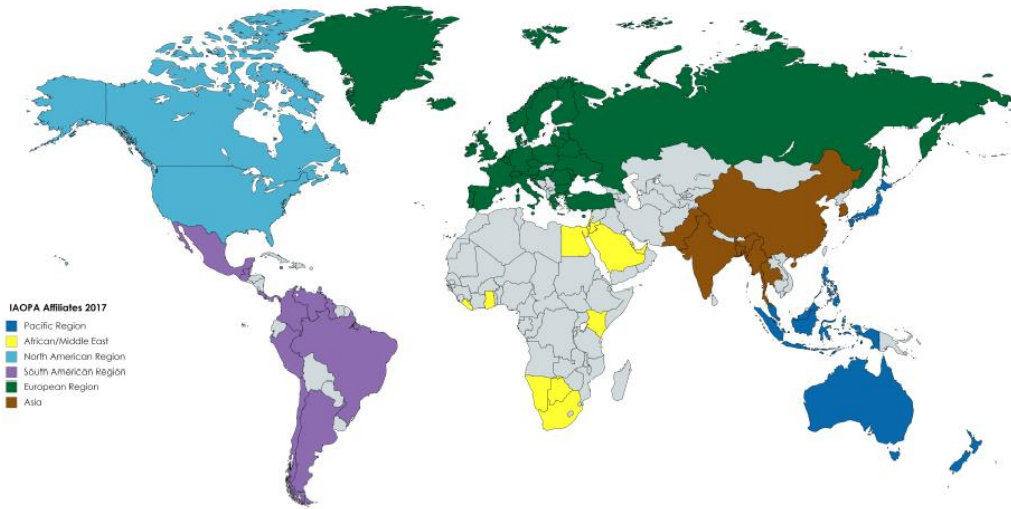




# IAOPA™

## EUROPE



→ 32 affiliates

→ 19.000 members

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# IAOPA Europe's World Assembly Report



IAOPA Europe is a legal entity registered in the Netherlands which has 32 national affiliates with a total of 19,000 reported individual members in 2023.

The region has been very busy, especially with the creation and implementation of new Europeanwide Aviation Regulations.

IAOPA Europe operates a separate website and offers an ENews with 17.000 subscribers that focus on the challenges and initiatives underway within the region. A separate email communications group has been established to allow discussion on issues of importance between European affiliates.

IAOPA-EU Affiliates also communicate very actively with their national members.

We survived COVID and are back to very well attended Regional Meetings.

# Communication on European Level



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## IAOPA World Assembly 2024 in Washington

From May 7 to 10, another IAOPA World Assembly will take place in Washington. The last WA was back in 2018 in New Zealand. Mark Baker, president USA and IAOPA, will say goodbye to his colleagues after 10 years. He will retire well-deservedly as soon as his successor is appointed. Baker reports that the process is complete.

"Mark Baker is a world-class aviator with a passion for aviation that is second to none," NBAA President Ed Bolen said. "It's no surprise that he and we are taking the time and appropriate steps to ensure that the current standard of excellence continues for many years to come." Pete Bunce, president Aviation Manufacturers' Association, called Baker a "staunch supporter of general aviation and a great friend - I look forward to flying with him more often."

The World Assembly agenda includes important issues relevant to general aviation worldwide: Future fuel supply, ICAO and national and regional regulations, dealing with drones and much more. Senior authorities and industry representatives have been invited to attend, guaranteeing an informative and engaging event.



## Thirty years of AERO Friedrichshafen Under the theme of sustainability | the future of aviation

From April 17 - 20, 2024, the annual aviation trade fair AERO Friedrichshafen will take place again. Without a doubt the largest aviation trade fair in Europe where all GA participants (aircraft manufacturers and organizations related to GA) will be present. This year AERO is taking its 30th anniversary. This anniversary edition of the AERO is dedicated to the future of aviation. Sustainable aviation fuels, new propulsion technologies, energy sources and new aerodynamic concepts represent innovations that will lead aviation into the future.

