

COPA PROMOTES GA WITH NATIONAL LAWMAKERS

Representatives from various sectors of Canada's aviation industry gathered for the first time at the Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC) annual Aviation Day on the Hill, an opportunity to promote aviation and discuss issues facing the industry with Ottawa's lawmakers. COPA was a key contributor and assisted with the organizing of this event.

Throughout the evening, the discussion centered on the pilot shortage and the various ways the different sectors of the industry are coping with the challenges on this front. COPA has long maintained and advocated for General Aviation's role as the front door of the aviation industry. In that context, COPA representatives discussed the continuing threats to community aerodromes across Canada from other levels of government, utility companies and land developers. The federal government's sole role in regulating aeronautics and aerodromes has been repeatedly upheld at the highest levels and we continue to rely on that protection to ensure the survival of our aerodromes. Without places to train and to entice a new generation of pilots, Canada's aviation industry would come to a grinding halt.



Many MPs and a few Senators from all political parties attended and each one shared their commitment to ensuring a strong and viable aviation industry for all sectors. The event provided the opportunity to maintain existing relationships, build new ones, and even sign up some new COPA members. We look forward to seeing this initiative grow and participating in subsequent Aviation Days on the Hill in years to come.

In coordination with this event, identical letters were sent to all party leaders urging them to prioritize and facilitate training in the aviation sector. See below for a copy of the letter to the Prime Minister.

In the photo above, COPA CEO Bernard Gervais is seen with Government House Leader Bardish Chagger, MP for Waterloo, at the Aviation Day on the Hill event.

AOPA AUSTRALIA FIGHTS TO PROTECT FUTURE OF YARRAWONGA AIRPORT

AOPA Australia Executive Director Benjamin Morgan seeks partnership with Moira Shire Council to secure the future of Yarrowonga Airport

The future for Yarrowonga Airport on the New South Wales and Victorian border remains in doubt with Moira Shire Council working towards a public Expression of Interest (EOI) for the sale of the airport which includes 112 hectares of land, a sealed 1,200-meter runway with pilot activated lighting, a recently constructed terminal building and fuel facilities.

Following a public consultation process in October of 2018, the Moira Shire Council announced that it would proceed to an EOI with an intent to sell-off the airport, with the process commencing in June of 2019. Council's proposal to privatize Yarrawonga Airport has been met with strong industry opposition, with local aircraft owners and pilots concerned that a sale would destroy the local aviation community through the introduction of ever-increasing unregulated fees and charges.



AOPA Australia has contacted Moira Shire Council to express its concerns for the future of the airport under privatized ownership, calling on Council to meet to discuss achievable alternatives through a partnership with industry.

“We are looking forward to meeting with the Moira Shire Council and its airport management to gain a better understanding of the challenges and difficulties it faces. Our goal is to establish a partnership with council to develop an achievable strategy that would eliminate any need to privatize the airport asset,” AOPA Australia Executive Director Benjamin Morgan.

“AOPA Australia welcomes a strong working partnership with all councils, in seeking to find ways to help make airport ownership and operation more efficient and sustainable. I am certain that the interests and goals of the aviation community and council are aligned, we simply need to get around the table and start the discussion.”

“Yarrawonga Airport is invaluable to the local community and it would be a tragedy to see the asset thrust into the hands of property developers who’s focus would be profit – not community.”

“A sale of the airport would without question negatively impact on the local aviation business community, resulting in closures and job-losses. It is important that we meet with Council to explore achievable alternatives that can provide a platform for growth and success, whilst remaining under local government community ownership,” he said. AOPA Australia is currently awaiting a meeting confirmation from Moira Shire Council Economic Development Officer Karen Abberfield, which is anticipated before the close of May 2019.

Courtesy Ben Morgan AOPA Australia

MUST BE THE SPAM FOLDER

As announced earlier, IAOPA has completed the transition to an automated invoicing and accounting system. This has greatly simplified the billing process now allows for easy online payments of affiliate dues. You should have received your invoice for the 2019 in January of this year, but surprisingly there are many affiliates that have not paid their 2019 IAOPA dues.

