

IAOPA LAUNCHES GLOBAL BENEFITS INITIATIVE

IAOPA has started enrolment in the IAOPA Global Membership benefits sharing program. The goal of the program is to enhance the value of AOPA Affiliate membership by providing content and new benefits to your members. IAOPA has worked with affiliates around the globe to develop this program which will instantly enhance the benefits package that you can offer your members.

The highlight of the program is AOPA US will make Flight Training Magazine (digital edition) available to members of affiliates that participate in the program. Additionally, once your members activate their subscription they will receive access to many other discounts that will increase the value of membership.



If you are interested in joining this program, your affiliate must be in good standing with IAOPA including all annual membership fees paid and up to date. To begin the process, simply send an email to [IAOPA HQ](#) and request the email templates that you can customize with your own logo. When you receive the templates in response, just send it out to your members and you're done! Email will include a link to a 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](#).

AOPA BRAZIL SENDS OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

In the wake of the election of Brazil's new president, Jair Messias Bolsonaro, AOPA Brazil sent an open letter to the President Elect urging regulatory reforms that will get Brazil's general aviation sector flying again.

In the letter, AOPA Brazil describes the actions that the association has undertaken in their more than 45-year history to protect Brazilian General Aviation Pilots Freedom to Fly.



"We defend General Aviation. It is the largest, most heterogeneous, complex and dispersed segment of aviation. We are more than 20 thousand aviators and 30 thousand aircraft, which provide the most varied services to the country. Whether for the training of new aviators, for private, aeromedical, agricultural, and a myriad of applications, general aviation has always been an essential tool for a country of the size of our own to remain integrated, functioning. This is the case in every

continental country: commercial aviation connects large-scale passengers between major centers, while general aviation forms the basis of the sector and connects the whole territorial immensity not served by regular, commercial aviation.”

The letter then goes on to call for a regulatory overhaul that will identify and eliminate unnecessary regulatory burdens that are crippling general aviation operators in the country.

“AOPA Brasil, on behalf of its associates and with the support of other entities as important as ours, announce that it is necessary to turn the pages of the institutional mess, the allotment of regulatory bodies by political parties, lobbyists of the worst kind, amateurs and patronized politicians (many of them, fortunately, swept away from public life in these elections).

Mr. President, this precarious state of affairs must end! It is necessary to give a new direction to the way the sector is managed, taking Brazil from the ridiculous submission to interests of multilateral institutions taken by retrograde bureaucrats, releasing the ties that today practically prevent us from flying.

We are ready to contribute, work, make Brazil happen and put our aviation to fly. It's time to take off, Mr. President. Brazilian aviation has everything to contribute to our national development, as it has always done. We are counting on you and we are here to say that you must count on us for this reconstruction, which will work but that is possible.”

Read the full contents of the [letter](#) at AOPA Brazil's website. Although it is posted in Portuguese, a quick Google translate will make for an easy translation. Or for more information contact AOPA Brazil directly via [email](#).

AOPA-JAPAN HOLDS DISASTER DRILL WITH PHARMACISTS IN FUKUSHIMA

AOPA Japan is preparing for the worst in order to show general aviation at its best.

The Fukushima Prefecture (District) is still on a winding road for reconstruction after the massive earthquake and consequences of the atomic power plant accident that was caused by the tsunami on March 11, 2011.

On November 3-4, 2018 AOPA-Japan and the Fukushima City Pharmaceutical Association participated in a joint disaster drill at the Fukushima Skypark using small airplanes to dispatch pharmacists and drugs needed to the simulated disaster area. When a natural disaster such as earthquake or typhoon occurs, many of people in affected areas are forced to evacuate which can compromise their health. Planner must take into account those experiencing trauma and illness directly associated with the disaster requiring medical assistance, along with those who need daily medication at home and were forced to evacuate. Volunteer pilots with AOPA-Japan carried out the first drill to transport both pharmacists and drugs simultaneously using five airplanes operated by local members. In the drill, pharmacists educated the pilots about the handling of a variety of drugs, whereas



the pilots explained the significance in weight & balance when flying. Several pharmacists participating in the exercise were able to go flying in a Piper-Malibu and TBM-700. AOPA-Japan plans to expand their work to use general aviation aircraft for assistance during natural disasters. For more information contact [AOPA Japan](#) directly.

