungary to return to active status as well. IAOPA staff continued an active membership campaign through dialog and providing affiliation information and guidance to interested pilot groups throughout the world including Slovakia, Iran, Mongolia, Cuba, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, and Uruguay.*

As a reminder, IAOPA will be electronically invoicing all affiliates so be sure to look for an email from [ar@aopa.org](mailto:ar@aopa.org) in your inbox. If for some reason you have not received the notification, please contact [IAOPA Headquarters](#) directly to request a copy.

## **IAOPA REMEMBERS VALUED COLLEAGUE, ICAO LIAISON – MICHAEL W. HOHM**

IAOPA joins the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), the business aviation community, family, and friends in mourning the loss of their colleague, Michael W. Hohm.

As IBAC Director for Liaison to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Michael played a key role as the business aviation industry representative on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) at ICAO and was responsible for day-to-day relationships with the ICAO Secretariat and national delegations to ICAO.

“Michael was a tremendous advocate for our industry and a dear colleague to all of us at IBAC and to all our Member Associations,” commented Kurt Edwards, IBAC Director General. “He will be missed dearly, especially for his sincere dedication and passion for aviation, and his kindness that fostered so many relationships throughout the industry during his career.”



Michael held dual citizenships in Canada and in the United Kingdom. He was an ATP-rated pilot and logged 5,800 flight hours as a professional pilot, flying to destinations in Canada, the Arctic, and the United States. After serving as a flight instructor at FlightSafety International, he then joined Transport Canada as a Civil Aviation Inspector and later became Supervisor of Airport Policy and Standards. Michael’s career then took him to NAV Canada in Ottawa, where he spent 13 years as Manager of Airspace Planning & Design before coming to work at ICAO in Montreal as Technical Officer, Aeronautical Information Management. In 2016, Michael joined IBAC as Director, ICAO Liaison. *Source IBAC*

## YOUR CHANCE TO BE PART OF THE AOPA MUSEUM

As part of AOPA's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year an interactive museum has been installed in the back lobby of the AOPA headquarters building in Frederick.

Designed to look like the inside of a hangar, the museum features artifacts from the past 80 years of the association's history. There's a collection of bolo ties, the shoestring necktie with ornamental clasps that became a favorite collectors' item among AOPA convention goes in the 1960s. There's the first copy of the "AOPA Section" in Popular Aviation; the first signatures from members; first membership applications; books, memos, correspondence, and more.

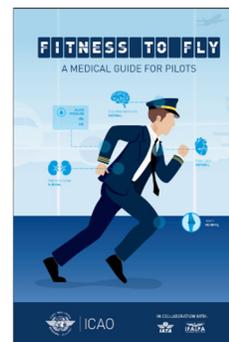


AOPA is setting aside a section of the museum for AOPA's global affiliates and they are looking for memorabilia from AOPA Affiliates that want to share and be a part of the display. Hats, Pins, wings, you name it. If you have something you would like to share and possibly be put on display, please contact [Chris Rose](#) via email and include a snapshot of the item you would like to send.

## ICAO RELEASES "FITNESS TO FLY - A MEDICAL GUIDE FOR PILOTS"

Fitness to Fly – A Medical Guide for Pilots is a preventive-medicine handbook that is easy-to-read, motivating and educational, with engaging content, graphics and charts to empower you to limit your health risks and set your own goals and strategies to maintain fitness to fly and a balanced lifestyle.

This guide was developed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in collaboration with the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). It is focused on the health risks pilots face during their careers and the medical recommendations that help them mitigate those risks.



This handbook is intended to close the gap between pilots' medical requirements in order to fly and the preventive measures that can help them fulfill those requirements. While the focus of this book is the professional pilot, the recommendations contained in this guide are applicable to all pilots. To find out more information visit the [ICAO website](#).



