

## IAOPA eNews – June 2017

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### 29<sup>th</sup> IAOPA World Assembly Update

Don't be left out on a ledge, now is the time to make sure that you register for the 29<sup>th</sup> IAOPA World Assembly, being hosted by AOPA New Zealand March 25-29, 2018. The Assembly will be located in Queenstown which is one of the most spectacular scenic locations in the world.

There will be a follow on special entry trip, for those that are interested, to the Warbirds over Wanaka Air Show on the 31st March 2018 with transport available from the Queenstown Rydges Hotel.

AOPA New Zealand President Ian Andrews has extended a personal invitation to affiliates from all the members of AOPA NZ, to visit our country and be involved in the functioning and activities of the largest general aviation organization in the world, IAOPA. "IAOPA, with 78 affiliate countries, has the background, the influence and the members, to maintain our freedom to fly anywhere in the world. It is through the World Assembly that we can work together and discuss our issues and successes."

They have combined informative business sessions with special social events, so that your visit will be remembered not just as a business trip, but as an exciting experience in a destination resort with adventures for all tastes. Please visit the event [website](#) to see what is being offered, and then register for the Assembly that will inform you and entertain you with unique New Zealand hospitality.

## **Kiwi Express Flyers win the Women's Air Race Classic in the USA**

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AOPA US and AOPA Australia both fielded teams to compete in the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Air Race Classic "Blazing Trails in the Sky – Frederick to Santa Fe". The race began at Frederick Airport, home to AOPA US and IAOPA. The Air Race Classic is the epicenter of women's air racing. Pilots ranged in age from 17 to 90 years old. They came from a wide variety of backgrounds including students, teachers, doctors, airline pilots, business owners, professionals and air traffic controllers. Race teams, consisting of at least two women pilots, must fly VFR during daylight hours only and are given four days to make flybys at each enroute timing point, and then land at the terminus. The race route changes each year, approximately 2,400 statute miles in length, with 8 or 9 timing points. Congratulations to Dee and McKenzie from AOPA New Zealand along with their support crew for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in this event.



## **IAOPA Europe 136<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting Hosted by AOPA Austria**

33 Delegates representing over 21 European affiliates gathered in Vienna this past May for the 136<sup>th</sup> IAOPA European Regional Meeting. The event was hosted by AOPA Austria, and kicked off with a personal tour of the Diamond Aircraft factory at Wiener Neustadt East Airport. Later that

night, all delegates were hosted by AOPA Austria in a beautiful restaurant and served the best Austrian cuisine while getting a taste of the local hospitality. But on Saturday, it was mostly business as



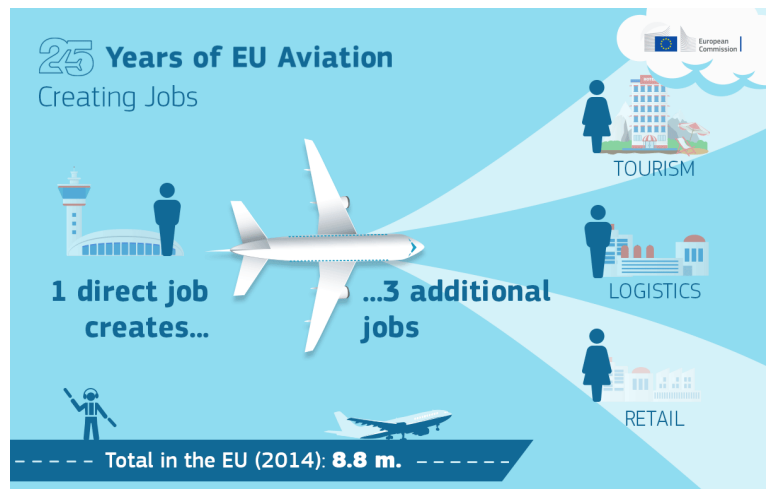
the representatives received updates from IAOPA's representatives that serve on the numerous committee's and working groups that impact European members. Dominique Roland, Head of General Aviation at EASA, briefed the group on the status of EASA's GA Roadmap describing the changes that have been accomplished to date, and also many of the challenges that lie ahead. Full details of the regional meeting can be found on the [IAOPA European Website](#).