During the anniversary show on Saturday (April 20, 2024), electric-powered aircraft will also take to the skies. "We are experiencing more exciting innovations in aviation right now than we have seen in years: electric flight, hydrogen and fuel cell powered aircraft, new aerodynamic concepts and major advances in lightweight designs show that aviation is facing the future. We have solutions ready that will lead to a sustainable future. We are proud to have supported this process for years with the e-Flight Summit," says Tobias Bretzel. He is responsible director for the exhibition.

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Latest reported fuel prices (click for details): EGBT (Turweston)

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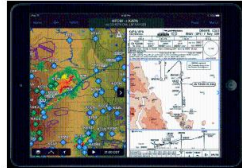
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## 15 Percent Discount on most Jeppesen products and services for AOPA members in Europe



Thanks to a recent agreement between Jeppesen and IAOPA Europe, members of all European AOPAs can now take advantage of a 15% discount on several of Jeppesen's most popular products and services (both initial subscriptions and renewals).

- Paper Charts
- Electronic Charts
- iPad Apps
- Jeppesen databases (Garmin 430/530, GTN series, Garmin 1000 etc)
- EASA Training Products

Members in the following countries can already now contact Jeppesen directly to take advantage of the offer using their AOPA membership number: Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden & Switzerland.

Members in other countries should first check up with their national AOPA to make use of the offer.

# RM in Kensing / UK



Regional Meetings are held twice per year, the last one in Luxembourg in October 2023, where 38 participants from 14 different countries participated, before in May 2023 in Kensing / UK also with very good participation and in hybrid format.



Experts from EASA and other organisations / companies attend regularly.





## RM in Luxembourg



# Cooperation with EASA



It was no easy start at all, but now we are well represented in all relevant EASA institutions:

- Stakeholder Advisory Body SAB
- GA.COM
- Various Working Groups
- Formalised exchange within our sector with EAS, EBAA, Ecogas, GAMA and other associations
- We also hosted a GA information day for EASA-staff in cooperation with GAMA at Egelsbach airfield



# AOPA's Success with EASA so far:



## GA Roadmap 1 + 2 (2014-2023)

The big break-through after the Rome Conference:

- Competency Based IFR
- Basic Instrument Rating
- LAPL
- LAPL-Medical
- Part M Light
- Declared Training Organisations
- European LSA



## Flight Path 2030+

faces the challenges ahead:

- Electronic Conspicuity
- U-Space / Drone Integration
- Part IS
- New Fuels / Sustainable growth





## IAOPA-Europe Representatives:

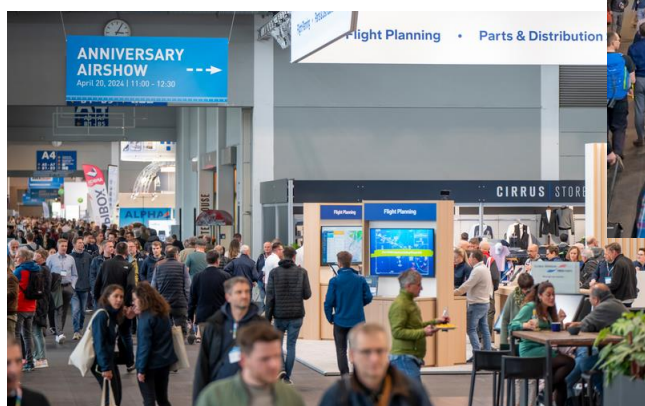
- Michael Erb, EASA, GA.COM Chairman, GA Sector Coordinator
- Jacob Pedersen, EASA, GA.COM Representative
- Nick Wilcock, EASA, FCL Expert
- Per Jensen, EASA, Drones.STG
- Simon Paul, EASA, ATM.STG
- Jürgen Mies, EASA, ATM.STG
- Paul Hulme Harrison, EASA, Aerodrome.STG
- Emmanuel Davidson, EASA, U-Space and Electronic Conspicuity
- J.P. Kinos, EASA, U-Space and Electronic Conspicuity
- Martin Robinson, Eurocontrol, Airspace Infringements
- Philippe Hauser, ICAO, Language Proficiency
- Daniel Affolter, Groupe Pompidou, Law Enforcement

## IAOPA-Europe Officers with special functions:

- Gerrit Brand, Communications
- John van Asperen, Treasurer
- Roland Kaps-Becker, Finance Committee Member



# AERO 2023 + 2024



# Events for members: Safety Seminars, Fly-Ins & -Outs



## Flight Safety Seminar 2023: Programm & Anmeldung



Nachdem wir die letzten Flight Safety Seminare coronabedingt nur virtuell durchführen konnten, freuen wir uns ausserordentlich, dieses Jahr wieder ein physisches Seminar durchzuführen. Es findet am Samstag, 4. März 2023 von 0900 bis 1600 Uhr statt. Mittagsessen auf dem Campus der Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz in Windisch/Brugg statt.