## ASI RELEASES SIXTEEN YEAR REPORT ON FATAL FLIGHT TRAINING ACCIDENTS

The Air Safety Institute (ASI) along with Liberty University School of Aeronautics has released its [Fatal Flight Training Accident Report 2000-2015](#)—a comprehensive 16-year study on accidents during flight training.

The report categorizes fatal flight training accidents according to the Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Common Taxonomy Team (CICTT) and calculates the accident rate using FAA survey data.



The analysis of 240 fatal instructional accidents in piston-engine airplanes from the year 2000 through 2015, concludes that the greatest risks in flight training are loss of control in flight (54%) and midair collisions (10%). However, the overall accident rate has decreased 35% from 2000 through 2015, and along with general aviation overall, flight training is gradually becoming safer.

“The study sheds light on fatal flight training accident causes. But it also confirms a reduction in accidents over a 16-year time period,” said AOPA Air Safety Institute Executive Director Richard McSpadden. “The best way we can continue that positive trend and decrease these types of accidents, and all accidents, is through training, implementation of new technology, and continued education.”

McSpadden also elaborated on the partnership between ASI and Liberty University, explaining that, “The collaborative effort between ASI and Liberty University not only provides an opportunity to share this information with a broader audience, but also gives the flight training industry an all-encompassing report in order to raise awareness and improve safety throughout the industry.”

General aviation continues to get safer and McSpadden noted that we must also “acknowledge the tremendous accomplishments of the flight training industry in reducing the fatal accident rate below the overall GA rate.”

To read the [report](#).

## MEMORIAL HANS GUTMANN TOURIST RALLY FLIGHT 2019

After their 7th “Memorial Hans Gutmann Tourist Rally Flight” in July 2018 with 15 crews coming from Luxembourg, Germany, Poland, Israel, UK, Finland, Turkey, USA, Russia, Belgium, Estonia and Ukraine, our organizational team is planning the 8th edition of this international general aviation event.

AOPA Luxembourg is inviting all Aeronautical Federations of General Aviation, IAOPA affiliates, aeroclubs, and all flying friends to participate or help with national and local advice on the expected route. They are seeking your advice on airfields, customs and passport control, fuel (AVGAS), tourism and sightseeing activities, and lodging along the proposed route.

Tentative dates are June 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The provisional route for Memorial Hans Gutmann Tourist Rally Flight 2019 will be:

- Gathering point: Slovenia, Portoroz (LJPZ) or Istanbul (Cengiz Topel)
- Serbia, Nis (LYNI) for refueling
- Turkey, Corlu (LTBU) for customs, Cengiz Topel (LTBQ) and Cappadocia (LTAZ)
- Israel, Haifa (LLHA), Masada (LLMZ) and Eilat (LLET)
- Egypt, Hurghada (HEGN) and Sphinx (HESX)
- Crete, Heraklion (LGIR)
- Montenegro, Podgorica (LYPG)
- Finishing point: Slovenia, Portoroz (LJPZ)



There's an option to join the rally directly in Corlu for those crews who do not want to start in Portoroz. Total distance: ca. 3,200NM. The rally is classified as Category 2 by the FAI-GAC (General Aviation Commission) and is equal to European championship.

Should you have any idea or proposal to help them, or if you are interested in getting more information to participate, please contact them at [info@hansgutmannrally.eu](mailto:info@hansgutmannrally.eu) or [jean.birgen@hansgutmannrally.eu](mailto:jean.birgen@hansgutmannrally.eu).

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## 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/>



## SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOUR MEMBERS

*Nothing can keep existing members, and attract new members, like reminding them of the great work that IAOPA 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 that 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.*

Our focus with the e-News is to let the world know what IAOPA Affiliate around the globe are doing to keep general aviation flying. Each affiliate of IAOPA is encouraged to submit stories that we can post in e-News to share your successes so that others can benefit. Stories should be directed to the Secretary General, contact [IAOPA HQ](#) if you need additional information or have any questions.