## **EU Celebrates 25 Years of Single Aviation Market**

This week the European Commission celebrated the 25th anniversary of the European

Union internal market for aviation. Its creation in 1992 revolutionised air travel in Europe by enabling European airlines to fly without restrictions anywhere in the EU.

This fostered competition and allowed new players, such as low-fare airlines, to grow. As a result, Europeans benefitted from more routes and more flights, at a better price and always with the highest level of safety worldwide. The internal market for aviation did not only propel European mobility forward, contributing to bring Europeans closer together, it also had a major impact on the European economy as a whole. More flights mean more business, tourism, trade, jobs and prosperity. In 2014 for instance, aviation supported 8.8 million jobs in the EU contributing over €621 billion to the Gross Domestic Product.



Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc said, "Today it is difficult to realise how much air travel has changed thanks to the European Union. The creation of the single market revolutionised mobility, not only providing cheaper and safer air travel, but also more jobs and economic growth. As Commissioner for Transport I want to continue building on this success, bringing on board new technologies and making sustainability part of the way we fly."

More information on the internal market for aviation and the benefits it brings to Europe [https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/25years-eu-aviation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/25years-eu-aviation_en)

## **COPA Economic Impact**

The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) released a new study that highlights the economic impact General Aviation contributes to Canadian communities and to the national economy. The study, compiled by Vancouver-based InterVISTAS, estimates that General Aviation operations in Canada contributes \$9.3 billion in economic output nationally and accounts for almost 36,000 full time jobs in communities across the country. The report also highlights the benefits that General Aviation operations bring to communities in terms of tax revenues, direct, and indirect employment.

“This study shows the real importance of maintaining the General Aviation infrastructure in communities across Canada, including local airports,” said Bernard Gervais, President and CEO of COPA. “General Aviation is a critical element of the transportation network and one that helps connect communities and create jobs and opportunities for Canadians. COPA looks forward to continuing to work with communities across Canada to realize the impact that the industry has in their regions.”

General Aviation (GA) describes all civil aviation operations that are not scheduled air services, or unscheduled air services for hire. The most common GA activities include private aviation, business aviation, agricultural aviation and flight training. According to recent estimates by the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations (IAOPA), there are more than 350,000 aircraft and 700,000 pilots worldwide who participate in the global GA community on an annual basis. In comparison, commercial aviation accounts for only 60,000 aircraft and 400,000 pilots. This demonstrates the vast size and significance of the GA sector, worldwide.

COPA represents over 17,000 pilots and aircraft owners across the country and is the national voice for General Aviation in Canada. Through the mission of advancing, promoting, and preserving the Canadian Freedom to Fly, COPA is at the forefront on issues that affect pilots, aircraft and airports in communities across Canada and is an active partner with all levels of government in ensuring a bright future for General Aviation. For more information, visit [copanational.org](http://copanational.org).

If you would like more information on the economic impact of General Aviation in Canada, please contact Carter Mann, Manager of Government Affairs and Communications at 613-236-4901 x112 or by email at [cmann@copanational.org](mailto:cmann@copanational.org).

### **Australia Freedom to fly team**

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of Australia (AOPA Australia) has announced that it has signed a 5-year sponsorship agreement with PG Airshow Promotions, forming the AOPA Australia ‘Freedom to Fly’ airshow display team. The team will showcase a range of high-energy displays at various Airshows and events across Australia, promoting the excitement and passion that general aviation inspires.

“The ‘Freedom to Fly’ display team will be a powerful addition to our association and will



enhance our ability to communicate to both current and future generations of aircraft owners and pilots alike.” Benjamin Morgan, Executive Director AOPA Australia.

The team will operate a mixture of high-performance aerobatic aircraft, which includes Australia’s only Sukhoi 26MX – a spectacular all carbon unlimited class display aircraft built in Russia. The team will also fly the Pitts S2C, S1, Yak 55 and Fox Glider which will all carry the AOPA Australia ‘Freedom to Fly’ branding.



