

COPA JOINS INDUSTRY GROUPS ON CANADIAN ADS-B MANDATE

By [Steve Drinkwater](#)

COPA has joined with leading Canadian and American aviation industry and advocacy groups to express concern over Canadian ADS-B OUT performance requirements.

In a letter to Nav Canada's president and CEO Neil Wilson dated March 5, attention was drawn to the lack of additional engineering analysis that would help determine antennae diversity requirements. Concern was also over the cost implications for general aviation users of the proposed antennae diversity requirement. The group cites support for the efficiency and safety benefits of ADS-B technology when it is adopted "in a manner that supports general and business aviation on IFR and VFR flights."



For the full [text of the letter](#) and to read more about the issue visit [online](#).

AOPA GREECE WORKS TO REDUCE AIRPORT CHARGES

By *Kyprianos Biris, President AOPA Greece*

AOPA Greece (Hellas), has been working closely with FRAPORT Greece for the last two years. In April 2017, the company took over the operation of 14 key airports within Greece under a Concession Agreement with the state.

Immediately following the April 2017 transition from state (CAA) to Private operated airports, pilots noticed increased costs and parking availability constraints that began to impact Greece's General Aviation (GA).

Since then, AOPA Hellas established the path of communication with the airports' operator and collaborated on the tough issues that lay ahead.



Photo by Tom Haines

Their first meeting was in May 2017 and a follow up on May 2018, when they sat down together to explore the problems and possible ways to mitigate them.

In September 2018, FRAPORT Greece consulted AOPA Hellas again and this time they organized an essential "round table" meeting by inviting AOPA and 7 selected GA representatives to attend.

The aim was an honest talk and to explain the GA "stakeholders" how the airport operator shall be able to help GA in few months' time, what they can and what they cannot do.

More details on this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.aopa.gr/en/information/news/866-fraport-meeting>

In March 2019 FRAPORT Greece changed their 2018 GA airport charges by making reductions ranging from 50% to 75%, going in to effect in April 2019. AOPA recognizes the efforts made by Fraport Greece and welcomes the new pricelist.

FRAPORT and AOPA Hellas will continue this mutual understanding collaboration in an effort to achieve more results on remaining GA issues like, parking space availability and ground handling agents' procedures.

AOPA PHILIPPINES CELEBRATES WOMEN OF AVIATION WEEK

In celebration of Women of Aviation Worldwide Month and of the Women of Aviation Worldwide Week (WOAW), AOPA Philippines President Gomeriano Amurao joined personnel & students from Air Link International Aviation College (ALIAC) to participate in the [Pink Paper Plane Challenge](#). This event celebrates the anniversary of the world's first female licensed pilot Raymonde de Laroche.

WOAW is a global aviation awareness week for girls of all ages observed to mark the anniversary of the world's first female pilot license (8 March 1910). Women of Aviation Worldwide Week is a week-long outreach initiative aimed at fostering gender balance in aviation. This initiative aims at raising



awareness for the many opportunities present for women in aviation while also remembering the accomplishments of past and present female icons in aviation. The week is a call to address the gender imbalance in the air and space industry.

“The Pink Paper Challenge is an advocacy initiative in the empowerment and awareness of the abundant opportunities available for women in the aviation industry. Nothing is quite as

simple and inexpensive as building a Pink Paper Plane. Yet nothing is as symbolic and powerful as building a Pink Paper Plane. This event is opened to all of us regardless of gender. It is a great way to start a conversation, foster a culture shift, raise awareness, and celebrate the anniversary of the world's first female pilot license, earned by Raymonde de Laroche," according to Amurao.

"ALIAC is indeed one with the International Women of Aviation Worldwide Week in this noble endeavor. As CHAMPIONS in aviation, we empower you all, especially our women in this celebration," Amurao adds. YouTube Link for the video can be found at: [ALIAC - Pink Paper Celebration \(March 4, 2019\)](#)

COPA BOARD ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

By [Steve Drinkwater](#)

At a regular board meeting held last weekend in Vancouver, Saskatchewan director and Western vice-chairman Shane Armstrong was elected to the Chair position, replacing Dave McElroy, who stepped down last month.

Armstrong is a school teacher and has been teaching Aviation Studies to grade 11 and 12 students at Walter Murray Collegiate in Saskatoon for the past 13 years. As he developed this program, he fostered relationships with students who have gone on to



become private and commercial pilots, introduced them to local flight schools and institutes and visited aviation points of interest everywhere from Cold Lake, Alta. to Winnipeg, Man.

As captain of COPA Flight 10 for seven years up to the end of 2016, Armstrong has been part of the innovative ways that COPA Flight 10 brings aviators together, promoting personal aviation, organizing recertification Rust Removers, COPA for Kids events and Fly-a-Friend events, all the time introducing and educating the public about aviation. He has also been active with the Saskatchewan Aviation Council, the Saskatchewan Aviation Museum and Learning Centre and has recently been teaching ground school classes at Saskatoon's Mitchinson Flight Centre.

Armstrong sees COPA as the natural element to preserving and really promoting General Aviation in Canada. For additional details see the [online story](#).



AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE DEBUTS SCALABLE SAFETY FRAMEWORK

March 1, 2019 By AOPA Air Safety Institute staff

The AOPA Air Safety Institute has released a Scalable Safety Framework (SSF), a PowerPoint presentation with a supporting PDF, that can be downloaded by aviation organizations like public benefit groups, flying clubs, and more to help them formulate, implement, and sustain a safety culture that is geared and scaled to their specific organization.

The institute's Scalable Safety Framework is based on the FAA mandated Safety Management Systems in use by air carriers and other large operations. The Air Safety Institute focused the framework on five main components and steps to success.

1. **Leadership:** Communication from senior leadership stressing their commitment to a safety culture is imperative. This commitment sets the tone for the whole organization, and emphasis should be placed on a non-punitive culture that encourages pilots to report safety concerns.
2. **Accountability:** Examine and assess the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in a group. The roles include how these individuals interact with others in the organization. The responsibilities include requirements to successfully fulfill the roles as well as the limits of an individual's authority (i.e., can they cancel a flight, ground a flight, authorize a flight?).
3. **Risk:** Identify and assess the risks and unique issues associated with the operation. Then, create meaningful mitigation strategies that realistically can be implemented.
4. **Reporting:** Create a reporting system or promote the use of a system that already exists. A reporting system can be paper based, or web based—either way, it must be usable for the organization. A usable reporting system needs a standard form to report safety issues, a means to submit the report, a place to collect the reports, and a means of distribution of findings across the organization.
5. **Culture:** The goal of the SSF is ultimately to create an organization-wide safety culture that encourages reporting, rewards safe actions and behaviors, and keeps the entire organization (not just the leaders) engaged and involved in correcting issues.



Photo by Mike Collins

Safety is everyone's responsibility—help your aviation group by developing your own Scalable Safety Framework. Download the presentation from our [Safety to Go portal](#).

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Packed with photographs of pilots’ most beloved aircraft and inspiring stories of aviation pioneers, *Freedom to Fly: AOPA and the History of General Aviation in America* tells the story of general aviation through the lens of its biggest advocate. Learn about the triumphs and tragedies that defined generations of pilots from the editors who bring you *AOPA Pilot* and *Flight Training* each month.



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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/>



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