Provided Courtesy of AOPA Japan

VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF GENERAL AVIATION TAKES SHAPE AT EASA'S ANNUAL SAFETY CONFERENCE

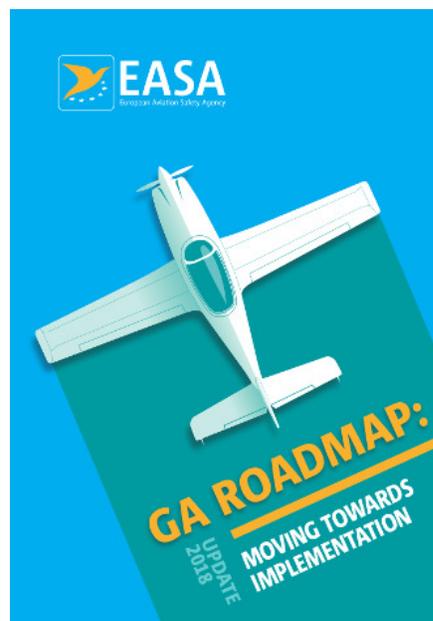
EASA to play the connecting role in European GA to tackle the future for safer, simpler and cheaper General Aviation!

EASA's Annual Safety Conference 2018 was closed by Executive Director Patrick Ky yesterday, setting out the Agency's commitments as part of GA Roadmap 2.0 for a truly innovative, better, cheaper, and safer General Aviation (GA) in Europe! Conveying a great sense of community and energetic spirit, the 2-day conference on GA provided a fruitful ground for a positive and much needed cooperation between all stakeholders to take on the challenges that come with the innovation of GA.

The conference took place in Vienna coinciding with the country's Presidency of the Council of the EU. 300 people from across the European GA Community came together to engage with the Agency on the evolution of General Aviation in a world full of exciting technological developments. A substantial range of European GA manufacturers, developers of hybrid and solar-powered aircraft but also of air taxis and other UAV, cost-sharing platforms as well as GA associations and policy representatives participated in the panels.

In a truly collaborative spirit, the successes and challenges of the GA Roadmap - EASA's action plan of the past 4 years following the Rome Conference on GA - were reviewed. Panel discussions focused on how to develop more affordable modern aircraft, the latest innovations, as well as on how to share the airspace of the future and how new business models can be encouraged to improve safety.

For more information on the conference and the ideas presented by IAOPA Europe, please visit their [website](#).





AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE “THERE I WAS....”

The AOPA Air Safety Institute podcast “There I was..” invites listeners into the cockpits of pilots across the aviation community for an intimate look at high-stress decision making. The guests, who range from Mark Levy, pilot of a P-51 that had an engine failure mid-airshow, to famed aerobatic pilots Patty Wagstaff and Michael Goulian, discuss challenges faced while airborne, how they flew out of it, and the lessons learned that are applicable to all pilots. “There I was...” honors the tradition and heritage in aviation to leverage “hangar flying” as an avenue to pass along knowledge and experience; the podcast currently has eight episodes and is available for free online, through the Podcast app, and via Spotify.

Video link: <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/podcasts/podcasts/there-i-was>

END OF YEAR DUES REMINDER

As we get ready to close the books on 2018, please take a moment to ensure that your affiliate is current on their dues to IAOPA Headquarters. An email has been sent to the few remaining organizations that have not paid their dues to date. It is important to remember that the annual membership fee should be paid before April 1st of the year in which it is issued; otherwise the organization could lose voting privileges. Membership fees that are delinquent more than 1 year could result in the affiliate being declared inactive. Inactive affiliates are not able to participate in the IAOPA Global Benefits Sharing Program.

Additionally, you will be receiving an Affiliate Update survey from IAOPA Headquarters in the next few weeks requesting information on the status of your organization, including the number of members, and email addresses for key elected officials and officers. It is vital that we keep our lines of communication open. Out of date contact information has proven to be our biggest barrier to effective communication. Also, please take the time to let us know what we can do here for you. For more information, or to obtain the affiliate update sheet, please contact [IAOPA HQ](#) for details.

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 WITH 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.