Das Programm sieht wiederum spannende Themen vor:

- **"The Eye on the Tiger – taking safety personal"**  
vorgetragen vom EASA Safety Promotion Officer Wendell Lynch (in Englisch)
- **"FLARM - Flugsicherheit für die Allgemeine Luftfahrt"**  
Vortrag von Urban Mäder, Mitbegründer von FLARM Technology AG
- **"Lufttüchtigkeit und Wartung für die Allgemeine Luftfahrt"**  
präsentiert von Paul Baumann, QCM Instructor
- **"Luftraum 2023"** und **"Was mir als Flight Examiner auffällt"**  
moderiert von Philippine Hauser, CEO AOPA

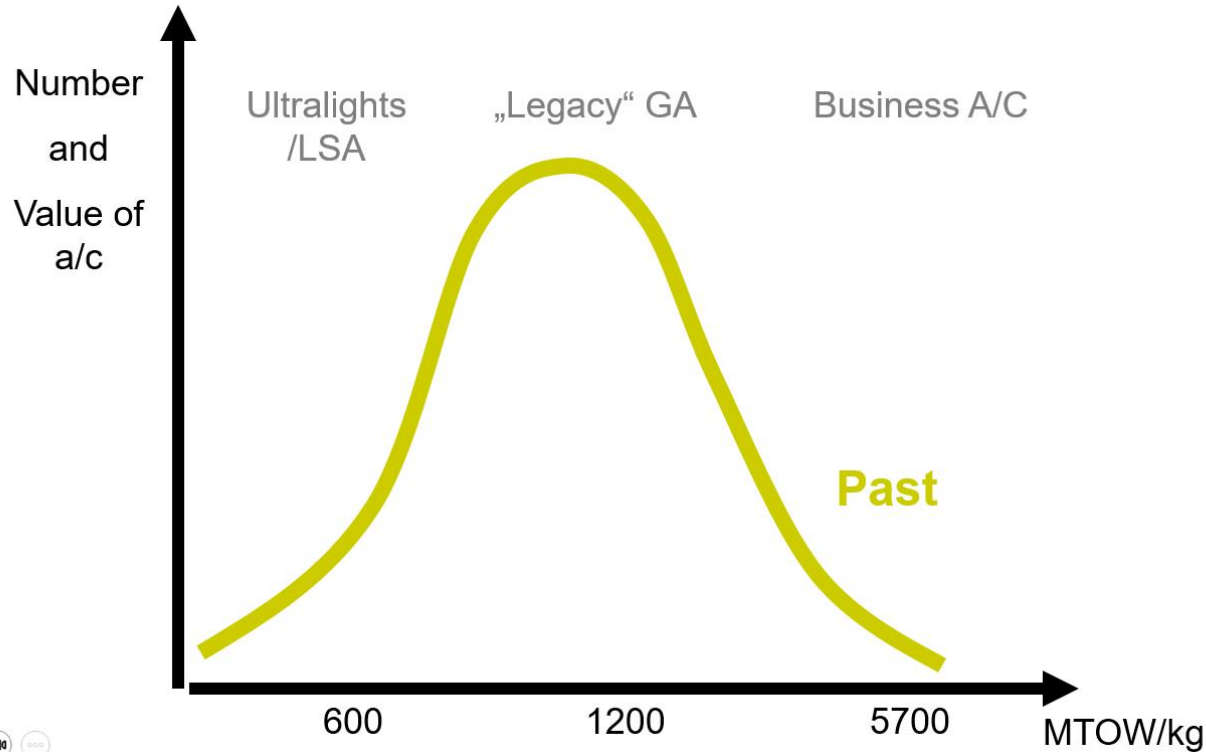
fly-in

Zaterdag 1 april  
Van 10.00 tot  
16.00 uur lokale tijd

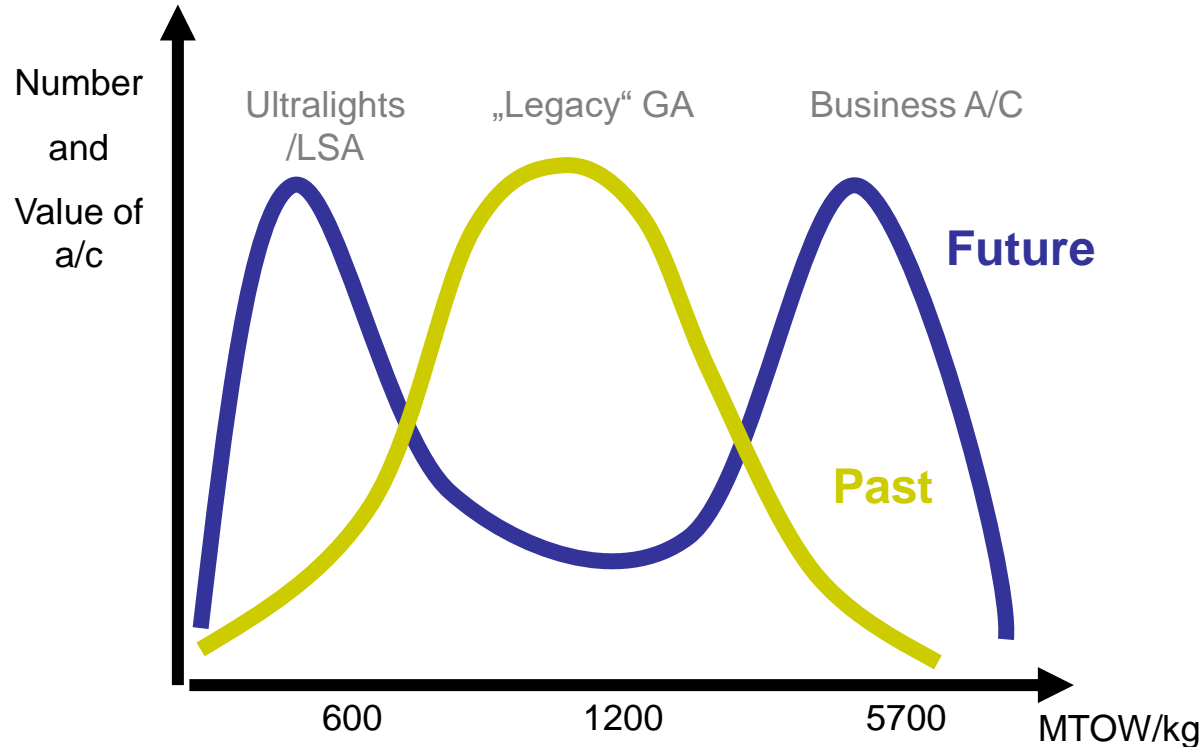
# GA's development: From Dromedar to Camel



# GA's long-term trend, can we bridge the gap?



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# AOPA European Region – Vice President’s Summary



## → Internal Challenges:

- Some affiliates were able to grow their membership figures, whereas others had to struggle to keep their members and to pay their dues to IAOPA-HQ and IAOPA-Europe. Some AOPA affiliates are even inactive for years and give IAOPA a bad reputation. Creating a positive business case is the problem
- Recruiting the next generation of AOPA volunteers is not easy
- The war in Ukraine has meant that we currently have hardly any contact with our colleagues in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus

## → External Challenges:

- Bureaucrats become more and more formalistic, we need to defend EASA’s concept of “lighter, better simpler regulations for GA”
  - Filing of Flight-Plans: FF-ICE
  - Part IS Information Security
  - Prolongation of medicals is a bureaucratic nightmare
- The public perception of GA as an environmental threat is causing us problems
  - actions such as the spraying of aircraft by environmental activists happened, but are clearly diminishing.
  - Environmental authorities are creating uncertainty with the transition to unleaded avgas
  - However, we can also score points with the fact that the first all-electric aircraft are in GA and that the developments for environmentally friendly flying in commercial aviation are all taking place in GA.