To ensure that you receive the information in a timely manner, please be sure to add ar@aopa.org to your safe senders list. If you have not received your invoice for 2019 please check the spam filter, if you still cannot locate the invoice please let me know and we will have a replacement sent. If you have any questions in the please feel free to contact me directly. Your support of IAOPA keeps the organization active protecting general aviation around the globe.

GLOBAL BENEFITS UPDATE

IAOPA implemented the IAOPA Global Membership benefits sharing program in November of 2018, and so far, almost half of the active affiliates have signed up for the program. The goal of the program is to enhance the value of AOPA Affiliate membership by providing content and new benefits to your members.

The highlight of the program provides a digital edition of Flight Training Magazine at free of charge for members of participating IAOPA affiliates. Additionally, once members activate their subscription, they receive access to other discounts that will immediately increase the value of their membership.



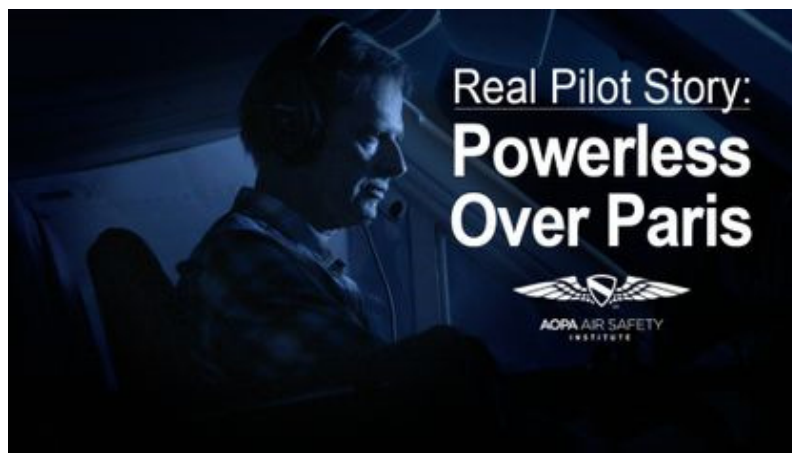
If you are interested in joining the program the process is simple. Simply send an email to IAOPA HQ and request the email templates, then customize with your own logo and send it out to your members. The email contains a link to the benefit activation form where your members can opt-in to receive Flight Training magazine at no charge. The digital magazine will be delivered electronically-- directly to your members' inbox each month. No paperwork or file transfers for you to administer. If you have any questions or would like to find out more information about the program, please contact [IAOPA Headquarters](#).



REAL PILOT STORY: POWERLESS OVER PARIS

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Air Safety Institute (ASI) has released Powerless Over Paris, the latest video installment in its popular Real Pilot Story series.

In *Powerless Over Paris*, Dr. Peter Edenhoffer relives the moment his airplane suffered a complete electrical failure in heavy instrument meteorological conditions (IMC) at night. As he speaks about the flight, Edenhoffer shares his thoughts and actions, including a fleeting moment of doubt about his chances for surviving the dilemma. However, with a little luck and creativity he and the air traffic controllers on duty finally established contact. But, would Edenhoffer be able to find the airport and land? Hear the story first hand from the pilot and air traffic controllers involved.



AOPA Air Safety Institute executive director Richard McSpadden praised the pilot and controllers for their resourcefulness in tackling a difficult situation. “The pilot’s focus on maintaining positive aircraft control in hard IMC while troubleshooting a critical electrical failure is a testament to the impact quality training and pilot proficiency have on safety. In addition, the controllers’ ability to think on their feet outside the norm reflects a collaborative intensity that permeates the aviation community and makes us safer,” said McSpadden.

In 2018, air traffic controllers Charlie Porter, Phil Enis, Hugh Hunton, and Bryan Beck received the prestigious President’s Award from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) for their heroic efforts in bringing pilot Edenhoffer to a safe landing.

[Watch](#) the video.

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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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.