Each of the display team pilots are AOPA Australia members who are passionate about general aviation and have a strong background in aerobatics and display flying. The team includes;

Mr Phil Unicomb – Display Team Leader  
Mr Nigel Arnott – Display Pilot  
Mr Ivan Krippner – Display Pilot  
Mr Adrian Van Der Sluys – Display Pilot

Mr Michael Jones – Display Pilot & Media Manager  
Mr Paul Goard – Display Pilot & Team Manager  
Mr Phil Goard – Display Team Engineer

The ‘Freedom to Fly’ team will be managed by AOPA Australia member Mr. Paul Goard who will also fly as a display team pilot. Paul has an extensive background in general aviation along with warbird restoration and operations and is a serving pilot with the award winning Temora Aviation Museum.

“The team are incredibly excited to be partnering with AOPA Australia and are each strong supporters of their advocacy and efforts to see general aviation grow in Australia. The display team is an excellent platform to be promoting aviation to Australia’s youth”, Paul Goard, Team Manager.

The team aircraft will be professionally maintained by Mr Phil Goard who is better known for designing the Brumby Aircraft that became the first Australian aircraft to be manufactured in partnership with the Chinese government.

The AOPA Australia ‘Freedom to Fly’ display team are proudly sponsored by; AOPA Australia, Skyfuel, OzRunways, aviationadvertiser.com.au, Brumby Aircraft, Ultimate Aero, Action Aerobatics, Southern Lakes Learn to Fly. If you would like more information on the AOPA Australia ‘Freedom to Fly’ team to display team, please contact [Mr Paul Goard](#), Team Manager.



## **Air Safety Institute launches podcast series 'There I was...' with Patty Wagstaff**

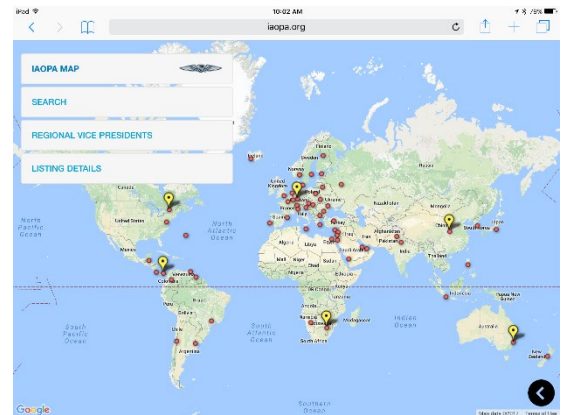
The AOPA Air Safety Institute recently launched its first [There I was... podcast](#). The story honors the legendary and respected hangar-flying tradition of sharing experience and knowledge.

In Episode 1, U.S. National Aerobatic Champion Patty Wagstaff recounts a Cessna 185 flight in southwestern Alaska. That flight was a testimony of her ability to keep cool under pressure. Patty was aware of the region's weather patterns, but the sudden encounter with instrument conditions still took her by surprise. Would she maintain visual flight and descend toward terrain or trust her flight instruments and climb into the weather and ice? As an instrument-rated pilot who had not flown in actual weather she made a quick, critical decision.

The podcast's conversational tone allows Patty and her hosts to explore the merits of being resourceful. It also offers a valuable discussion on steps pilots can take for the best possible outcome of a flight. Learn how Patty got everyone back on the ground unharmed ([www.airsafetyinstitute.org/thereiwas](http://www.airsafetyinstitute.org/thereiwas)).

## **Is Your Affiliate Information Up-To-Date?**

It has never been more important than now to make sure that your affiliate information is up to date. IAOPA has migrated all correspondence to electronic distribution, meaning that if you haven't verified and updated your information with IAOPA HQ, you could be missing out on the latest developments and initiatives going on around the globe. Our IT team has also just finished updating the affiliate map with a more user friendly feel. If you haven't completed an affiliate update sheet, contact [IAOPA HQ](#) for details.



## **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 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.

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.